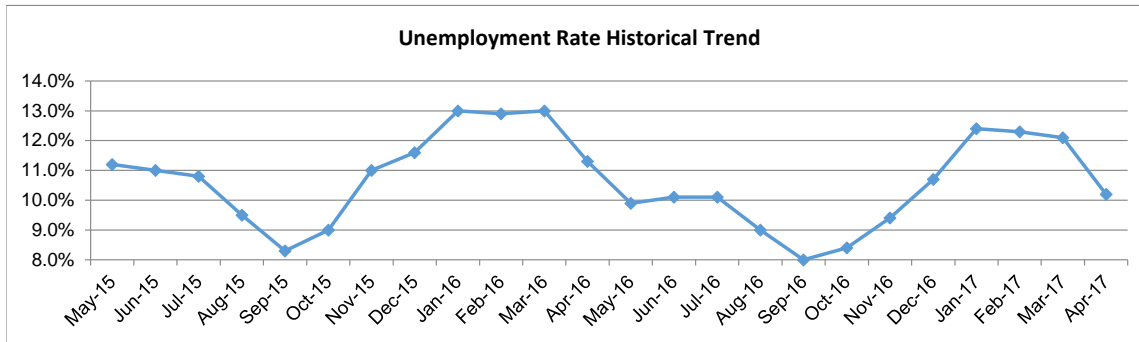


IMMEDIATE RELEASE
 MERCED METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA (MSA)
 (Merced County)

The unemployment rate in the Merced County was 10.2 percent in April 2017, down from a revised 12.1 percent in March 2017, and below the year-ago estimate of 11.3 percent. This compares with an unadjusted unemployment rate of 4.5 percent for California and 4.1 percent for the nation during the same period.



Industry	Mar-2017	Apr-2017	Change		Apr-2016	Apr-2017	Change
	Revised	Prelim				Prelim	
Total, All Industries	76,800	77,900	1,100		77,700	77,900	200
Total Farm	11,100	12,400	1,300		12,700	12,400	(300)
Total Nonfarm	65,700	65,500	(200)		65,000	65,500	500
Mining, Logging, and Construction	2,300	2,400	100		2,100	2,400	300
Manufacturing	9,300	9,100	(200)		8,900	9,100	200
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	12,300	12,300	0		12,400	12,300	(100)
Information	300	300	0		300	300	0
Financial Activities	1,800	1,800	0		1,900	1,800	(100)
Professional & Business Services	3,500	3,500	0		3,600	3,500	(100)
Educational & Health Services	10,200	10,000	(200)		9,700	10,000	300
Leisure & Hospitality	5,700	5,800	100		5,500	5,800	300
Other Services	1,400	1,400	0		1,400	1,400	0
Government	18,900	18,900	0		19,200	18,900	(300)

Notes: Data not adjusted for seasonality. Data may not add due to rounding
 Labor force data are revised month to month
 Additional data are available on line at www.labormarketinfo.edd.ca.gov

Data Not Seasonally Adjusted

	Apr 16	Feb 17	Mar 17 Revised	Apr 17 Prelim	Percent Change	
					Month	Year
Civilian Labor Force (1)	114,600	114,700	115,000	112,800	-1.9%	-1.6%
Civilian Employment	101,600	100,600	101,100	101,400	0.3%	-0.2%
Civilian Unemployment	13,000	14,100	13,900	11,500	-17.3%	-11.5%
Civilian Unemployment Rate (CA Unemployment Rate)	11.3%	12.3%	12.1%	10.2%		
(U.S. Unemployment Rate)	4.7%	4.9%	4.6%	4.1%		

Total, All Industries (2)	77,700	76,300	76,800	77,900	1.4%	0.3%
Total Farm	12,700	11,400	11,100	12,400	11.7%	-2.4%
Total Nonfarm	65,000	64,900	65,700	65,500	-0.3%	0.8%
Total Private	45,800	46,300	46,800	46,600	-0.4%	1.7%
Goods Producing	11,000	11,200	11,600	11,500	-0.9%	4.5%
Mining, Logging, and Construction	2,100	2,200	2,300	2,400	4.3%	14.3%
Manufacturing	8,900	9,000	9,300	9,100	-2.2%	2.2%
Nondurable Goods	7,600	7,700	7,900	7,800	-1.3%	2.6%
Service Providing	54,000	53,700	54,100	54,000	-0.2%	0.0%
Private Service Providing	34,800	35,100	35,200	35,100	-0.3%	0.9%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	12,400	12,200	12,300	12,300	0.0%	-0.8%
Wholesale Trade	2,000	1,700	1,700	1,700	0.0%	-15.0%
Retail Trade	8,000	8,100	8,200	8,200	0.0%	2.5%
Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities	2,400	2,400	2,400	2,400	0.0%	0.0%
Information	300	300	300	300	0.0%	0.0%
Financial Activities	1,900	1,800	1,800	1,800	0.0%	-5.3%
Professional & Business Services	3,600	3,500	3,500	3,500	0.0%	-2.8%
Educational & Health Services	9,700	10,200	10,200	10,000	-2.0%	3.1%
Leisure & Hospitality	5,500	5,700	5,700	5,800	1.8%	5.5%
Other Services	1,400	1,400	1,400	1,400	0.0%	0.0%
Government	19,200	18,600	18,900	18,900	0.0%	-1.6%
Federal Government	800	800	800	800	0.0%	0.0%
State & Local Government	18,400	17,800	18,100	18,100	0.0%	-1.6%
State Government	3,700	3,200	3,200	3,200	0.0%	-13.5%
State Government Education	3,100	2,600	2,600	2,600	0.0%	-16.1%
State Government Excluding Education	600	600	600	600	0.0%	0.0%
Local Government	14,700	14,600	14,900	14,900	0.0%	1.4%
Local Government Excluding Education	3,800	3,800	3,900	3,900	0.0%	2.6%
Special Districts plus Indian Tribes	600	600	600	600	0.0%	0.0%

Notes:

(1) Civilian labor force data are by place of residence; include self-employed individuals, unpaid family workers, household domestic workers, & workers on strike. Data may not add due to rounding. The unemployment rate is calculated using unrounded data.

(2) Industry employment is by place of work; excludes self-employed individuals, unpaid family workers, household domestic workers, & workers on strike. Data may not add due to rounding.

These data are produced by the Labor Market Information Division of the California Employment Development Department (EDD). Questions should be directed to: Steven Gutierrez 559/445-6580 or Ann Marshall 949/341-8051

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