

**FRESNO METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA (MSA)  
(FRESNO COUNTY)**  
**Farm employment increased by 7,200 jobs over the month**

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**Between April 2017 and May 2017**, total industry employment increased by 10,100 jobs (up 2.6 percent) to total 399,300. The month-over gain was concentrated in farm employment, which grew by 7,200 jobs (up 15.3 percent). Nonfarm employment rose by 2,900 jobs (up 0.8 percent).

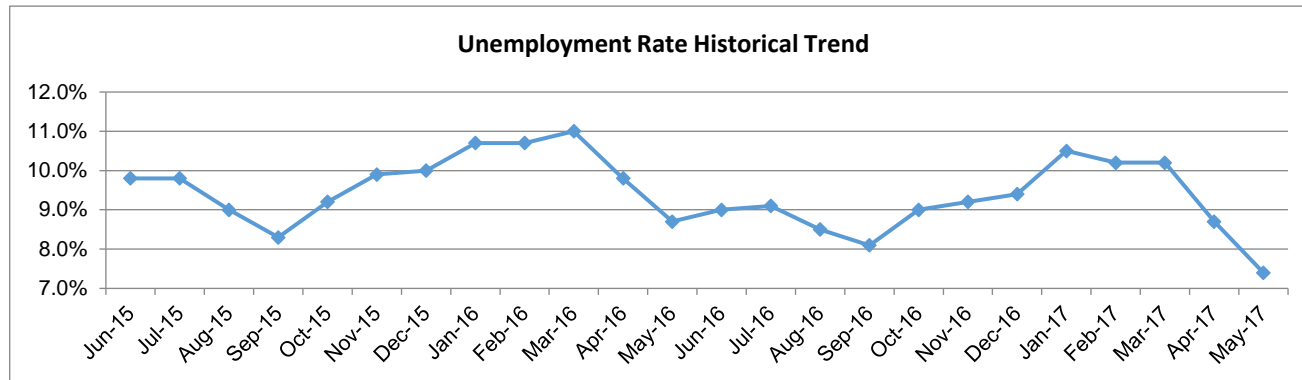
- Farm employment posted a normal seasonal increase, rising by 7,200 jobs. Blueberries and cherries continued to be harvested, which contributes to the employment increase.
- Educational and health services grew by 900 jobs. Health care and social assistance rose by 800 jobs and educational services added 100 jobs.
- Government registered a gain of 600 jobs, with the entire gain coming in local government.
- Two industry sectors that climbed up by 400 jobs each included: leisure and hospitality and professional and business services.

**Between May 2016 and May 2017**, total industry employment increased by 10,100 jobs (up 2.6 percent). Nonfarm employment rose by 8,500 jobs (up 2.5 percent), and farm employment gained 1,600 jobs (up 3.0 percent).

- Educational and health services reported the largest year-over increase of 3,200 jobs. Health care and social assistance added 3,000 jobs and educational services rose by 200 jobs.
- Government registered a gain of 2,900 jobs. Gains were in local government (up 2,100 jobs), federal government (up 600 jobs), and state government (up 200 jobs).
- Farm employment experienced an increase of 1,600 jobs.
- Trade, transportation, and utilities recorded a gain of 1,200 jobs. Wholesale trade added 800 jobs, retail trade grew by 300 jobs, and transportation, warehousing, and utilities moved up by 100 jobs.
- Construction posted an increase of 700 jobs and other services advanced by 600 jobs.

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Industry	Apr-2017	May-2017	Change		May-2016	May-2017	Change
	Revised	Prelim				Prelim	
Total, All Industries	389,200	399,300	10,100		389,200	399,300	10,100
Total Farm	47,100	54,300	7,200		52,700	54,300	1,600
Total Nonfarm	342,100	345,000	2,900		336,500	345,000	8,500
Mining, Logging, and Construction	16,800	17,000	200		16,200	17,000	800
Mining and Logging	300	400	100		300	400	100
Construction	16,500	16,600	100		15,900	16,600	700
Manufacturing	24,500	24,800	300		24,500	24,800	300
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	66,200	66,200	0		65,000	66,200	1,200
Information	3,700	3,700	0		3,800	3,700	(100)
Financial Activities	13,600	13,600	0		13,300	13,600	300
Professional & Business Services	31,500	31,900	400		31,800	31,900	100
Educational & Health Services	66,100	67,000	900		63,800	67,000	3,200
Leisure & Hospitality	31,700	32,100	400		32,900	32,100	(800)
Other Services	12,300	12,400	100		11,800	12,400	600
Government	75,700	76,300	600		73,400	76,300	2,900

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)

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	May 16	Mar 17	Apr 17	May 17	Percent Change	
			Revised	Prelim	Month	Year
Civilian Labor Force (1)	448,000	448,000	446,500	447,900	0.3%	0.0%
Civilian Employment	409,200	402,200	407,600	414,600	1.7%	1.3%
Civilian Unemployment	38,800	45,800	38,900	33,400	-14.1%	-13.9%
Civilian Unemployment Rate	8.7%	10.2%	8.7%	7.4%		
(CA Unemployment Rate)	4.9%	5.1%	4.5%	4.2%		
(U.S. Unemployment Rate)	4.5%	4.6%	4.1%	4.1%		

