

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

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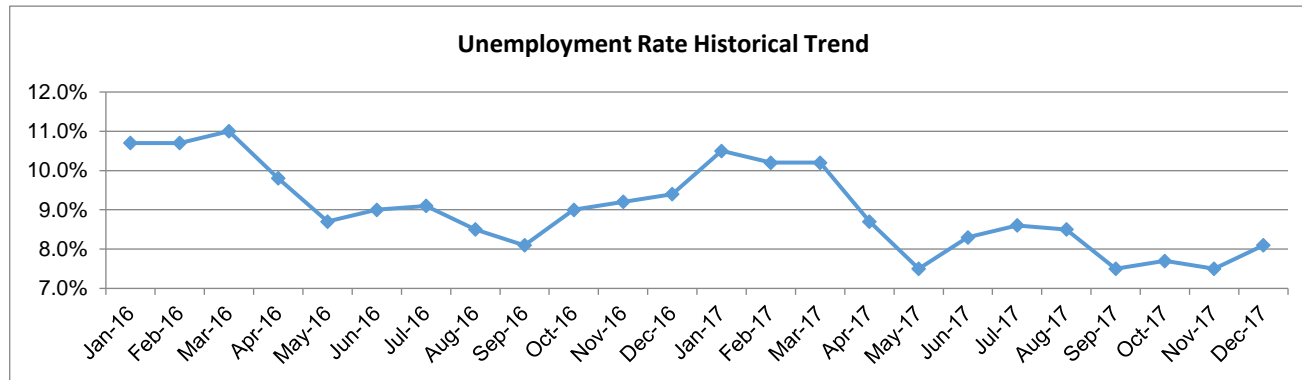
- Farm employment posted the largest month-over gain with the addition of 1,300 jobs. Grapefruit, lemon, mandarin, and navel orange harvesting continued throughout December.
- Educational and health services reported an increase of 600 jobs. Health care and social assistance added 700 jobs, more than offsetting a decrease of 100 jobs in educational services.
- Leisure and hospitality added 500 jobs over the month and trade, transportation, and utilities picked up 200 jobs.
- On the downside, government cut back 1,100 jobs. Federal government decreased by 600 jobs, local government fell by 400 jobs, and state government receded by 100 jobs.

Between December 2016 and December 2017, total industry employment increased by 10,400 jobs (up 2.7 percent). Nonfarm employment rose by 9,600 jobs (up 2.8 percent), and farm employment grew by 800 jobs (up 2.0 percent).

- Educational and health services reported the largest year-over increase of 2,400 jobs. Health care and social assistance added 2,500 jobs, offsetting a decline of 100 jobs in educational services.
- Trade, transportation, and utilities expanded by 1,800 jobs. Wholesale trade grew by 800 jobs, retail trade added 700 jobs, and transportation, warehousing, and utilities climbed by 300 jobs.
- Government advanced payrolls by 1,700 jobs. Gains in local government (up 1,600 jobs), and state government (up 400 jobs), offset a decline of 300 jobs in federal government.
- Leisure and hospitality recorded a gain of 1,700 jobs. Accommodation and food services accounted for 82 percent of the job gain (up 1,400 jobs).
- Construction posted a gain of 1,300 jobs. Specialty trade contractors accounted for 85 percent of the job gain (up 1,100 jobs).

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Industry	Nov-2017	Dec-2017	Change		Dec-2016	Dec-2017	Change
	Revised	Prelim				Prelim	
Total, All Industries	388,900	390,200	1,300		379,800	390,200	10,400
Total Farm	39,200	40,500	1,300		39,700	40,500	800
Total Nonfarm	349,700	349,700	0		340,100	349,700	9,600
Mining, Logging, and Construction	17,500	17,400	(100)		16,000	17,400	1,400
Mining and Logging	400	400	0		300	400	100
Construction	17,100	17,000	(100)		15,700	17,000	1,300
Manufacturing	24,900	24,900	0		24,500	24,900	400
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	70,500	70,700	200		68,900	70,700	1,800
Information	3,700	3,700	0		3,700	3,700	0
Financial Activities	13,700	13,700	0		13,900	13,700	(200)
Professional & Business Services	32,000	31,900	(100)		32,000	31,900	(100)
Educational & Health Services	67,500	68,100	600		65,700	68,100	2,400
Leisure & Hospitality	32,100	32,600	500		30,900	32,600	1,700
Other Services	12,600	12,600	0		12,100	12,600	500
Government	75,200	74,100	(1,100)		72,400	74,100	1,700

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

	Dec 16	Oct 17	Nov 17	Dec 17	Percent Change	
			Revised	Prelim	Month	Year
Civilian Labor Force (1)	440,900	445,000	442,600	446,300	0.8%	1.2%
Civilian Employment	399,400	410,700	409,300	410,200	0.2%	2.7%
Civilian Unemployment	41,500	34,300	33,200	36,200	9.0%	-12.8%
Civilian Unemployment Rate	9.4%	7.7%	7.5%	8.1%		
(CA Unemployment Rate)	5.0%	4.3%	4.0%	4.2%		
(U.S. Unemployment Rate)	4.5%	3.9%	3.9%	3.9%		

