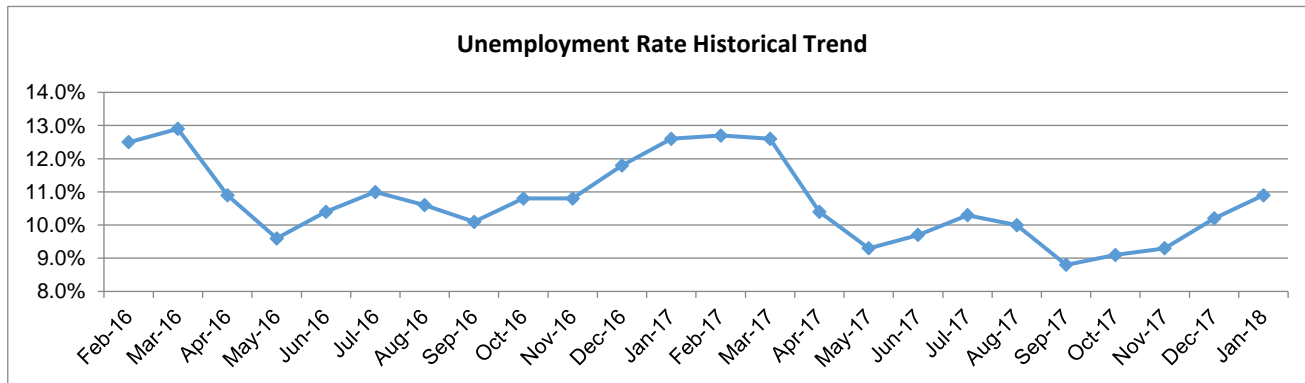


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 VISALIA-PORTERVILLE METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA (MSA)  
 (Tulare County)

The unemployment rate in the Tulare County was 10.9 percent in January 2018, up from a revised 10.2 percent in December 2017, and below the year-ago estimate of 12.6 percent. This compares with an unadjusted unemployment rate of 4.6 percent for California and 4.5 percent for the nation during the same period.



| Industry                          | Dec-2017 | Jan-2018 | Change  |  | Jan-2017 | Jan-2018 | Change |
|-----------------------------------|----------|----------|---------|--|----------|----------|--------|
|                                   | Revised  | Prelim   |         |  |          | Prelim   |        |
| Total, All Industries             | 160,800  | 158,000  | (2,800) |  | 154,000  | 158,000  | 4,000  |
| Total Farm                        | 33,300   | 32,000   | (1,300) |  | 31,500   | 32,000   | 500    |
| Total Nonfarm                     | 127,500  | 126,000  | (1,500) |  | 122,500  | 126,000  | 3,500  |
| Mining, Logging, and Construction | 5,700    | 5,500    | (200)   |  | 5,300    | 5,500    | 200    |
| Manufacturing                     | 12,500   | 12,400   | (100)   |  | 12,600   | 12,400   | (200)  |
| Trade, Transportation & Utilities | 28,500   | 27,700   | (800)   |  | 27,000   | 27,700   | 700    |
| Information                       | 900      | 1,000    | 100     |  | 900      | 1,000    | 100    |
| Financial Activities              | 4,100    | 4,100    | 0       |  | 4,000    | 4,100    | 100    |
| Professional & Business Services  | 13,000   | 12,900   | (100)   |  | 12,200   | 12,900   | 700    |
| Educational & Health Services     | 15,700   | 15,800   | 100     |  | 14,800   | 15,800   | 1,000  |
| Leisure & Hospitality             | 11,800   | 11,600   | (200)   |  | 11,000   | 11,600   | 600    |
| Other Services                    | 3,400    | 3,300    | (100)   |  | 3,300    | 3,300    | 0      |
| Government                        | 31,900   | 31,700   | (200)   |  | 31,400   | 31,700   | 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

|                            | Jan 17  | Nov 17  | Dec 17  | Jan 18  | Percent Change |        |
|----------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|----------------|--------|
|                            |         |         | Revised | Prelim  | Month          | Year   |
| Civilian Labor Force (1)   | 203,400 | 201,900 | 202,400 | 203,500 | 0.5%           | 0.0%   |
| Civilian Employment        | 177,600 | 183,200 | 181,700 | 181,300 | -0.2%          | 2.1%   |
| Civilian Unemployment      | 25,700  | 18,700  | 20,700  | 22,100  | 6.8%           | -14.0% |
| Civilian Unemployment Rate | 12.6%   | 9.3%    | 10.2%   | 10.9%   |                |        |
| (CA Unemployment Rate)     | 5.6%    | 4.2%    | 4.2%    | 4.6%    |                |        |
| (U.S. Unemployment Rate)   | 5.1%    | 3.9%    | 3.9%    | 4.5%    |                |        |

