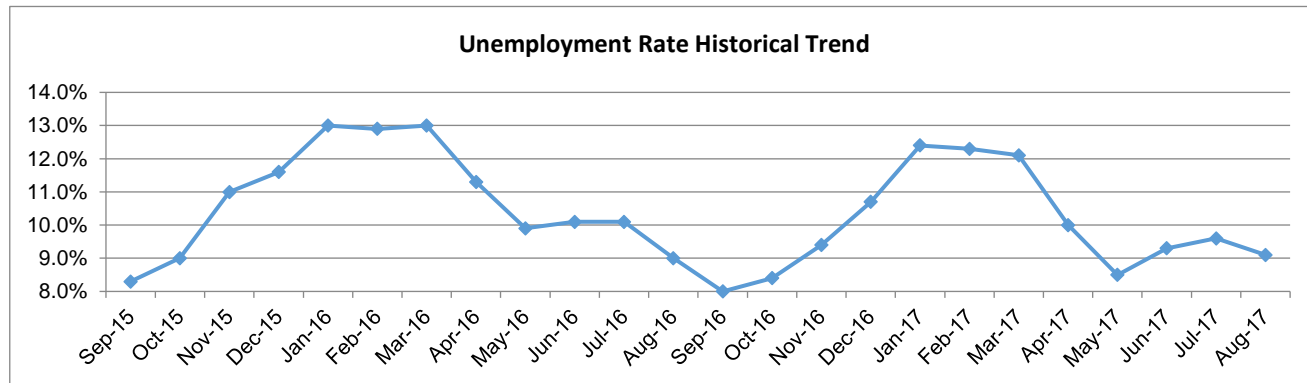


IMMEDIATE RELEASE
 MERCED METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA (MSA)
 (Merced County)

The unemployment rate in the Merced County was 9.1 percent in August 2017, down from a revised 9.6 percent in July 2017, and above the year-ago estimate of 9.0 percent. This compares with an unadjusted unemployment rate of 5.4 percent for California and 4.5 percent for the nation during the same period.



Industry	Jul-2017	Aug-2017	Change		Aug-2016	Aug-2017	Change
	Revised	Prelim				Prelim	
Total, All Industries	79,400	82,000	2,600		82,300	82,000	(300)
Total Farm	15,900	16,600	700		17,000	16,600	(400)
Total Nonfarm	63,500	65,400	1,900		65,300	65,400	100
Mining, Logging, and Construction	2,600	2,600	0		2,400	2,600	200
Manufacturing	10,900	10,900	0		10,600	10,900	300
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	12,600	12,600	0		13,100	12,600	(500)
Information	300	300	0		300	300	0
Financial Activities	1,800	1,800	0		1,700	1,800	100
Professional & Business Services	3,700	3,700	0		3,800	3,700	(100)
Educational & Health Services	10,100	10,100	0		9,800	10,100	300
Leisure & Hospitality	6,100	6,000	(100)		5,700	6,000	300
Other Services	1,400	1,500	100		1,400	1,500	100
Government	14,000	15,900	1,900		16,500	15,900	(600)

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

	Aug 16	Jun 17	Jul 17	Aug 17	Percent Change	
			Revised	Prelim	Month	Year
Civilian Labor Force (1)	115,700	115,100	112,600	114,800	2.0%	-0.8%
Civilian Employment	105,300	104,400	101,800	104,400	2.6%	-0.9%
Civilian Unemployment	10,400	10,700	10,800	10,400	-3.7%	0.0%
Civilian Unemployment Rate	9.0%	9.3%	9.6%	9.1%		
(CA Unemployment Rate)	5.6%	4.9%	5.4%	5.4%		
(U.S. Unemployment Rate)	5.0%	4.5%	4.6%	4.5%		

Total, All Industries (2)	82,300	82,100	79,400	82,000	3.3%	-0.4%
Total Farm	17,000	15,000	15,900	16,600	4.4%	-2.4%
Total Nonfarm	65,300	67,100	63,500	65,400	3.0%	0.2%
Total Private	48,800	48,600	49,500	49,500	0.0%	1.4%
Goods Producing	13,000	12,900	13,500	13,500	0.0%	3.8%
Mining, Logging, and Construction	2,400	2,500	2,600	2,600	0.0%	8.3%
Manufacturing	10,600	10,400	10,900	10,900	0.0%	2.8%
Nondurable Goods	9,200	8,800	9,500	9,600	1.1%	4.3%
Service Providing	52,300	54,200	50,000	51,900	3.8%	-0.8%
Private Service Providing	35,800	35,700	36,000	36,000	0.0%	0.6%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	13,100	12,500	12,600	12,600	0.0%	-3.8%
Wholesale Trade	2,100	1,900	1,900	1,900	0.0%	-9.5%
Retail Trade	8,200	8,100	8,200	8,200	0.0%	0.0%
Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities	2,800	2,500	2,500	2,500	0.0%	-10.7%
Information	300	300	300	300	0.0%	0.0%
Financial Activities	1,700	1,800	1,800	1,800	0.0%	5.9%
Professional & Business Services	3,800	3,700	3,700	3,700	0.0%	-2.6%
Educational & Health Services	9,800	10,100	10,100	10,100	0.0%	3.1%
Leisure & Hospitality	5,700	5,900	6,100	6,000	-1.6%	5.3%
Other Services	1,400	1,400	1,400	1,500	7.1%	7.1%
Government	16,500	18,500	14,000	15,900	13.6%	-3.6%
Federal Government	800	800	800	800	0.0%	0.0%
State & Local Government	15,700	17,700	13,200	15,100	14.4%	-3.8%
State Government	3,200	2,400	2,700	2,700	0.0%	-15.6%
State Government Education	2,600	1,800	2,100	2,100	0.0%	-19.2%
State Government Excluding Education	600	600	600	600	0.0%	0.0%
Local Government	12,500	15,300	10,500	12,400	18.1%	-0.8%
Local Government Excluding Education	3,900	4,200	3,900	3,900	0.0%	0.0%
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 Frances Gines 951/955-3204

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