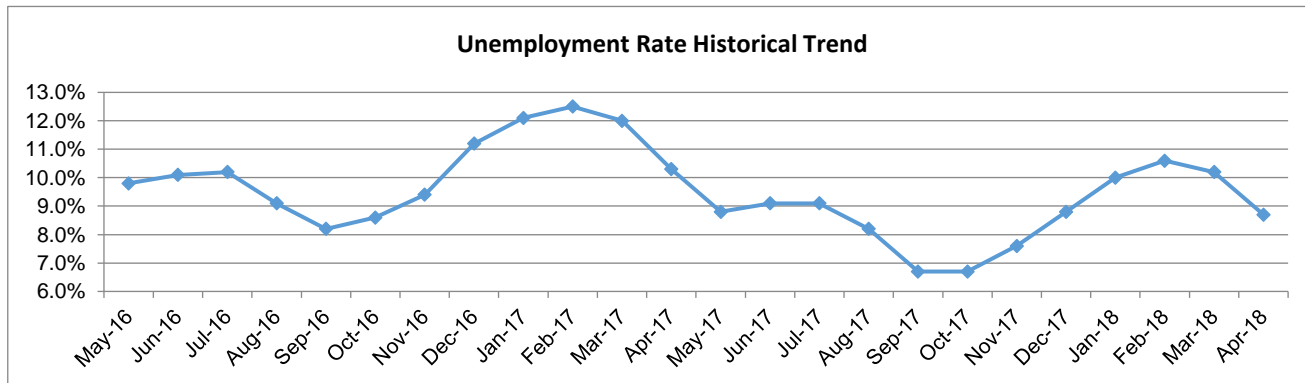


IMMEDIATE RELEASE
 MERCED METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA (MSA)
 (Merced County)

The unemployment rate in the Merced County was 8.7 percent in April 2018, down from a revised 10.2 percent in March 2018, and below the year-ago estimate of 10.3 percent. This compares with an unadjusted unemployment rate of 3.8 percent for California and 3.7 percent for the nation during the same period.



Industry	Mar-2018	Apr-2018	Change		Apr-2017	Apr-2018	Change
	Revised	Prelim				Prelim	
Total, All Industries	80,300	82,400	2,100		80,000	82,400	2,400
Total Farm	11,700	13,100	1,400		12,900	13,100	200
Total Nonfarm	68,600	69,300	700		67,100	69,300	2,200
Mining, Logging, and Construction	2,900	3,100	200		2,400	3,100	700
Manufacturing	9,600	9,700	100		9,000	9,700	700
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	12,800	12,800	0		12,900	12,800	(100)
Information	300	300	0		300	300	0
Financial Activities	1,900	1,900	0		1,900	1,900	0
Professional & Business Services	3,700	3,700	0		3,600	3,700	100
Educational & Health Services	10,300	10,500	200		10,400	10,500	100
Leisure & Hospitality	5,800	5,800	0		5,600	5,800	200
Other Services	1,400	1,400	0		1,400	1,400	0
Government	19,900	20,100	200		19,600	20,100	500

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

	Apr 17	Feb 18	Mar 18 Revised	Apr 18 Prelim	Percent Change	
					Month	Year
Civilian Labor Force (1)	116,000	116,400	116,600	115,700	-0.8%	-0.3%
Civilian Employment	104,100	104,100	104,800	105,600	0.8%	1.4%
Civilian Unemployment	11,900	12,300	11,900	10,100	-15.1%	-15.1%
Civilian Unemployment Rate	10.3%	10.6%	10.2%	8.7%		
(CA Unemployment Rate)	4.7%	4.5%	4.2%	3.8%		
(U.S. Unemployment Rate)	4.1%	4.4%	4.1%	3.7%		

Total, All Industries (2)	80,000	79,000	80,300	82,400	2.6%	3.0%
Total Farm	12,900	11,100	11,700	13,100	12.0%	1.6%
Total Nonfarm	67,100	67,900	68,600	69,300	1.0%	3.3%
Total Private	47,500	48,200	48,700	49,200	1.0%	3.6%
Goods Producing	11,400	12,200	12,500	12,800	2.4%	12.3%
Mining, Logging, and Construction	2,400	2,800	2,900	3,100	6.9%	29.2%
Manufacturing	9,000	9,400	9,600	9,700	1.0%	7.8%
Nondurable Goods	7,600	8,000	8,200	8,300	1.2%	9.2%
Service Providing	55,700	55,700	56,100	56,500	0.7%	1.4%
Private Service Providing	36,100	36,000	36,200	36,400	0.6%	0.8%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	12,900	12,600	12,800	12,800	0.0%	-0.8%
Wholesale Trade	1,600	1,400	1,400	1,400	0.0%	-12.5%
Retail Trade	8,300	8,100	8,300	8,300	0.0%	0.0%
Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities	3,000	3,100	3,100	3,100	0.0%	3.3%
Information	300	300	300	300	0.0%	0.0%
Financial Activities	1,900	1,900	1,900	1,900	0.0%	0.0%
Professional & Business Services	3,600	3,700	3,700	3,700	0.0%	2.8%
Educational & Health Services	10,400	10,400	10,300	10,500	1.9%	1.0%
Leisure & Hospitality	5,600	5,700	5,800	5,800	0.0%	3.6%
Other Services	1,400	1,400	1,400	1,400	0.0%	0.0%
Government	19,600	19,700	19,900	20,100	1.0%	2.6%
Federal Government	800	800	800	800	0.0%	0.0%
State & Local Government	18,800	18,900	19,100	19,300	1.0%	2.7%
State Government	3,900	4,100	4,100	4,200	2.4%	7.7%
State Government Education	3,300	3,500	3,500	3,600	2.9%	9.1%
State Government Excluding Education	600	600	600	600	0.0%	0.0%
Local Government	14,900	14,800	15,000	15,100	0.7%	1.3%
Local Government Excluding Education	3,900	4,000	4,100	4,000	-2.4%	2.6%
Special Districts plus Indian Tribes	600	600	600	600	0.0%	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 Frances Gines 951-955-3204

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