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**FRESNO METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA (MSA)
(FRESNO COUNTY)**

Private education and health services increased by 3,800 over the year

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Between February 2024 and March 2024, total industry employment decreased by 1,000 jobs (down 0.2 percent), to total 425,000. Nonfarm employment rose by 2,000 jobs (up 0.5 percent), while farm employment dropped by 3,000 jobs (down 8.3 percent).

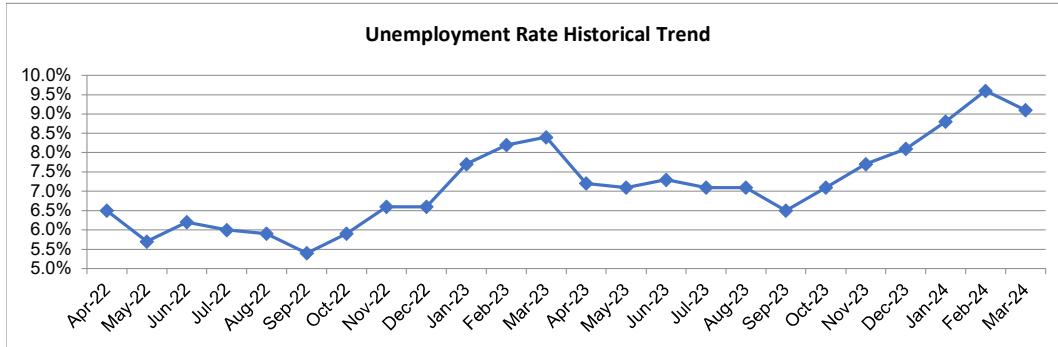
- Farm employment posted the largest month-over decline with a decrease of 3,000 jobs.
- Two industry sectors reported employment reductions of 100 jobs each: trade, transportation, and utilities and financial activities.
- Meanwhile, private education and health services moved up by 500 jobs. Health care and social assistance increased by 400 jobs and private educational services rose by 100 jobs.
- Construction added 500 jobs over the month.
- Professional and business services experienced a job uptick of 400 jobs and leisure and hospitality gained 300 jobs.

Between March 2023 and March 2024, total industry employment increased by 12,100 jobs (up 2.9 percent). Nonfarm employment rose by 11,000 jobs (up 2.9 percent), and farm employment added 1,100 jobs (up 3.4 percent).

- Private education and health services posted the largest year-over increase of 3,800 jobs. Health care and social assistance increased by 4,000 jobs, while private educational services fell by 200 jobs.
- Government expanded payrolls by 3,600 jobs. Gains were in local government (up 3,200 jobs), state government (up 300 jobs), and federal government (up 100 jobs).
- Trade, transportation, and utilities climbed up by 1,400 jobs. Transportation, warehousing, and utilities increased by 800 jobs, retail trade grew by 500 jobs, and wholesale trade added 100 jobs.
- Farm employment reported an increase of 1,100 jobs.
- Construction recorded a payroll growth of 1,100 jobs. Specialty trade contractors accounted for 82 percent of the job gain (up 900 jobs).

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Industry	Feb-2024	Mar-2024	Change		Mar-2023	Mar-2024	Change
	Revised	Prelim				Prelim	
Total, All Industries	426,000	425,000	(1,000)		412,900	425,000	12,100
Total Farm	36,000	33,000	(3,000)		31,900	33,000	1,100
Total Nonfarm	390,000	392,000	2,000		381,000	392,000	11,000
Mining, Logging, and Construction	22,500	23,000	500		21,800	23,000	1,200
Mining and Logging	300	300	0		200	300	100
Construction	22,200	22,700	500		21,600	22,700	1,100
Manufacturing	26,400	26,400	0		25,800	26,400	600
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	76,200	76,100	(100)		74,700	76,100	1,400
Information	2,500	2,700	200		3,300	2,700	(600)
Financial Activities	12,400	12,300	(100)		12,300	12,300	0
Professional and Business Services	32,400	32,800	400		32,800	32,800	0
Private Education and Health Services	85,800	86,300	500		82,500	86,300	3,800
Leisure and Hospitality	37,600	37,900	300		37,300	37,900	600
Other Services	14,400	14,500	100		14,100	14,500	400
Government	79,800	80,000	200		76,400	80,000	3,600

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

	Mar 23	Jan 24	Feb 24 Revised	Mar 24 Prelim	Percent Change Month	Year
Civilian Labor Force (1)	460,800	464,700	470,300	467,000	-0.7%	1.3%
Civilian Employment	422,100	423,500	425,000	424,300	-0.2%	0.5%
Civilian Unemployment	38,700	41,100	45,400	42,600	-6.2%	10.1%
Civilian Unemployment Rate (CA Unemployment Rate)	8.4%	8.8%	9.6%	9.1%		
(U.S. Unemployment Rate)	4.7%	5.7%	5.6%	5.3%		
	3.6%	4.1%	4.2%	3.9%		

