

**FRESNO METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA (MSA)
(FRESNO COUNTY)**
Farm employment leads seasonal month-over job changes

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Between September 2017 and October 2017, total industry employment decreased by 6,400 jobs (down 1.6 percent), to total 390,800. Farm employment dropped by 9,700 jobs (down 18.3 percent), while nonfarm employment increased by 3,300 jobs (up 1.0 percent).

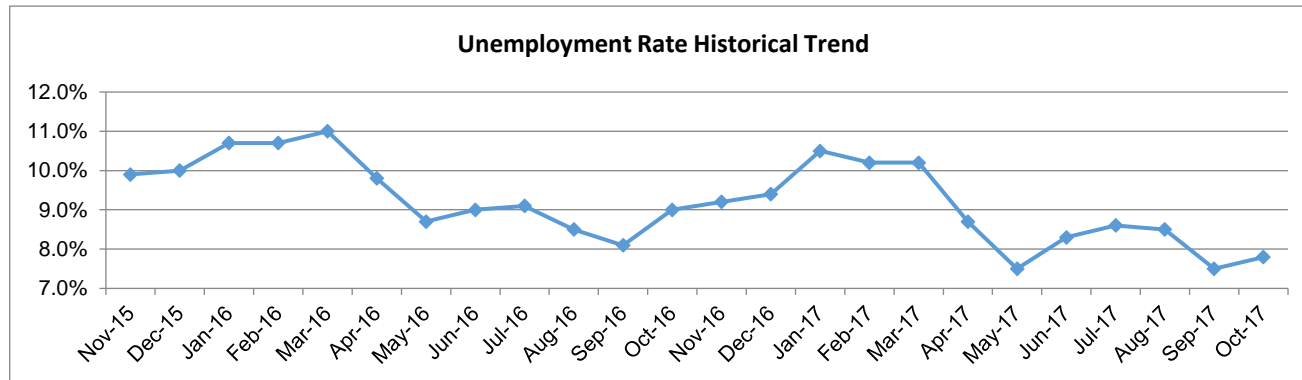
- Farm employment posted the largest month-over decline by a drop of 9,700 jobs. This is normal during the fall season when the almond and grape harvest has ended.
- Manufacturing decreased by 500 jobs, with all of the job loss coming in nondurable goods.
- Construction cut back by 200 jobs and leisure and hospitality lost 100 jobs.
- Government reported the largest month-over increase with the addition of 1,700 jobs. Gains in local government (up 1,800 jobs), and state government (up 300 jobs), offset a decrease of 400 jobs in federal government.

Between October 2016 and October 2017, total industry employment increased by 6,300 jobs (up 1.6 percent). Nonfarm employment rose by 6,300 jobs (up 1.8 percent).

- Educational and health services reported the largest year-over increase of 1,800 jobs. Health care and social assistance added 1,600 jobs and educational services increased by 200 jobs.
- Government advanced payrolls by 1,600 jobs. Gains in local government (up 1,500 jobs), and state government (up 400 jobs), offset a decline of 300 jobs in federal government.
- Trade, transportation, and utilities expanded by 1,100 jobs. Wholesale trade grew by 800 jobs, transportation, warehousing, and utilities added 200 jobs, and retail trade climbed by 100 jobs.
- Construction posted a gain of 1,000 jobs, with the entire gain coming in specialty trade contractors.
- Four other sectors with employment increases were: other services (up 400 jobs), financial activities (up 200 jobs), professional and business services (up 200 jobs), and manufacturing (up 100 jobs).

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Industry	Sep-2017	Oct-2017	Change		Oct-2016	Oct-2017	Change
	Revised	Prelim				Prelim	
Total, All Industries	397,200	390,800	(6,400)		384,500	390,800	6,300
Total Farm	53,100	43,400	(9,700)		43,400	43,400	0
Total Nonfarm	344,100	347,400	3,300		341,100	347,400	6,300
Mining, Logging, and Construction	17,800	17,600	(200)		16,600	17,600	1,000
Mining and Logging	400	400	0		400	400	0
Construction	17,400	17,200	(200)		16,200	17,200	1,000
Manufacturing	26,200	25,700	(500)		25,600	25,700	100
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	67,700	68,400	700		67,300	68,400	1,100
Information	3,700	3,700	0		3,700	3,700	0
Financial Activities	13,500	13,700	200		13,500	13,700	200
Professional & Business Services	31,600	32,600	1,000		32,400	32,600	200
Educational & Health Services	67,100	67,500	400		65,700	67,500	1,800
Leisure & Hospitality	32,100	32,000	(100)		32,100	32,000	(100)
Other Services	12,500	12,600	100		12,200	12,600	400
Government	71,900	73,600	1,700		72,000	73,600	1,600

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

Data Not Seasonally Adjusted

	Oct 16	Aug 17	Sep 17 Revised	Oct 17 Prelim	Percent Change	
					Month	Year
Civilian Labor Force (1)	443,000	448,700	451,100	444,600	-1.4%	0.4%
Civilian Employment	403,200	410,700	417,300	410,100	-1.7%	1.7%
Civilian Unemployment	39,800	38,000	33,800	34,500	2.1%	-13.3%
Civilian Unemployment Rate	9.0%	8.5%	7.5%	7.8%		
(CA Unemployment Rate)	5.2%	5.4%	4.7%	4.3%		
(U.S. Unemployment Rate)	4.7%	4.5%	4.1%	3.9%		

