

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

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**Between August 2017 and September 2017**, total industry employment increased by 1,200 jobs (up 0.3 percent), to total 397,000. Nonfarm employment grew by 3,700 jobs (up 1.1 percent), while farm employment receded by 2,500 jobs (down 4.5 percent).

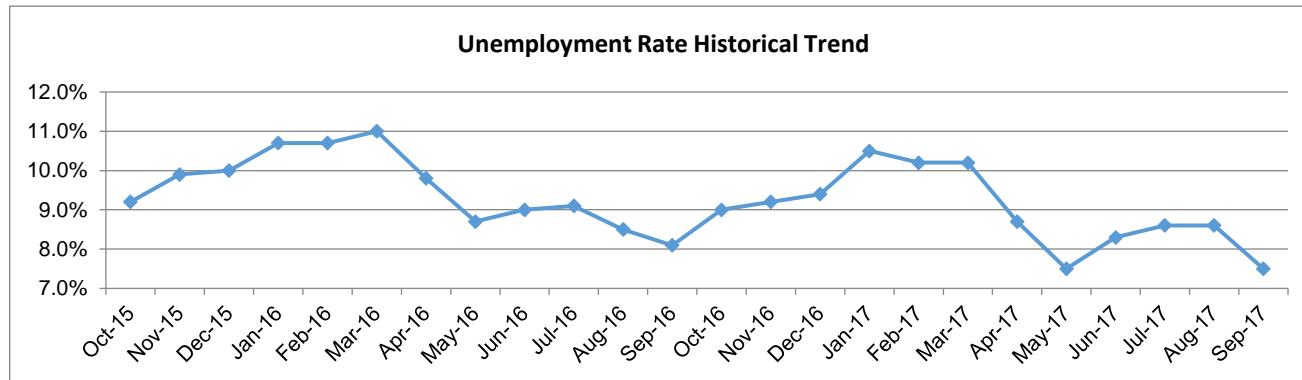
- Government recorded the largest month-over gain with the addition of 3,800 jobs. Gains in local government (up 3,300 jobs), and state government (up 800 jobs), offset a decline of 300 jobs in federal government.
- Trade, transportation, and utilities moved up by 500 jobs. Gains were in retail trade (up 300 jobs), wholesale trade (up 100 jobs), and transportation, warehousing, and utilities (up 100 jobs).
- Three industry sectors reported employment growth of 100 jobs each: manufacturing, educational and health services, and other services.
- Farm employment posted the largest month-over decline with a drop of 2,500 jobs.

**Between September 2016 and September 2017**, total industry employment increased by 4,600 jobs (up 1.2 percent). Nonfarm employment rose by 4,400 jobs (up 1.3 percent), and farm employment grew by 200 jobs (up 0.4 percent).

- Educational and health services reported the largest year-over increase of 2,000 jobs. Health care and social assistance added 2,300 jobs, more than offsetting a decrease of 300 jobs in educational services.
- Government advanced payrolls by 1,300 jobs. Gains in local government (up 1,900 jobs), and state government (up 300 jobs), offset a decline of 900 jobs in federal government.
- Construction posted a gain of 1,300 jobs. Specialty trade contractors accounted for 77 percent of the gain.
- Trade, transportation, and utilities expanded by 1,100 jobs. Wholesale trade grew by 800 jobs, retail trade added 200 jobs, and transportation, warehousing, and utilities climbed up by 100 jobs.
- Four other sectors with employment increases were: other services (up 500 jobs), financial activities (up 200 jobs), farming (up 200 jobs), and mining and logging (up 100 jobs).

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Industry	Aug-2017	Sep-2017	Change		Sep-2016	Sep-2017	Change
	Revised	Prelim				Prelim	
Total, All Industries	395,800	397,000	1,200		392,400	397,000	4,600
Total Farm	55,600	53,100	(2,500)		52,900	53,100	200
Total Nonfarm	340,200	343,900	3,700		339,500	343,900	4,400
Mining, Logging, and Construction	17,900	17,900	0		16,500	17,900	1,400
Mining and Logging	400	400	0		300	400	100
Construction	17,500	17,500	0		16,200	17,500	1,300
Manufacturing	26,000	26,100	100		26,900	26,100	(800)
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	67,200	67,700	500		66,600	67,700	1,100
Information	3,700	3,700	0		3,700	3,700	0
Financial Activities	13,500	13,500	0		13,300	13,500	200
Professional & Business Services	32,100	31,500	(600)		32,300	31,500	(800)
Educational & Health Services	66,800	66,900	100		64,900	66,900	2,000
Leisure & Hospitality	32,400	32,100	(300)		32,600	32,100	(500)
Other Services	12,500	12,600	100		12,100	12,600	500
Government	68,100	71,900	3,800		70,600	71,900	1,300

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

	Sep 16	Jul 17	Aug 17	Sep 17	Percent Change	
			Revised	Prelim	Month	Year
Civilian Labor Force (1)	447,900	449,500	448,600	451,400	0.6%	0.8%
Civilian Employment	411,600	410,700	410,200	417,300	1.7%	1.4%
Civilian Unemployment	36,200	38,800	38,400	34,000	-11.5%	-6.1%
Civilian Unemployment Rate	8.1%	8.6%	8.6%	7.5%		
(CA Unemployment Rate)	5.2%	5.4%	5.4%	4.7%		
(U.S. Unemployment Rate)	4.8%	4.6%	4.5%	4.1%		

