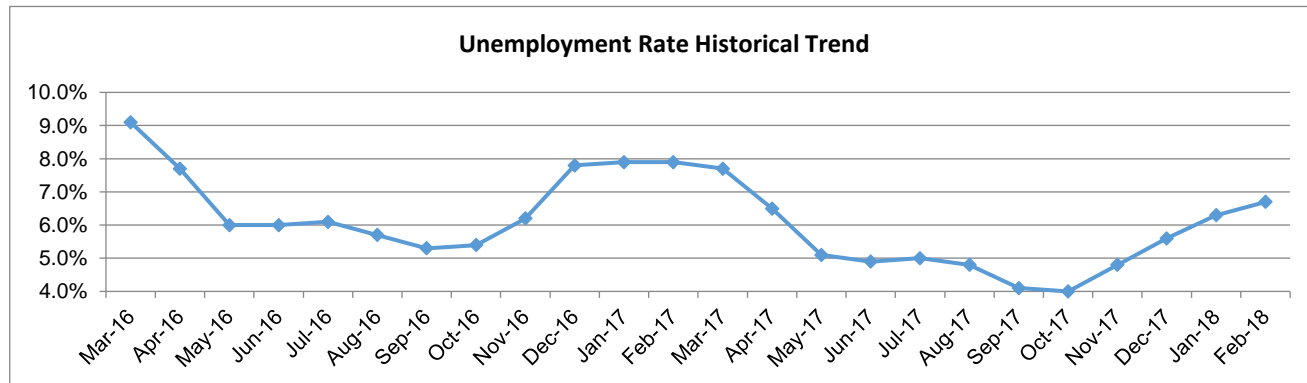


IMMEDIATE RELEASE
 SANTA CRUZ-WATSONVILLE METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA (MSA)
 (Santa Cruz County)

The unemployment rate in the Santa Cruz County was 6.7 percent in February 2018, up from a revised 6.3 percent in January 2018, and below the year-ago estimate of 7.9 percent. This compares with an unadjusted unemployment rate of 4.5 percent for California and 4.4 percent for the nation during the same period.



Industry	Jan-2018	Feb-2018	Change		Feb-2017	Feb-2018	Change
	Revised	Prelim				Prelim	
Total, All Industries	105,600	107,000	1,400		104,600	107,000	2,400
Total Farm	3,800	4,100	300		4,800	4,100	(700)
Total Nonfarm	101,800	102,900	1,100		99,800	102,900	3,100
Mining, Logging, and Construction	4,500	4,700	200		4,200	4,700	500
Manufacturing	6,700	6,900	200		6,900	6,900	0
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	16,900	16,500	(400)		16,900	16,500	(400)
Information	800	800	0		800	800	0
Financial Activities	3,500	3,500	0		3,500	3,500	0
Professional & Business Services	10,100	10,200	100		10,000	10,200	200
Educational & Health Services	18,000	18,200	200		17,500	18,200	700
Leisure & Hospitality	13,100	13,500	400		13,200	13,500	300
Other Services	4,900	4,900	0		4,600	4,900	300
Government	23,300	23,700	400		22,200	23,700	1,500

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

	Feb 17	Dec 17	Jan 18	Feb 18	Percent Change	
			Revised	Prelim	Month	Year
Civilian Labor Force (1)	142,500	141,400	141,200	143,700	1.8%	0.8%
Civilian Employment	131,200	133,400	132,300	134,000	1.3%	2.1%
Civilian Unemployment	11,300	7,900	8,800	9,600	9.1%	-15.0%
Civilian Unemployment Rate	7.9%	5.6%	6.3%	6.7%		
(CA Unemployment Rate)	5.4%	4.2%	4.6%	4.5%		
(U.S. Unemployment Rate)	4.9%	3.9%	4.5%	4.4%		

Total, All Industries (2)	104,600	107,900	105,600	107,000	1.3%	2.3%
Total Farm	4,800	4,700	3,800	4,100	7.9%	-14.6%
Total Nonfarm	99,800	103,200	101,800	102,900	1.1%	3.1%
Total Private	77,600	79,400	78,500	79,200	0.9%	2.1%
Goods Producing	11,100	11,500	11,200	11,600	3.6%	4.5%
Mining, Logging, and Construction	4,200	4,700	4,500	4,700	4.4%	11.9%
Manufacturing	6,900	6,800	6,700	6,900	3.0%	0.0%
Durable Goods	3,700	3,700	3,700	3,800	2.7%	2.7%
Nondurable Goods	3,200	3,100	3,000	3,100	3.3%	-3.1%
Service Providing	88,700	91,700	90,600	91,300	0.8%	2.9%
Private Service Providing	66,500	67,900	67,300	67,600	0.4%	1.7%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	16,900	17,300	16,900	16,500	-2.4%	-2.4%
Wholesale Trade	3,200	3,300	3,100	3,100	0.0%	-3.1%
Retail Trade	12,200	12,300	12,200	11,900	-2.5%	-2.5%
Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities	1,500	1,700	1,600	1,500	-6.3%	0.0%
Information	800	800	800	800	0.0%	0.0%
Financial Activities	3,500	3,500	3,500	3,500	0.0%	0.0%
Finance & Insurance	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	0.0%	0.0%
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	0.0%	0.0%
Professional & Business Services	10,000	10,100	10,100	10,200	1.0%	2.0%
Educational & Health Services	17,500	18,300	18,000	18,200	1.1%	4.0%
Leisure & Hospitality	13,200	13,000	13,100	13,500	3.1%	2.3%
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	2,000	1,700	1,800	2,000	11.1%	0.0%
Accommodation & Food Services	11,200	11,300	11,300	11,500	1.8%	2.7%
Other Services	4,600	4,900	4,900	4,900	0.0%	6.5%
Government	22,200	23,800	23,300	23,700	1.7%	6.8%
Federal Government	500	500	500	500	0.0%	0.0%
State & Local Government	21,700	23,300	22,800	23,200	1.8%	6.9%
State Government	8,900	10,000	9,900	10,100	2.0%	13.5%
State Government Education	8,300	9,400	9,300	9,500	2.2%	14.5%
State Government Excluding Education	600	600	600	600	0.0%	0.0%
Local Government	12,800	13,300	12,900	13,100	1.6%	2.3%
Local Government Excluding Education	5,300	5,700	5,500	5,500	0.0%	3.8%
Special Districts plus Indian Tribes	1,000	1,100	1,100	1,000	-9.1%	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: Andriy Moskalyk 805-568-1314 or Robert Lee 626-962-0420

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Industry Employment & Labor Force
March 2017 Benchmark

Data Not Seasonally Adjusted

	Feb 17	Dec 17	Jan 18 Revised	Feb 18 Prelim	Percent Change Month Year
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