Total, All Industries (2)	384,500	395,800	397,200	390,800	-1.6%	1.6%
Total Farm	43,400	55,600	53,100	43,400	-18.3%	0.0%
Total Nonfarm	341,100	340,200	344,100	347,400	1.0%	1.8%
Total Private	269,100	272,100	272,200	273,800	0.6%	1.7%
Goods Producing	42,200	43,900	44,000	43,300	-1.6%	2.6%
Mining, Logging, and Construction	16,600	17,900	17,800	17,600	-1.1%	6.0%
Mining and Logging	400	400	400	400	0.0%	0.0%
Construction	16,200	17,500	17,400	17,200	-1.1%	6.2%
Specialty Trade Contractors	10,600	11,700	11,600	11,600	0.0%	9.4%
Manufacturing	25,600	26,000	26,200	25,700	-1.9%	0.4%
Durable Goods	8,000	8,600	8,500	8,500	0.0%	6.3%
Nondurable Goods	17,600	17,400	17,700	17,200	-2.8%	-2.3%
Food Manufacturing	12,900	12,900	13,100	12,700	-3.1%	-1.6%
Service Providing	298,900	296,300	300,100	304,100	1.3%	1.7%
Private Service Providing	226,900	228,200	228,200	230,500	1.0%	1.6%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	67,300	67,200	67,700	68,400	1.0%	1.6%
Wholesale Trade	14,700	15,300	15,400	15,500	0.6%	5.4%
Retail Trade	39,600	38,800	39,100	39,700	1.5%	0.3%
Food & Beverage Stores	8,400	8,300	8,300	8,300	0.0%	-1.2%
General Merchandise Stores	8,700	8,800	8,800	9,000	2.3%	3.4%
Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities	13,000	13,100	13,200	13,200	0.0%	1.5%
Transportation & Warehousing	10,700	10,600	10,700	10,700	0.0%	0.0%
Information	3,700	3,700	3,700	3,700	0.0%	0.0%
Financial Activities	13,500	13,500	13,500	13,700	1.5%	1.5%
Finance & Insurance	8,800	8,800	8,800	8,900	1.1%	1.1%
Insurance Carriers & Related	4,700	4,700	4,800	4,800	0.0%	2.1%
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	4,700	4,700	4,700	4,800	2.1%	2.1%
Professional & Business Services	32,400	32,100	31,600	32,600	3.2%	0.6%
Professional, Scientific & Technical Services	10,700	11,100	10,700	11,100	3.7%	3.7%
Management of Companies & Enterprises	2,100	2,100	2,000	2,100	5.0%	0.0%
Administrative & Support & Waste Services	19,600	18,900	18,900	19,400	2.6%	-1.0%
Administrative & Support Services	18,300	17,700	17,700	18,200	2.8%	-0.5%
Waste Management & Remediation Services	1,300	1,200	1,200	1,200	0.0%	-7.7%
Educational & Health Services	65,700	66,800	67,100	67,500	0.6%	2.7%
Educational Services	4,100	3,600	4,200	4,300	2.4%	4.9%
Health Care & Social Assistance	61,600	63,200	62,900	63,200	0.5%	2.6%
Ambulatory Health Care Services	18,200	18,600	18,400	18,500	0.5%	1.6%
Hospitals	13,600	13,800	13,700	13,700	0.0%	0.7%
Nursing & Residential Care Facilities	7,800	8,000	7,900	7,900	0.0%	1.3%
Social Assistance	22,000	22,800	22,900	23,100	0.9%	5.0%
Leisure & Hospitality	32,100	32,400	32,100	32,000	-0.3%	-0.3%
Accommodation & Food Services	29,500	28,900	29,100	29,300	0.7%	-0.7%
Food Services & Drinking Places	27,500	26,800	27,100	27,200	0.4%	-1.1%
Other Services	12,200	12,500	12,500	12,600	0.8%	3.3%
Government	72,000	68,100	71,900	73,600	2.4%	2.2%
Federal Government	8,800	9,200	8,900	8,500	-4.5%	-3.4%
State & Local Government	63,200	58,900	63,000	65,100	3.3%	3.0%
State Government	12,400	11,700	12,500	12,800	2.4%	3.2%
State Government Education	4,000	3,200	3,900	4,200	7.7%	5.0%
Local Government	50,800	47,200	50,500	52,300	3.6%	3.0%

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 Industry Employment & Labor Force
 March 2016 Benchmark

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	Oct 16	Aug 17	Sep 17 Revised	Oct 17 Prelim	Percent Change	
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Local Government Education	33,500	30,200	33,600	34,600	3.0%	3.3%
Local Government Excluding Education	17,300	17,000	16,900	17,700	4.7%	2.3%
County	8,300	7,600	7,600	8,300	9.2%	0.0%
City	5,400	5,700	5,700	5,700	0.0%	5.6%
Special Districts plus Indian Tribes	3,600	3,700	3,600	3,700	2.8%	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

These data, as well as other labor market data, are available via the Internet at <http://www.labormarketinfo.edd.ca.gov>. If you need assistance, please call (916) 262-2162.

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