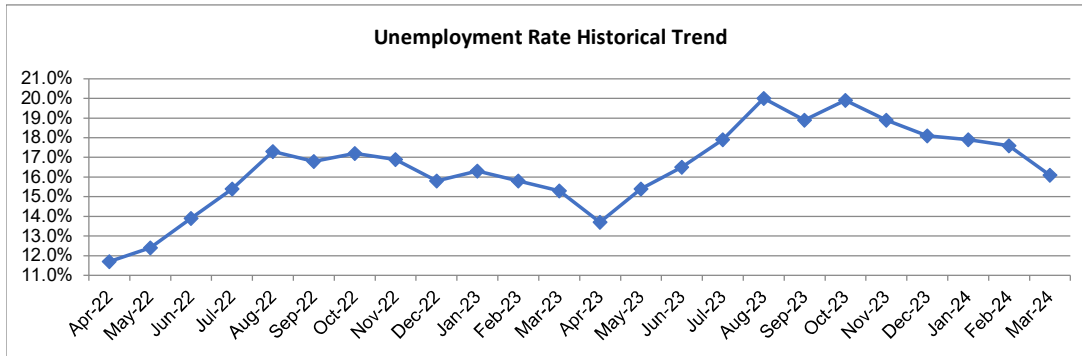


IMMEDIATE RELEASE
 EL CENTRO METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA (MSA)
 (Imperial County)

The unemployment rate in Imperial County was 16.1 percent in March 2024, down from a revised 17.6 percent in February 2024, and above the year-ago estimate of 15.3 percent. This compares with an unadjusted unemployment rate of 5.3 percent for California and 3.9 percent for the nation during the same period.



Industry	Feb-2024	Mar-2024	Change		Mar-2023	Mar-2024	Change
	Revised	Prelim				Prelim	

Total Wage and Salary	68,400	68,100	(300)		65,600	68,100	2,500
Total Farm	9,600	9,000	(600)		7,800	9,000	1,200
Total Nonfarm	58,800	59,100	300		57,800	59,100	1,300
Mining, Logging and Construction	2,000	2,100	100		2,000	2,100	100
Manufacturing	2,300	2,300	0		2,400	2,300	(100)
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	12,500	12,400	(100)		12,200	12,400	200
Information	200	200	0		200	200	0
Financial Activities	1,200	1,200	0		1,200	1,200	0
Professional and Business Services	3,300	3,400	100		3,100	3,400	300
Private Education and Health Services	11,600	11,600	0		11,000	11,600	600
Leisure and Hospitality	4,400	4,500	100		4,400	4,500	100
Other Services	1,100	1,100	0		1,100	1,100	0
Government	20,200	20,300	100		20,200	20,300	100

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

	Mar 23	Jan 24	Feb 24 Revised	Mar 24 Prelim	Percent Change	
					Month	Year
Civilian Labor Force (1)	71,800	75,200	74,200	72,900	-1.8%	1.5%
Civilian Employment	60,800	61,700	61,100	61,200	0.2%	0.7%
Civilian Unemployment	11,000	13,500	13,000	11,800	-9.2%	7.3%
Civilian Unemployment Rate	15.3%	17.9%	17.6%	16.1%		
(CA Unemployment Rate)	4.7%	5.7%	5.6%	5.3%		
(U.S. Unemployment Rate)	3.6%	4.1%	4.2%	3.9%		

Total Wage and Salary (2)	65,600	69,800	68,400	68,100	-0.4%	3.8%
Total Farm	7,800	11,100	9,600	9,000	-6.3%	15.4%
Total Nonfarm	57,800	58,700	58,800	59,100	0.5%	2.2%
Total Private	37,600	38,700	38,600	38,800	0.5%	3.2%
Goods Producing	4,400	4,300	4,300	4,400	2.3%	0.0%
Mining, Logging and Construction	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,100	5.0%	5.0%
Manufacturing	2,400	2,300	2,300	2,300	0.0%	-4.2%
Durable Goods	800	800	800	800	0.0%	0.0%
Non-Durable Goods	1,600	1,500	1,500	1,500	0.0%	-6.3%
Service-Providing	53,400	54,400	54,500	54,700	0.4%	2.4%
Private Service Providing	33,200	34,400	34,300	34,400	0.3%	3.6%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	12,200	12,600	12,500	12,400	-0.8%	1.6%
Wholesale Trade	1,700	1,700	1,700	1,700	0.0%	0.0%
Retail Trade	8,000	8,300	8,200	8,200	0.0%	2.5%
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	2,500	2,600	2,600	2,500	-3.8%	0.0%
Information	200	200	200	200	0.0%	0.0%
Financial Activities	1,200	1,200	1,200	1,200	0.0%	0.0%
Professional and Business Services	3,100	3,300	3,300	3,400	3.0%	9.7%
Private Education and Health Services	11,000	11,600	11,600	11,600	0.0%	5.5%
Leisure and Hospitality	4,400	4,400	4,400	4,500	2.3%	2.3%
Other Services	1,100	1,100	1,100	1,100	0.0%	0.0%
Government	20,200	20,000	20,200	20,300	0.5%	0.5%
Federal Government	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500	0.0%	0.0%
Total State and Local Government	17,700	17,500	17,700	17,800	0.6%	0.6%
State Government	2,700	2,700	2,700	2,700	0.0%	0.0%
Local Government	15,000	14,800	15,000	15,100	0.7%	0.7%
Local Government excluding Educational Ser	7,500	7,600	7,600	7,600	0.0%	1.3%
Special Districts plus Tribes	3,100	3,400	3,400	3,400	0.0%	9.7%

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: Juan Millan 916-907-4642 or Melanie Bautista 916-907-4506

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