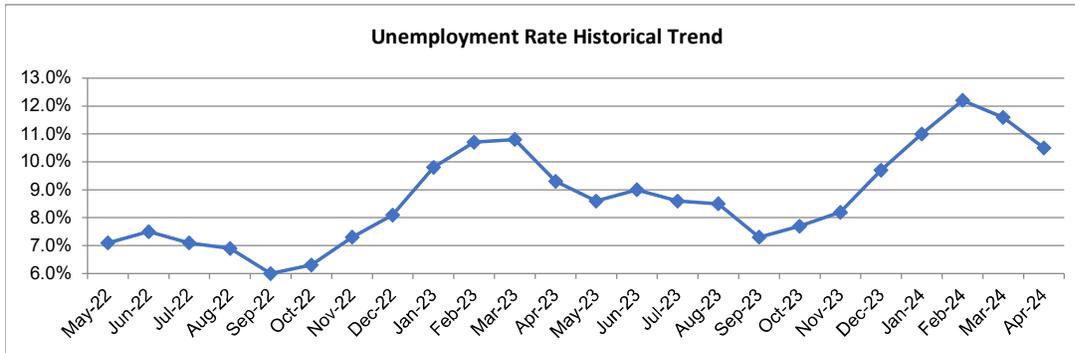


IMMEDIATE RELEASE
 MERCED METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA (MSA)
 (Merced County)

The unemployment rate in the Merced County was 10.5 percent in April 2024, down from a revised 11.6 percent in March 2024, and above the year-ago estimate of 9.3 percent. This compares with an unadjusted unemployment rate of 4.8 percent for California and 3.5 percent for the nation during the same period.



Industry	Mar-2024	Apr-2024	Change		Apr-2023	Apr-2024	Change
	Revised	Prelim				Prelim	
Total, All Industries	86,800	88,100	1,300		84,700	88,100	3,400
Total Farm	11,500	12,600	1,100		12,100	12,600	500
Total Nonfarm	75,300	75,500	200		72,600	75,500	2,900
Mining, Logging and Construction	3,500	3,500	0		3,300	3,500	200
Manufacturing	10,200	10,300	100		9,500	10,300	800
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	13,700	13,800	100		13,400	13,800	400
Information	300	300	0		300	300	0
Financial Activities	1,800	1,800	0		1,800	1,800	0
Professional and Business Services	3,700	3,700	0		3,600	3,700	100
Private Education and Health Services	12,600	12,700	100		11,600	12,700	1,100
Leisure and Hospitality	7,200	7,300	100		7,000	7,300	300
Other Services	2,400	2,400	0		2,200	2,400	200
Government	19,900	19,700	(200)		19,900	19,700	(200)

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 23	Feb 24	Mar 24	Apr 24	Percent Change	
			Revised	Prelim	Month	Year
Civilian Labor Force (1)	116,700	122,100	121,900	120,500	-1.1%	3.3%
Civilian Employment	105,800	107,100	107,700	107,800	0.1%	1.9%
Civilian Unemployment	10,900	14,900	14,100	12,700	-9.9%	16.5%
Civilian Unemployment Rate	9.3%	12.2%	11.6%	10.5%		
(CA Unemployment Rate)	4.1%	5.6%	5.4%	4.8%		
(U.S. Unemployment Rate)	3.1%	4.2%	3.9%	3.5%		

Total, All Industries (2)	84,700	86,500	86,800	88,100	1.5%	4.0%
Total Farm	12,100	11,800	11,500	12,600	9.6%	4.1%
Total Nonfarm	72,600	74,700	75,300	75,500	0.3%	4.0%
Total Private	52,700	55,200	55,400	55,800	0.7%	5.9%
Goods Producing	12,800	13,700	13,700	13,800	0.7%	7.8%
Mining, Logging and Construction	3,300	3,500	3,500	3,500	0.0%	6.1%
Manufacturing	9,500	10,200	10,200	10,300	1.0%	8.4%
Non-Durable Goods	7,700	8,600	8,600	8,600	0.0%	11.7%
Service-Providing	59,800	61,000	61,600	61,700	0.2%	3.2%
Private Service Providing	39,900	41,500	41,700	42,000	0.7%	5.3%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	13,400	13,700	13,700	13,800	0.7%	3.0%
Wholesale Trade	1,900	1,900	1,900	1,900	0.0%	0.0%
Retail Trade	8,600	8,600	8,600	8,700	1.2%	1.2%
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	2,900	3,200	3,200	3,200	0.0%	10.3%
Information	300	300	300	300	0.0%	0.0%
Financial Activities	1,800	1,800	1,800	1,800	0.0%	0.0%
Professional and Business Services	3,600	3,700	3,700	3,700	0.0%	2.8%
Private Education and Health Services	11,600	12,500	12,600	12,700	0.8%	9.5%
Leisure and Hospitality	7,000	7,100	7,200	7,300	1.4%	4.3%
Other Services	2,200	2,400	2,400	2,400	0.0%	9.1%
Government	19,900	19,500	19,900	19,700	-1.0%	-1.0%
Federal Government	700	700	700	700	0.0%	0.0%
Total State and Local Government	19,200	18,800	19,200	19,000	-1.0%	-1.0%
State Government	3,200	2,900	3,100	3,100	0.0%	-3.1%
State Government Educational Services	2,500	2,300	2,400	2,400	0.0%	-4.0%
State Government Excluding Education	700	600	700	700	0.0%	0.0%
Local Government	16,000	15,900	16,100	15,900	-1.2%	-0.6%
Local Government excluding Educational Serv	4,100	4,000	4,100	4,000	-2.4%	-2.4%
Special Districts plus Tribes	600	400	600	500	-16.7%	-16.7%

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 916-907-4593 or N/A

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