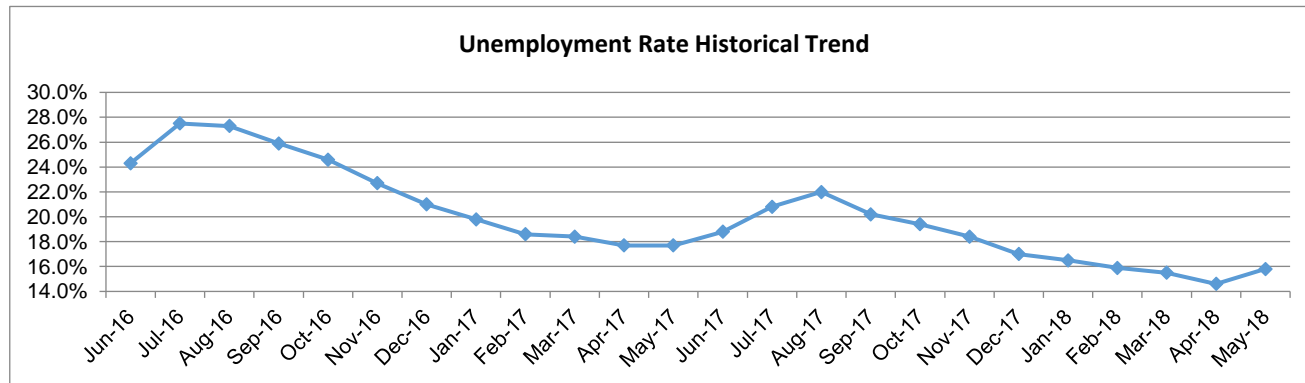


IMMEDIATE RELEASE
 EL CENTRO METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA (MSA)
 (Imperial County)

The unemployment rate in the Imperial County was 15.8 percent in May 2018, up from a revised 14.6 percent in April 2018, and below the year-ago estimate of 17.7 percent. This compares with an unadjusted unemployment rate of 3.7 percent for California and 3.6 percent for the nation during the same period.



Industry	Apr-2018	May-2018	Change		May-2017	May-2018	Change
	Revised	Prelim				Prelim	
Total, All Industries	64,000	65,300	1,300		67,700	65,300	(2,400)
Total Farm	9,800	10,900	1,100		14,400	10,900	(3,500)
Total Nonfarm	54,200	54,400	200		53,300	54,400	1,100
Mining, Logging, and Construction	2,000	2,000	0		1,800	2,000	200
Manufacturing	1,500	1,500	0		1,200	1,500	300
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	12,100	12,400	300		12,600	12,400	(200)
Information	300	300	0		300	300	0
Financial Activities	1,200	1,200	0		1,300	1,200	(100)
Professional & Business Services	2,700	2,600	(100)		2,600	2,600	0
Educational & Health Services	9,800	9,800	0		9,500	9,800	300
Leisure & Hospitality	4,400	4,400	0		4,400	4,400	0
Other Services	1,000	1,000	0		900	1,000	100
Government	19,200	19,200	0		18,700	19,200	500

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

	May 17	Mar 18	Apr 18 Revised	May 18 Prelim	Percent Change	
					Month	Year
Civilian Labor Force (1)	73,800	71,600	69,800	71,200	2.0%	-3.5%
Civilian Employment	60,700	60,600	59,600	60,000	0.7%	-1.2%
Civilian Unemployment	13,100	11,100	10,200	11,200	9.8%	-14.5%
Civilian Unemployment Rate (CA Unemployment Rate)	17.7%	15.5%	14.6%	15.8%		
(U.S. Unemployment Rate)	4.4%	4.2%	3.8%	3.7%		
	4.1%	4.1%	3.7%	3.6%		

Total, All Industries (2)	67,700	65,300	64,000	65,300	2.0%	-3.5%
Total Farm	14,400	10,900	9,800	10,900	11.2%	-24.3%
Total Nonfarm	53,300	54,400	54,200	54,400	0.4%	2.1%
Total Private	34,600	35,100	35,000	35,200	0.6%	1.7%
Goods Producing	3,000	3,600	3,500	3,500	0.0%	16.7%
Mining, Logging, and Construction	1,800	2,000	2,000	2,000	0.0%	11.1%
Manufacturing	1,200	1,600	1,500	1,500	0.0%	25.0%
Durable Goods	500	500	500	500	0.0%	0.0%
Nondurable Goods	700	1,100	1,000	1,000	0.0%	42.9%
Service Providing	50,300	50,800	50,700	50,900	0.4%	1.2%
Private Service Providing	31,600	31,500	31,500	31,700	0.6%	0.3%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	12,600	12,000	12,100	12,400	2.5%	-1.6%
Wholesale Trade	2,100	2,100	2,100	2,200	4.8%	4.8%
Retail Trade	7,800	7,800	7,800	7,900	1.3%	1.3%
Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities	2,700	2,100	2,200	2,300	4.5%	-14.8%
Information	300	300	300	300	0.0%	0.0%
Financial Activities	1,300	1,200	1,200	1,200	0.0%	-7.7%
Professional & Business Services	2,600	2,700	2,700	2,600	-3.7%	0.0%
Educational & Health Services	9,500	9,900	9,800	9,800	0.0%	3.2%
Leisure & Hospitality	4,400	4,400	4,400	4,400	0.0%	0.0%
Other Services	900	1,000	1,000	1,000	0.0%	11.1%
Government	18,700	19,300	19,200	19,200	0.0%	2.7%
Federal Government	2,100	2,100	2,100	2,100	0.0%	0.0%
State & Local Government	16,600	17,200	17,100	17,100	0.0%	3.0%
State Government	2,700	2,700	2,700	2,700	0.0%	0.0%
Local Government	13,900	14,500	14,400	14,400	0.0%	3.6%
Local Government Excluding Education	7,100	7,500	7,400	7,400	0.0%	4.2%
Special Districts plus Indian Tribes	3,000	3,100	3,100	3,200	3.2%	6.7%

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: Emerson Figueroa 909-481-6214 or Daniel Schneider 619-266-4224

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