|   |         |         |         |         |       |       |
|---|---------|---------|---------|---------|-------|-------|
| Total, All Industries (2)               | 154,000 | 163,400 | 160,800 | 158,000 | -1.7% | 2.6%  |
| Total Farm                              | 31,500  | 35,700  | 33,300  | 32,000  | -3.9% | 1.6%  |
| Total Nonfarm                           | 122,500 | 127,700 | 127,500 | 126,000 | -1.2% | 2.9%  |
| Total Private                           | 91,100  | 95,500  | 95,600  | 94,300  | -1.4% | 3.5%  |
| Goods Producing                         | 17,900  | 18,400  | 18,200  | 17,900  | -1.6% | 0.0%  |
| Mining, Logging, and Construction       | 5,300   | 5,800   | 5,700   | 5,500   | -3.5% | 3.8%  |
| Manufacturing                           | 12,600  | 12,600  | 12,500  | 12,400  | -0.8% | -1.6% |
| Durable Goods                           | 2,900   | 3,200   | 3,200   | 3,200   | 0.0%  | 10.3% |
| Nondurable Goods                        | 9,700   | 9,400   | 9,300   | 9,200   | -1.1% | -5.2% |
| Food Man & Beverage & Tobacco           | 6,900   | 6,900   | 6,900   | 6,900   | 0.0%  | 0.0%  |
| Service Providing                       | 104,600 | 109,300 | 109,300 | 108,100 | -1.1% | 3.3%  |
| Private Service Providing               | 73,200  | 77,100  | 77,400  | 76,400  | -1.3% | 4.4%  |
| Trade, Transportation & Utilities       | 27,000  | 28,500  | 28,500  | 27,700  | -2.8% | 2.6%  |
| Wholesale Trade                         | 4,200   | 4,100   | 4,100   | 4,200   | 2.4%  | 0.0%  |
| Retail Trade                            | 16,100  | 17,100  | 17,100  | 16,500  | -3.5% | 2.5%  |
| General Merchandise Stores              | 3,800   | 4,400   | 4,500   | 4,200   | -6.7% | 10.5% |
| Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities | 6,700   | 7,300   | 7,300   | 7,000   | -4.1% | 4.5%  |
| Information                             | 900     | 900     | 900     | 1,000   | 11.1% | 11.1% |
| Financial Activities                    | 4,000   | 4,100   | 4,100   | 4,100   | 0.0%  | 2.5%  |
| Finance & Insurance                     | 2,800   | 2,800   | 2,800   | 2,800   | 0.0%  | 0.0%  |
| Professional & Business Services        | 12,200  | 12,700  | 13,000  | 12,900  | -0.8% | 5.7%  |
| Educational & Health Services           | 14,800  | 15,700  | 15,700  | 15,800  | 0.6%  | 6.8%  |
| Leisure & Hospitality                   | 11,000  | 11,800  | 11,800  | 11,600  | -1.7% | 5.5%  |
| Arts, Entertainment & Recreation        | 800     | 800     | 800     | 800     | 0.0%  | 0.0%  |
| Accommodation & Food Services           | 10,200  | 11,000  | 11,000  | 10,800  | -1.8% | 5.9%  |
| Accommodation                           | 800     | 900     | 900     | 900     | 0.0%  | 12.5% |
| Food Services & Drinking Places         | 9,400   | 10,100  | 10,100  | 9,900   | -2.0% | 5.3%  |
| Other Services                          | 3,300   | 3,400   | 3,400   | 3,300   | -2.9% | 0.0%  |
| Government                              | 31,400  | 32,200  | 31,900  | 31,700  | -0.6% | 1.0%  |
| Federal Government                      | 900     | 1,000   | 900     | 900     | 0.0%  | 0.0%  |
| State & Local Government                | 30,500  | 31,200  | 31,000  | 30,800  | -0.6% | 1.0%  |
| State Government                        | 1,800   | 1,800   | 1,700   | 1,700   | 0.0%  | -5.6% |
| Local Government                        | 28,700  | 29,400  | 29,300  | 29,100  | -0.7% | 1.4%  |
| Local Government Excluding Education    | 13,900  | 13,700  | 13,700  | 13,700  | 0.0%  | -1.4% |
| Special Districts plus Indian Tribes    | 7,200   | 7,100   | 6,900   | 7,000   | 1.4%  | -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: Rosendo Flores 559/445-5708 or Steven Gutierrez 559/445-6580

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Industry Employment & Labor Force  
March 2017 Benchmark

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|--|--------|--------|-------------------|------------------|-----------------------------------|
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