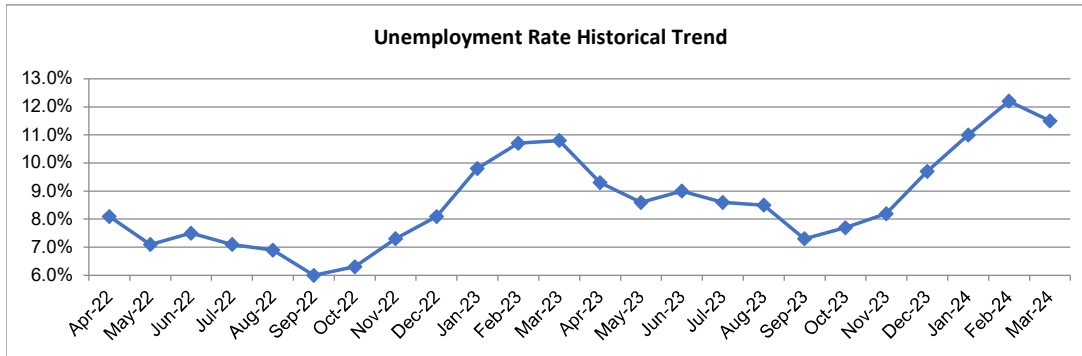


IMMEDIATE RELEASE
 MERCED METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA (MSA)
 (Merced County)

The unemployment rate in the Merced County was 11.5 percent in March 2024, down from a revised 12.2 percent in February 2024, and above the year-ago estimate of 10.8 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, All Industries	86,500	86,900	400		83,100	86,900	3,800
Total Farm	11,800	11,500	(300)		11,300	11,500	200
Total Nonfarm	74,700	75,400	700		71,800	75,400	3,600
Mining, Logging and Construction	3,500	3,500	0		3,200	3,500	300
Manufacturing	10,200	10,200	0		9,300	10,200	900
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	12,500	12,600	100		11,500	12,600	1,100
Leisure and Hospitality	7,100	7,200	100		7,000	7,200	200
Other Services	2,400	2,400	0		2,200	2,400	200
Government	19,500	19,900	400		19,500	19,900	400

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)	118,300	120,500	122,100	121,700	-0.3%	2.9%
Civilian Employment	105,500	107,300	107,100	107,700	0.6%	2.1%
Civilian Unemployment	12,800	13,200	14,900	14,100	-5.4%	10.2%
Civilian Unemployment Rate	10.8%	11.0%	12.2%	11.5%		
(CA Unemployment Rate)	4.7%	5.7%	5.6%	5.3%		
(U.S. Unemployment Rate)	3.6%	4.1%	4.2%	3.9%		

Total, All Industries (2)	83,100	86,300	86,500	86,900	0.5%	4.6%
Total Farm	11,300	11,800	11,800	11,500	-2.5%	1.8%
Total Nonfarm	71,800	74,500	74,700	75,400	0.9%	5.0%
Total Private	52,300	55,300	55,200	55,500	0.5%	6.1%
Goods Producing	12,500	13,600	13,700	13,700	0.0%	9.6%
Mining, Logging and Construction	3,200	3,400	3,500	3,500	0.0%	9.4%
Manufacturing	9,300	10,200	10,200	10,200	0.0%	9.7%
Non-Durable Goods	7,500	8,500	8,600	8,600	0.0%	14.7%
Service-Providing	59,300	60,900	61,000	61,700	1.1%	4.0%
Private Service Providing	39,800	41,700	41,500	41,800	0.7%	5.0%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	13,400	13,900	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	8,700	8,600	8,700	1.2%	1.2%
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	2,900	3,300	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	11,500	12,500	12,500	12,600	0.8%	9.6%
Leisure and Hospitality	7,000	7,100	7,100	7,200	1.4%	2.9%
Other Services	2,200	2,400	2,400	2,400	0.0%	9.1%
Government	19,500	19,200	19,500	19,900	2.1%	2.1%
Federal Government	700	700	700	700	0.0%	0.0%
Total State and Local Government	18,800	18,500	18,800	19,200	2.1%	2.1%
State Government	3,200	3,000	2,900	3,100	6.9%	-3.1%
State Government Educational Services	2,500	2,400	2,300	2,400	4.3%	-4.0%
State Government Excluding Education	700	600	600	700	16.7%	0.0%
Local Government	15,600	15,500	15,900	16,100	1.3%	3.2%
Local Government excluding Educational Ser	4,100	3,900	4,000	4,100	2.5%	0.0%
Special Districts plus Tribes	600	400	400	600	50.0%	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 N/A

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