

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

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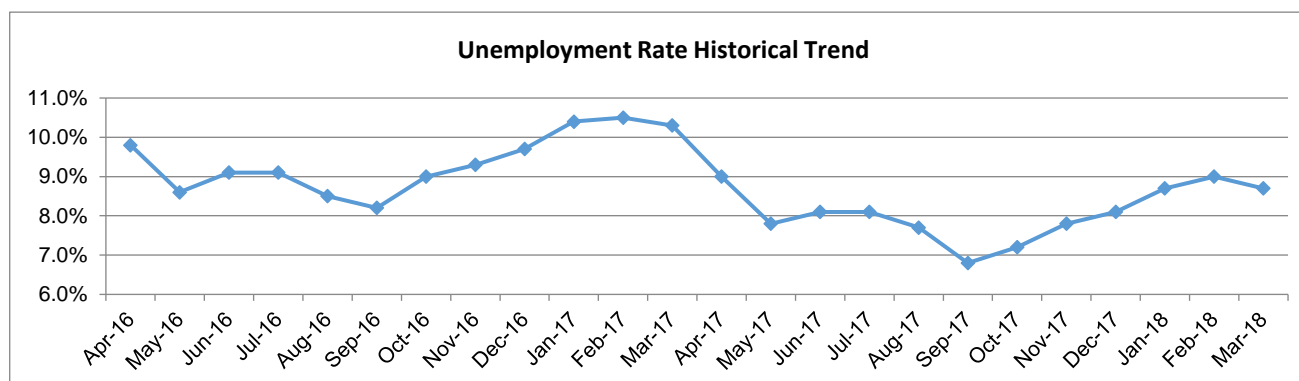
- Government posted the largest month-over gain with the addition of 900 jobs. Gains in federal government (up 1,000 jobs), and state government (up 200 jobs), offset a decline of 300 jobs in local government.
- Three industry sectors reported employment growth of 300 jobs each: leisure and hospitality, manufacturing, and professional and business services.
- Trade, transportation, and utilities moved up by 200 jobs, with the entire gain coming in retail trade.
- Two industries that climbed up by 100 jobs each included: construction and information.

**Between March 2017 and March 2018**, total industry employment increased by 10,600 jobs (up 2.8 percent). Nonfarm employment rose by 10,600 jobs (up 3.1 percent).

- Government recorded the largest year-over increase of 2,600 jobs. Gains were in local government (up 1,700 jobs), federal government (up 500 jobs), and state government (up 400 jobs).
- Trade, transportation, and utilities reported an increase of 1,800 jobs. Retail trade and transportation, warehousing, and utilities grew by 700 jobs each, and wholesale trade added 400 jobs.
- Professional and business services expanded by 1,700 jobs. Gains were in administrative and support and waste services (up 1,500 jobs), and professional, scientific, and technical services (up 200 jobs).
- Construction posted a gain of 1,400 jobs. Specialty trade contractors accounted for 86 percent of the gain.
- Educational and health services advanced payrolls by 1,200 jobs. Health care and social assistance rose by 2,000 jobs, offsetting a decline of 800 jobs in educational services.

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Industry	Feb-2018	Mar-2018	Change		Mar-2017	Mar-2018	Change
	Revised	Prelim				Prelim	
Total, All Industries	388,700	390,000	1,300		379,400	390,000	10,600
Total Farm	39,400	39,100	(300)		39,100	39,100	0
Total Nonfarm	349,300	350,900	1,600		340,300	350,900	10,600
Mining, Logging, and Construction	18,200	18,300	100		16,900	18,300	1,400
Mining and Logging	300	300	0		300	300	0
Construction	17,900	18,000	100		16,600	18,000	1,400
Manufacturing	25,400	25,700	300		24,700	25,700	1,000
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	66,200	66,400	200		64,600	66,400	1,800
Information	3,500	3,600	100		3,700	3,600	(100)
Financial Activities	13,700	13,600	(100)		13,400	13,600	200
Professional & Business Services	32,400	32,700	300		31,000	32,700	1,700
Educational & Health Services	68,600	68,200	(400)		67,000	68,200	1,200
Leisure & Hospitality	33,700	34,000	300		33,100	34,000	900
Other Services	11,600	11,500	(100)		11,600	11,500	(100)
Government	76,000	76,900	900		74,300	76,900	2,600

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](http://www.labormarketinfo.edd.ca.gov)

Data Not Seasonally Adjusted

	Mar 17	Jan 18	Feb 18 Revised	Mar 18 Prelim	Percent Change	
					Month	Year
Civilian Labor Force (1)	450,100	448,400	454,100	451,300	-0.6%	0.3%
Civilian Employment	403,900	409,600	413,300	412,000	-0.3%	2.0%
Civilian Unemployment	46,200	38,800	40,800	39,300	-3.7%	-14.9%
Civilian Unemployment Rate (CA Unemployment Rate)	10.3%	8.7%	9.0%	8.7%		
(U.S. Unemployment Rate)	5.2%	4.6%	4.5%	4.2%		
	4.6%	4.5%	4.4%	4.1%		

