

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

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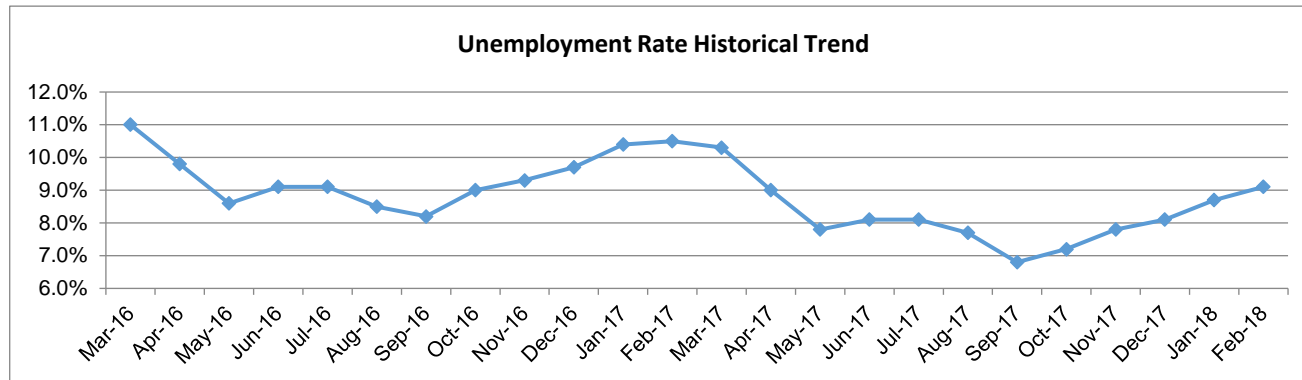
- Government posted the largest month-over gain with the addition of 1,800 jobs. Gains in local government (up 1,500 jobs), and federal government (up 400 jobs), offset a decline of 100 jobs in state government.
- Major industries that edged up by 600 jobs each included: construction and educational and health services.
- Two industry sectors reported employment gains of 300 jobs each: farm employment and leisure and hospitality.
- Manufacturing recorded an increase of 200 jobs and information gained 100 jobs.

**Between February 2017 and February 2018**, total industry employment increased by 11,000 jobs (up 2.9 percent). Nonfarm employment rose by 11,300 jobs (up 3.3 percent), while farm employment declined by 300 jobs (down 0.8 percent).

- Educational and health services reported the largest year-over increase with the addition of 2,600 jobs. Health care and social assistance increased by 2,700 jobs, offsetting a decline of 100 jobs in educational services.
- Construction recorded a gain of 2,000 jobs. Specialty trade contractors accounted for 75 percent of the job gain (up 1,500 jobs).
- Professional and business services climbed by 1,600 jobs. Gains were in administrative and support and waste services (up 1,500 jobs), and professional, scientific, and technical services (up 200 jobs), offset a decline of 100 jobs in management of companies and enterprises.
- Government employment posted an increase of 1,400 jobs. Gains were in local government (up 800 jobs), state government (up 300 jobs), and federal government (up 300 jobs).
- Trade, transportation, and utilities advanced payrolls by 1,300 jobs.

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Industry	Jan-2018	Feb-2018	Change		Feb-2017	Feb-2018	Change
	Revised	Prelim				Prelim	
Total, All Industries	385,000	388,100	3,100		377,100	388,100	11,000
Total Farm	39,100	39,400	300		39,700	39,400	(300)
Total Nonfarm	345,900	348,700	2,800		337,400	348,700	11,300
Mining, Logging, and Construction	17,700	18,300	600		16,300	18,300	2,000
Mining and Logging	300	300	0		300	300	0
Construction	17,400	18,000	600		16,000	18,000	2,000
Manufacturing	25,300	25,500	200		24,500	25,500	1,000
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	66,800	66,200	(600)		64,900	66,200	1,300
Information	3,500	3,600	100		3,700	3,600	(100)
Financial Activities	13,700	13,700	0		13,400	13,700	300
Professional & Business Services	32,600	32,400	(200)		30,800	32,400	1,600
Educational & Health Services	68,000	68,600	600		66,000	68,600	2,600
Leisure & Hospitality	33,400	33,700	300		32,600	33,700	1,100
Other Services	11,600	11,600	0		11,500	11,600	100
Government	73,300	75,100	1,800		73,700	75,100	1,400

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](http://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)	449,800	446,100	448,400	453,700	1.2%	0.9%
Civilian Employment	402,500	410,100	409,600	412,600	0.7%	2.5%
Civilian Unemployment	47,300	36,000	38,800	41,100	5.9%	-13.1%
Civilian Unemployment Rate (CA Unemployment Rate)	10.5%	8.1%	8.7%	9.1%		
(U.S. Unemployment Rate)	5.4%	4.2%	4.6%	4.5%		
	4.9%	3.9%	4.5%	4.4%		