Total, All Industries (2)	392,400	393,600	395,800	397,000	0.3%	1.2%
Total Farm	52,900	52,900	55,600	53,100	-4.5%	0.4%
Total Nonfarm	339,500	340,700	340,200	343,900	1.1%	1.3%
Total Private	268,900	270,500	272,100	272,000	0.0%	1.2%
Goods Producing	43,400	43,300	43,900	44,000	0.2%	1.4%
Mining, Logging, and Construction	16,500	18,000	17,900	17,900	0.0%	8.5%
Mining and Logging	300	400	400	400	0.0%	33.3%
Construction	16,200	17,600	17,500	17,500	0.0%	8.0%
Specialty Trade Contractors	10,600	11,600	11,700	11,600	-0.9%	9.4%
Manufacturing	26,900	25,300	26,000	26,100	0.4%	-3.0%
Durable Goods	8,100	8,500	8,600	8,500	-1.2%	4.9%
Nondurable Goods	18,800	16,800	17,400	17,600	1.1%	-6.4%
Food Manufacturing	14,600	12,300	12,900	13,000	0.8%	-11.0%
Service Providing	296,100	297,400	296,300	299,900	1.2%	1.3%
Private Service Providing	225,500	227,200	228,200	228,000	-0.1%	1.1%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	66,600	67,100	67,200	67,700	0.7%	1.7%
Wholesale Trade	14,600	15,200	15,300	15,400	0.7%	5.5%
Retail Trade	38,900	38,800	38,800	39,100	0.8%	0.5%
Food & Beverage Stores	8,300	8,200	8,300	8,200	-1.2%	-1.2%
General Merchandise Stores	8,500	8,700	8,800	8,800	0.0%	3.5%
Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities	13,100	13,100	13,100	13,200	0.8%	0.8%
Transportation & Warehousing	10,800	10,600	10,600	10,700	0.9%	-0.9%
Information	3,700	3,700	3,700	3,700	0.0%	0.0%
Financial Activities	13,300	13,500	13,500	13,500	0.0%	1.5%
Finance & Insurance	8,700	8,800	8,800	8,800	0.0%	1.1%
Insurance Carriers & Related	4,700	4,700	4,700	4,800	2.1%	2.1%
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	4,600	4,700	4,700	4,700	0.0%	2.2%
Professional & Business Services	32,300	32,200	32,100	31,500	-1.9%	-2.5%
Professional, Scientific & Technical Services	10,600	11,300	11,100	10,700	-3.6%	0.9%
Management of Companies & Enterprises	2,100	2,100	2,100	2,000	-4.8%	-4.8%
Administrative & Support & Waste Services	19,600	18,800	18,900	18,800	-0.5%	-4.1%
Administrative & Support Services	18,300	17,600	17,700	17,600	-0.6%	-3.8%
Waste Management & Remediation Services	1,300	1,200	1,200	1,200	0.0%	-7.7%
Educational & Health Services	64,900	65,900	66,800	66,900	0.1%	3.1%
Educational Services	4,000	3,100	3,600	3,700	2.8%	-7.5%
Health Care & Social Assistance	60,900	62,800	63,200	63,200	0.0%	3.8%
Ambulatory Health Care Services	18,000	18,500	18,600	18,500	-0.5%	2.8%
Hospitals	13,500	13,800	13,800	13,800	0.0%	2.2%
Nursing & Residential Care Facilities	7,800	8,000	8,000	7,900	-1.3%	1.3%
Social Assistance	21,600	22,500	22,800	23,000	0.9%	6.5%
Leisure & Hospitality	32,600	32,300	32,400	32,100	-0.9%	-1.5%
Accommodation & Food Services	29,300	28,600	28,900	29,100	0.7%	-0.7%
Food Services & Drinking Places	27,100	26,600	26,800	27,100	1.1%	0.0%
Other Services	12,100	12,500	12,500	12,600	0.8%	4.1%
Government	70,600	70,200	68,100	71,900	5.6%	1.8%
Federal Government	9,800	9,600	9,200	8,900	-3.3%	-9.2%
State & Local Government	60,800	60,600	58,900	63,000	7.0%	3.6%
State Government	12,200	11,700	11,700	12,500	6.8%	2.5%
State Government Education	3,800	3,200	3,200	3,900	21.9%	2.6%
Local Government	48,600	48,900	47,200	50,500	7.0%	3.9%

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 Industry Employment & Labor Force  
 March 2016 Benchmark

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	Sep 16	Jul 17	Aug 17 Revised	Sep 17 Prelim	Percent Change	
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Local Government Education	32,100	31,800	30,200	33,600	11.3%	4.7%
Local Government Excluding Education	16,500	17,100	17,000	16,900	-0.6%	2.4%
County	7,600	7,600	7,600	7,600	0.0%	0.0%
City	5,300	5,800	5,700	5,700	0.0%	7.5%
Special Districts plus Indian Tribes	3,600	3,700	3,700	3,600	-2.7%	0.0%

**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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