Total, All Industries (2)	389,200	380,600	389,200	399,300	2.6%	2.6%
Total Farm	52,700	40,400	47,100	54,300	15.3%	3.0%
Total Nonfarm	336,500	340,200	342,100	345,000	0.8%	2.5%
Total Private	263,100	264,900	266,400	268,700	0.9%	2.1%
Goods Producing	40,700	41,000	41,300	41,800	1.2%	2.7%
Mining, Logging, and Construction	16,200	16,500	16,800	17,000	1.2%	4.9%
Mining and Logging	300	300	300	400	33.3%	33.3%
Construction	15,900	16,200	16,500	16,600	0.6%	4.4%
Specialty Trade Contractors	10,400	10,400	10,600	10,700	0.9%	2.9%
Manufacturing	24,500	24,500	24,500	24,800	1.2%	1.2%
Durable Goods	8,100	8,200	8,300	8,200	-1.2%	1.2%
Nondurable Goods	16,400	16,300	16,200	16,600	2.5%	1.2%
Food Manufacturing	12,400	12,000	11,900	12,300	3.4%	-0.8%
Service Providing	295,800	299,200	300,800	303,200	0.8%	2.5%
Private Service Providing	222,400	223,900	225,100	226,900	0.8%	2.0%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	65,000	65,700	66,200	66,200	0.0%	1.8%
Wholesale Trade	14,200	14,800	14,900	15,000	0.7%	5.6%
Retail Trade	38,100	38,100	38,500	38,400	-0.3%	0.8%
Food & Beverage Stores	8,100	8,200	8,200	8,100	-1.2%	0.0%
General Merchandise Stores	8,500	8,700	8,600	8,600	0.0%	1.2%
Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities	12,700	12,800	12,800	12,800	0.0%	0.8%
Transportation & Warehousing	10,400	10,500	10,500	10,500	0.0%	1.0%
Information	3,800	3,700	3,700	3,700	0.0%	-2.6%
Financial Activities	13,300	13,800	13,600	13,600	0.0%	2.3%
Finance & Insurance	8,700	9,000	8,900	8,900	0.0%	2.3%
Insurance Carriers & Related	4,700	4,800	4,800	4,800	0.0%	2.1%
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	4,600	4,800	4,700	4,700	0.0%	2.2%
Professional & Business Services	31,800	31,400	31,500	31,900	1.3%	0.3%
Professional, Scientific & Technical Services	10,400	10,900	11,100	11,200	0.9%	7.7%
Management of Companies & Enterprises	2,100	2,100	2,100	2,100	0.0%	0.0%
Administrative & Support & Waste Services	19,300	18,400	18,300	18,600	1.6%	-3.6%
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Waste Management & Remediation Services	1,300	1,200	1,200	1,200	0.0%	-7.7%
Educational & Health Services	63,800	66,200	66,100	67,000	1.4%	5.0%
Educational Services	4,000	4,300	4,100	4,200	2.4%	5.0%
Health Care & Social Assistance	59,800	61,900	62,000	62,800	1.3%	5.0%
Ambulatory Health Care Services	17,700	18,200	18,200	18,400	1.1%	4.0%
Hospitals	13,000	13,600	13,600	13,800	1.5%	6.2%
Nursing & Residential Care Facilities	7,500	7,900	7,900	8,000	1.3%	6.7%
Social Assistance	21,600	22,200	22,300	22,600	1.3%	4.6%
Leisure & Hospitality	32,900	30,800	31,700	32,100	1.3%	-2.4%
Accommodation & Food Services	29,200	28,100	28,800	28,700	-0.3%	-1.7%
Food Services & Drinking Places	27,200	26,300	27,000	26,900	-0.4%	-1.1%
Other Services	11,800	12,300	12,300	12,400	0.8%	5.1%
Government	73,400	75,300	75,700	76,300	0.8%	4.0%
Federal Government	10,700	11,100	11,300	11,300	0.0%	5.6%
State & Local Government	62,700	64,200	64,400	65,000	0.9%	3.7%
State Government	12,300	12,500	12,500	12,500	0.0%	1.6%
State Government Education	3,900	4,100	4,100	4,100	0.0%	5.1%
Local Government	50,400	51,700	51,900	52,500	1.2%	4.2%

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Local Government Education	34,100	35,100	35,200	35,700	1.4%	4.7%
Local Government Excluding Education	16,300	16,600	16,700	16,800	0.6%	3.1%
County	7,500	7,500	7,500	7,500	0.0%	0.0%
City	5,200	5,500	5,500	5,600	1.8%	7.7%
Special Districts plus Indian Tribes	3,600	3,600	3,700	3,700	0.0%	2.8%

**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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