Total, All Industries (2)	379,400	385,000	388,700	390,000	0.3%	2.8%
Total Farm	39,100	39,100	39,400	39,100	-0.8%	0.0%
Total Nonfarm	340,300	345,900	349,300	350,900	0.5%	3.1%
Total Private	266,000	272,600	273,300	274,000	0.3%	3.0%
Goods Producing	41,600	43,000	43,600	44,000	0.9%	5.8%
Mining, Logging, and Construction	16,900	17,700	18,200	18,300	0.5%	8.3%
Mining and Logging	300	300	300	300	0.0%	0.0%
Construction	16,600	17,400	17,900	18,000	0.6%	8.4%
Specialty Trade Contractors	11,200	11,800	12,200	12,400	1.6%	10.7%
Manufacturing	24,700	25,300	25,400	25,700	1.2%	4.0%
Durable Goods	8,200	8,200	8,300	8,500	2.4%	3.7%
Nondurable Goods	16,500	17,100	17,100	17,200	0.6%	4.2%
Food Manufacturing	12,400	12,900	12,900	12,900	0.0%	4.0%
Service Providing	298,700	302,900	305,700	306,900	0.4%	2.7%
Private Service Providing	224,400	229,600	229,700	230,000	0.1%	2.5%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	64,600	66,800	66,200	66,400	0.3%	2.8%
Wholesale Trade	14,100	14,500	14,500	14,500	0.0%	2.8%
Retail Trade	37,900	39,000	38,400	38,600	0.5%	1.8%
Food & Beverage Stores	7,900	8,000	8,000	8,000	0.0%	1.3%
General Merchandise Stores	7,800	8,700	8,200	8,100	-1.2%	3.8%
Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities	12,600	13,300	13,300	13,300	0.0%	5.6%
Transportation & Warehousing	10,200	10,900	11,000	11,000	0.0%	7.8%
Information	3,700	3,500	3,500	3,600	2.9%	-2.7%
Financial Activities	13,400	13,700	13,700	13,600	-0.7%	1.5%
Finance & Insurance	8,700	9,000	9,000	8,900	-1.1%	2.3%
Insurance Carriers & Related	4,600	4,800	4,900	4,800	-2.0%	4.3%
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	4,700	4,700	4,700	4,700	0.0%	0.0%
Professional & Business Services	31,000	32,600	32,400	32,700	0.9%	5.5%
Professional, Scientific & Technical Services	11,000	11,100	11,100	11,200	0.9%	1.8%
Management of Companies & Enterprises	2,100	2,100	2,000	2,100	5.0%	0.0%
Administrative & Support & Waste Services	17,900	19,400	19,300	19,400	0.5%	8.4%
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Waste Management & Remediation Services	1,300	1,400	1,400	1,400	0.0%	7.7%
Educational & Health Services	67,000	68,000	68,600	68,200	-0.6%	1.8%
Educational Services	4,400	3,400	3,600	3,600	0.0%	-18.2%
Health Care & Social Assistance	62,600	64,600	65,000	64,600	-0.6%	3.2%
Ambulatory Health Care Services	18,500	18,700	18,800	18,600	-1.1%	0.5%
Hospitals	13,900	13,900	13,900	13,900	0.0%	0.0%
Nursing & Residential Care Facilities	7,400	7,600	7,600	7,500	-1.3%	1.4%
Social Assistance	22,800	24,400	24,700	24,600	-0.4%	7.9%
Leisure & Hospitality	33,100	33,400	33,700	34,000	0.9%	2.7%
Accommodation & Food Services	29,800	30,200	30,500	30,700	0.7%	3.0%
Food Services & Drinking Places	27,400	27,800	28,000	28,200	0.7%	2.9%
Other Services	11,600	11,600	11,600	11,500	-0.9%	-0.9%
Government	74,300	73,300	76,000	76,900	1.2%	3.5%
Federal Government	10,700	9,800	10,200	11,200	9.8%	4.7%
State & Local Government	63,600	63,500	65,800	65,700	-0.2%	3.3%
State Government	12,400	12,700	12,600	12,800	1.6%	3.2%
State Government Education	4,000	4,100	4,000	4,200	5.0%	5.0%
Local Government	51,200	50,800	53,200	52,900	-0.6%	3.3%

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

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	Mar 17	Jan 18	Feb 18 Revised	Mar 18 Prelim	Percent Change	
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Local Government Education	34,800	34,400	36,900	36,500	-1.1%	4.9%
Local Government Excluding Education	16,400	16,400	16,300	16,400	0.6%	0.0%
County	7,500	7,300	7,400	7,500	1.4%	0.0%
City	5,500	5,700	5,700	5,700	0.0%	3.6%
Special Districts plus Indian Tribes	3,400	3,400	3,200	3,200	0.0%	-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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