Total, All Industries (2)	377,100	390,700	385,000	388,100	0.8%	2.9%
Total Farm	39,700	39,500	39,100	39,400	0.8%	-0.8%
Total Nonfarm	337,400	351,200	345,900	348,700	0.8%	3.3%
Total Private	263,700	278,500	272,600	273,600	0.4%	3.8%
Goods Producing	40,800	43,900	43,000	43,800	1.9%	7.4%
Mining, Logging, and Construction	16,300	18,000	17,700	18,300	3.4%	12.3%
Mining and Logging	300	300	300	300	0.0%	0.0%
Construction	16,000	17,700	17,400	18,000	3.4%	12.5%
Specialty Trade Contractors	10,800	12,000	11,800	12,300	4.2%	13.9%
Manufacturing	24,500	25,900	25,300	25,500	0.8%	4.1%
Durable Goods	8,100	8,200	8,200	8,400	2.4%	3.7%
Nondurable Goods	16,400	17,700	17,100	17,100	0.0%	4.3%
Food Manufacturing	12,300	13,500	12,900	12,900	0.0%	4.9%
Service Providing	296,600	307,300	302,900	304,900	0.7%	2.8%
Private Service Providing	222,900	234,600	229,600	229,800	0.1%	3.1%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	64,900	68,700	66,800	66,200	-0.9%	2.0%
Wholesale Trade	14,100	14,600	14,500	14,500	0.0%	2.8%
Retail Trade	38,200	40,500	39,000	38,400	-1.5%	0.5%
Food & Beverage Stores	8,000	8,100	8,000	8,000	0.0%	0.0%
General Merchandise Stores	7,800	9,400	8,700	8,200	-5.7%	5.1%
Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities	12,600	13,600	13,300	13,300	0.0%	5.6%
Transportation & Warehousing	10,300	11,200	10,900	11,000	0.9%	6.8%
Information	3,700	3,600	3,500	3,600	2.9%	-2.7%
Financial Activities	13,400	13,500	13,700	13,700	0.0%	2.2%
Finance & Insurance	8,800	8,900	9,000	9,000	0.0%	2.3%
Insurance Carriers & Related	4,700	4,800	4,800	4,900	2.1%	4.3%
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	4,600	4,600	4,700	4,700	0.0%	2.2%
Professional & Business Services	30,800	33,200	32,600	32,400	-0.6%	5.2%
Professional, Scientific & Technical Services	10,900	11,100	11,100	11,100	0.0%	1.8%
Management of Companies & Enterprises	2,100	2,100	2,100	2,000	-4.8%	-4.8%
Administrative & Support & Waste Services	17,800	20,000	19,400	19,300	-0.5%	8.4%
Administrative & Support Services	16,500	18,600	18,000	17,900	-0.6%	8.5%
Waste Management & Remediation Services	1,300	1,400	1,400	1,400	0.0%	7.7%
Educational & Health Services	66,000	69,500	68,000	68,600	0.9%	3.9%
Educational Services	3,700	3,800	3,400	3,600	5.9%	-2.7%
Health Care & Social Assistance	62,300	65,700	64,600	65,000	0.6%	4.3%
Ambulatory Health Care Services	18,400	19,100	18,700	18,800	0.5%	2.2%
Hospitals	13,800	14,200	13,900	13,900	0.0%	0.7%
Nursing & Residential Care Facilities	7,500	7,700	7,600	7,600	0.0%	1.3%
Social Assistance	22,600	24,700	24,400	24,700	1.2%	9.3%
Leisure & Hospitality	32,600	34,400	33,400	33,700	0.9%	3.4%
Accommodation & Food Services	29,500	31,100	30,200	30,500	1.0%	3.4%
Food Services & Drinking Places	27,100	28,500	27,800	28,000	0.7%	3.3%
Other Services	11,500	11,700	11,600	11,600	0.0%	0.9%
Government	73,700	72,700	73,300	75,100	2.5%	1.9%
Federal Government	9,900	8,900	9,800	10,200	4.1%	3.0%
State & Local Government	63,800	63,800	63,500	64,900	2.2%	1.7%
State Government	12,300	12,700	12,700	12,600	-0.8%	2.4%
State Government Education	3,900	4,200	4,100	4,000	-2.4%	2.6%
Local Government	51,500	51,100	50,800	52,300	3.0%	1.6%

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**Fresno MSA**  
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 Industry Employment & Labor Force  
 March 2017 Benchmark

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	Feb 17	Dec 17	Jan 18 Revised	Feb 18 Prelim	Percent Change	
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Local Government Education	35,200	34,700	34,400	36,000	4.7%	2.3%
Local Government Excluding Education	16,300	16,400	16,400	16,300	-0.6%	0.0%
County	7,500	7,500	7,300	7,400	1.4%	-1.3%
City	5,400	5,700	5,700	5,700	0.0%	5.6%
Special Districts plus Indian Tribes	3,400	3,200	3,400	3,200	-5.9%	-5.9%

**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 559-445-6580 or Rosendo Flores 559-445-5708

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