Total, All Industries (2)	412,900	422,900	426,000	425,000	-0.2%	2.9%
Total Farm	31,900	35,700	36,000	33,000	-8.3%	3.4%
Total Nonfarm	381,000	387,200	390,000	392,000	0.5%	2.9%
Total Private	304,600	309,400	310,200	312,000	0.6%	2.4%
Goods Producing	47,600	48,900	48,900	49,400	1.0%	3.8%
Mining, Logging, and Construction	21,800	22,400	22,500	23,000	2.2%	5.5%
Mining and Logging	200	300	300	300	0.0%	50.0%
Construction	21,600	22,100	22,200	22,700	2.3%	5.1%
Specialty Trade Contractors	14,400	15,100	15,000	15,300	2.0%	6.3%
Manufacturing	25,800	26,500	26,400	26,400	0.0%	2.3%
Durable Goods	8,900	8,700	8,600	8,600	0.0%	-3.4%
Non-Durable Goods	16,900	17,800	17,800	17,800	0.0%	5.3%
Food Manufacturing	12,500	13,400	13,400	13,400	0.0%	7.2%
Service-Providing	333,400	338,300	341,100	342,600	0.4%	2.8%
Private Service Providing	257,000	260,500	261,300	262,600	0.5%	2.2%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	74,700	76,300	76,200	76,100	-0.1%	1.9%
Wholesale Trade	15,800	16,000	15,900	15,900	0.0%	0.6%
Retail Trade	39,600	40,000	40,000	40,100	0.3%	1.3%
Food and Beverage Retailers	7,900	7,700	7,700	7,700	0.0%	-2.5%
General Merchandise Retailers	9,200	9,100	9,000	9,200	2.2%	0.0%
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	19,300	20,300	20,300	20,100	-1.0%	4.1%
Transportation and Warehousing	16,600	17,700	17,600	17,500	-0.6%	5.4%
Information	3,300	2,800	2,500	2,700	8.0%	-18.2%
Financial Activities	12,300	12,500	12,400	12,300	-0.8%	0.0%
Finance and Insurance	7,300	7,300	7,200	7,200	0.0%	-1.4%
Insurance Carriers and Related Activities	3,700	3,600	3,600	3,500	-2.8%	-5.4%
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	5,000	5,200	5,200	5,100	-1.9%	2.0%
Professional and Business Services	32,800	32,300	32,400	32,800	1.2%	0.0%
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	12,000	11,800	11,900	11,800	-0.8%	-1.7%
Management of Companies and Enterprises	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,100	3.3%	3.3%
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	17,800	17,500	17,500	17,900	2.3%	0.6%
Administrative and Support Services	16,400	15,900	15,900	16,300	2.5%	-0.6%
Waste Management and Remediation Services	1,400	1,600	1,600	1,600	0.0%	14.3%
Private Education and Health Services	82,500	85,100	85,800	86,300	0.6%	4.6%
Private Educational Services	5,100	4,600	4,800	4,900	2.1%	-3.9%
Health Care and Social Assistance	77,400	80,500	81,000	81,400	0.5%	5.2%
Ambulatory Health Care Services	22,900	23,900	23,900	24,000	0.4%	4.8%
Hospitals	16,100	16,500	16,600	16,700	0.6%	3.7%
Nursing and Residential Care Facilities	7,700	7,700	7,800	7,800	0.0%	1.3%
Social Assistance	30,700	32,400	32,700	32,900	0.6%	7.2%
Leisure and Hospitality	37,300	37,200	37,600	37,900	0.8%	1.6%
Accommodation and Food Services	32,900	32,200	32,500	32,700	0.6%	-0.6%
Food Services and Drinking Places	30,600	29,900	30,400	30,500	0.3%	-0.3%
Other Services	14,100	14,300	14,400	14,500	0.7%	2.8%
Government	76,400	77,800	79,800	80,000	0.3%	4.7%
Federal Government	9,500	9,500	9,600	9,600	0.0%	1.1%
Total State and Local Government	66,900	68,300	70,200	70,400	0.3%	5.2%
State Government	12,600	12,800	12,800	12,900	0.8%	2.4%
State Government Educational Services	3,800	3,800	3,700	3,800	2.7%	0.0%
Local Government	54,300	55,500	57,400	57,500	0.2%	5.9%
Local Government Educational Services	37,200	37,900	39,700	39,500	-0.5%	6.2%

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Fresno MSA
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 Industry Employment & Labor Force
 March 2023 Benchmark

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	Mar 23	Jan 24	Feb 24 Revised	Mar 24 Prelim	Percent Change	
					Month	Year
Local Government excluding Educational Ser	17,100	17,600	17,700	18,000	1.7%	5.3%
County Government	7,800	8,000	8,000	8,300	3.8%	6.4%
City Government	6,200	6,500	6,600	6,600	0.0%	6.5%
Special Districts plus Tribes	3,100	3,100	3,100	3,100	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 916-907-4593 or Rosendo Flores 916-891-7571

These data, as well as other labor market data, are available via the Internet at <http://www.labormarketinfo.edd.ca.gov>. If you need assistance, please call (916) 262-2162.

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