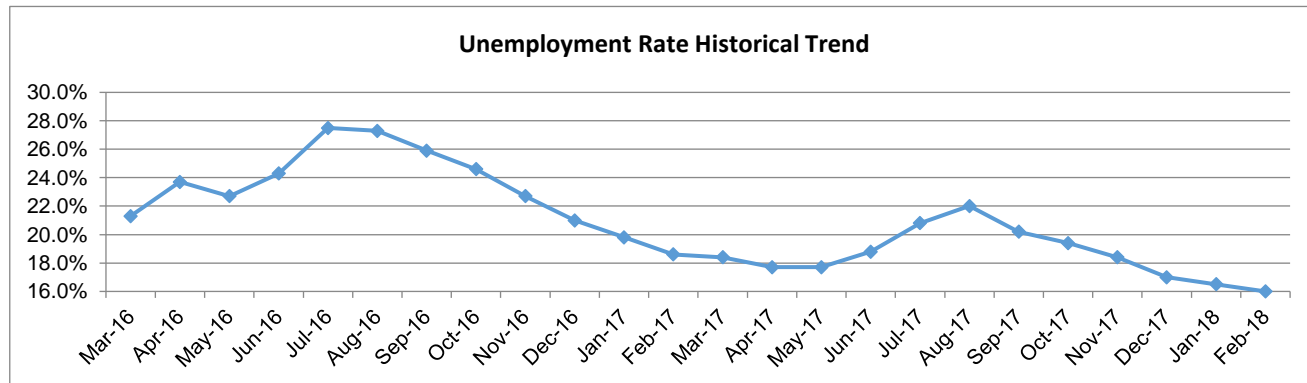


IMMEDIATE RELEASE
 EL CENTRO METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA (MSA)
 (Imperial County)

The unemployment rate in the Imperial County was 16.0 percent in February 2018, down from a revised 16.5 percent in January 2018, and below the year-ago estimate of 18.6 percent. This compares with an unadjusted unemployment rate of 4.5 percent for California and 4.4 percent for the nation during the same period.



Industry	Jan-2018	Feb-2018	Change		Feb-2017	Feb-2018	Change
	Revised	Prelim				Prelim	
Total, All Industries	66,100	66,200	100		67,000	66,200	(800)
Total Farm	12,400	12,600	200		12,800	12,600	(200)
Total Nonfarm	53,700	53,600	(100)		54,200	53,600	(600)
Mining, Logging, and Construction	1,800	1,900	100		1,800	1,900	100
Manufacturing	1,500	1,700	200		1,800	1,700	(100)
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	12,400	12,000	(400)		12,800	12,000	(800)
Information	300	300	0		300	300	0
Financial Activities	1,200	1,200	0		1,300	1,200	(100)
Professional & Business Services	2,800	2,700	(100)		2,600	2,700	100
Educational & Health Services	9,600	9,700	100		9,600	9,700	100
Leisure & Hospitality	4,400	4,400	0		4,400	4,400	0
Other Services	1,000	1,000	0		900	1,000	100
Government	18,700	18,700	0		18,700	18,700	0

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

	Feb 17	Dec 17	Jan 18	Feb 18	Percent Change	
			Revised	Prelim	Month	Year
Civilian Labor Force (1)	75,600	72,600	72,700	72,500	-0.3%	-4.1%
Civilian Employment	61,500	60,300	60,600	60,900	0.5%	-1.0%
Civilian Unemployment	14,100	12,300	12,000	11,600	-3.3%	-17.7%
Civilian Unemployment Rate (CA Unemployment Rate)	18.6%	17.0%	16.5%	16.0%		
(U.S. Unemployment Rate)	5.4%	4.2%	4.6%	4.5%		
	4.9%	3.9%	4.5%	4.4%		

Total, All Industries (2)	67,000	65,700	66,100	66,200	0.2%	-1.2%
Total Farm	12,800	11,400	12,400	12,600	1.6%	-1.6%
Total Nonfarm	54,200	54,300	53,700	53,600	-0.2%	-1.1%
Total Private	35,500	35,500	35,000	34,900	-0.3%	-1.7%
Goods Producing	3,600	3,300	3,300	3,600	9.1%	0.0%
Mining, Logging, and Construction	1,800	1,800	1,800	1,900	5.6%	5.6%
Manufacturing	1,800	1,500	1,500	1,700	13.3%	-5.6%
Durable Goods	600	500	500	500	0.0%	-16.7%
Nondurable Goods	1,200	1,000	1,000	1,200	20.0%	0.0%
Service Providing	50,600	51,000	50,400	50,000	-0.8%	-1.2%
Private Service Providing	31,900	32,200	31,700	31,300	-1.3%	-1.9%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	12,800	13,000	12,400	12,000	-3.2%	-6.3%
Wholesale Trade	2,000	2,100	2,100	2,100	0.0%	5.0%
Retail Trade	7,900	8,700	8,100	7,900	-2.5%	0.0%
Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities	2,900	2,200	2,200	2,000	-9.1%	-31.0%
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	2,800	2,700	-3.6%	3.8%
Educational & Health Services	9,600	9,600	9,600	9,700	1.0%	1.0%
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	18,800	18,700	18,700	0.0%	0.0%
Federal Government	2,100	2,100	2,100	2,100	0.0%	0.0%
State & Local Government	16,600	16,700	16,600	16,600	0.0%	0.0%
State Government	2,700	2,700	2,700	2,700	0.0%	0.0%
Local Government	13,900	14,000	13,900	13,900	0.0%	0.0%
Local Government Excluding Education	7,100	7,100	7,100	7,100	0.0%	0.0%
Special Districts plus Indian Tribes	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	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: Daniel Schneider 619-266-4224 or Emerson Figueroa 909-481-6214

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