Total, All Industries (2)	379,800	391,700	388,900	390,200	0.3%	2.7%
Total Farm	39,700	43,400	39,200	40,500	3.3%	2.0%
Total Nonfarm	340,100	348,300	349,700	349,700	0.0%	2.8%
Total Private	267,700	274,000	274,500	275,600	0.4%	3.0%
Goods Producing	40,500	43,200	42,400	42,300	-0.2%	4.4%
Mining, Logging, and Construction	16,000	17,600	17,500	17,400	-0.6%	8.8%
Mining and Logging	300	400	400	400	0.0%	33.3%
Construction	15,700	17,200	17,100	17,000	-0.6%	8.3%
Specialty Trade Contractors	10,400	11,600	11,600	11,500	-0.9%	10.6%
Manufacturing	24,500	25,600	24,900	24,900	0.0%	1.6%
Durable Goods	8,100	8,500	8,400	8,500	1.2%	4.9%
Nondurable Goods	16,400	17,100	16,500	16,400	-0.6%	0.0%
Food Manufacturing	12,000	12,600	12,200	12,200	0.0%	1.7%
Service Providing	299,600	305,100	307,300	307,400	0.0%	2.6%
Private Service Providing	227,200	230,800	232,100	233,300	0.5%	2.7%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	68,900	68,600	70,500	70,700	0.3%	2.6%
Wholesale Trade	14,700	15,700	15,700	15,500	-1.3%	5.4%
Retail Trade	41,200	39,700	41,600	41,900	0.7%	1.7%
Food & Beverage Stores	8,300	8,300	8,400	8,300	-1.2%	0.0%
General Merchandise Stores	10,000	9,100	9,800	10,000	2.0%	0.0%
Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities	13,000	13,200	13,200	13,300	0.8%	2.3%
Transportation & Warehousing	10,700	10,800	10,700	10,800	0.9%	0.9%
Information	3,700	3,700	3,700	3,700	0.0%	0.0%
Financial Activities	13,900	13,700	13,700	13,700	0.0%	-1.4%
Finance & Insurance	9,100	8,900	8,900	8,900	0.0%	-2.2%
Insurance Carriers & Related	4,800	4,800	4,800	4,900	2.1%	2.1%
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	4,800	4,800	4,800	4,800	0.0%	0.0%
Professional & Business Services	32,000	32,500	32,000	31,900	-0.3%	-0.3%
Professional, Scientific & Technical Services	10,700	11,100	10,900	11,100	1.8%	3.7%
Management of Companies & Enterprises	2,100	2,100	2,100	2,100	0.0%	0.0%
Administrative & Support & Waste Services	19,200	19,300	19,000	18,700	-1.6%	-2.6%
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Waste Management & Remediation Services	1,200	1,200	1,200	1,200	0.0%	0.0%
Educational & Health Services	65,700	67,500	67,500	68,100	0.9%	3.7%
Educational Services	4,100	4,300	4,100	4,000	-2.4%	-2.4%
Health Care & Social Assistance	61,600	63,200	63,400	64,100	1.1%	4.1%
Ambulatory Health Care Services	18,200	18,500	18,500	18,800	1.6%	3.3%
Hospitals	13,600	13,700	13,700	13,900	1.5%	2.2%
Nursing & Residential Care Facilities	7,900	7,900	8,000	8,100	1.3%	2.5%
Social Assistance	21,900	23,100	23,200	23,300	0.4%	6.4%
Leisure & Hospitality	30,900	32,200	32,100	32,600	1.6%	5.5%
Accommodation & Food Services	28,300	29,300	29,300	29,700	1.4%	4.9%
Food Services & Drinking Places	26,400	27,300	27,300	27,700	1.5%	4.9%
Other Services	12,100	12,600	12,600	12,600	0.0%	4.1%
Government	72,400	74,300	75,200	74,100	-1.5%	2.3%
Federal Government	9,100	8,500	9,400	8,800	-6.4%	-3.3%
State & Local Government	63,300	65,800	65,800	65,300	-0.8%	3.2%
State Government	12,300	12,800	12,800	12,700	-0.8%	3.3%
State Government Education	4,000	4,200	4,200	4,200	0.0%	5.0%
Local Government	51,000	53,000	53,000	52,600	-0.8%	3.1%

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 Industry Employment & Labor Force
 March 2016 Benchmark

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	Dec 16	Oct 17	Nov 17 Revised	Dec 17 Prelim	Percent Change	
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Local Government Education	34,500	35,300	36,000	35,700	-0.8%	3.5%
Local Government Excluding Education	16,500	17,700	17,000	16,900	-0.6%	2.4%
County	7,500	8,300	7,700	7,500	-2.6%	0.0%
City	5,500	5,700	5,700	5,800	1.8%	5.5%
Special Districts plus Indian Tribes	3,500	3,700	3,600	3,600	0.0%	2.9%

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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