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**FRESNO METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA (MSA)
(FRESNO COUNTY)**
Farm employment increased by 7,100 jobs over the month

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Between April 2020 and May 2020, total industry employment increased by 7,200 jobs (up 2.0 percent), to total 371,600. The month-over gain was concentrated in farm employment, which grew by 7,100 jobs (up 17.3 percent). Nonfarm employment rose by 100 jobs.

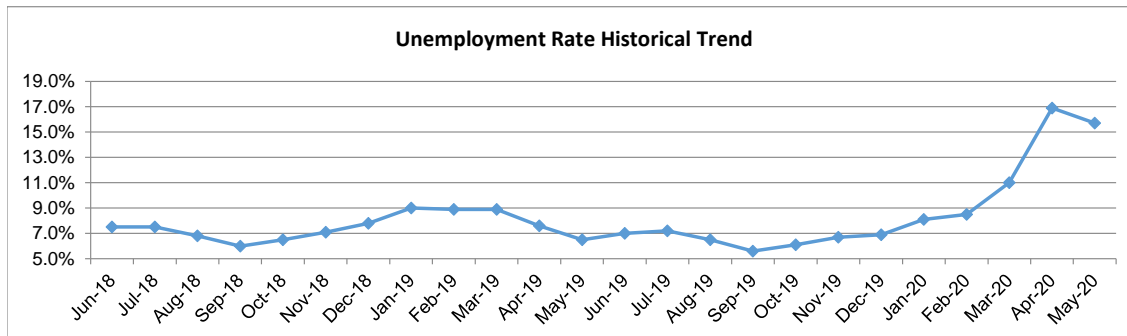
- Farm employment posted a normal seasonal increase, rising by 7,100 jobs. Strawberry and blueberry harvests were on-going. Navel orange and mandarin harvests were completed.
- Construction recorded a gain of 1,600 jobs. Specialty trade contractors accounted for 81 percent of the job gain (up 1,300 jobs).
- Leisure and hospitality expanded by 900 jobs.
- Manufacturing payrolls moved up by 500 jobs. Nondurable goods added 400 jobs and durable goods rose by 100 jobs.
- Meanwhile, government employment dropped by 1,900 jobs. Local government decreased by 1,500 jobs and state government declined by 400 jobs. Federal government reported no change.

Between May 2019 and May 2020, total industry employment decreased by 42,000 jobs (down 10.2 percent). Nonfarm employment dropped by 39,000 jobs (down 10.8 percent), and farm employment contracted by 3,000 jobs (down 5.9 percent).

- Leisure and hospitality recorded the largest year-over decrease of 16,000 jobs. Accommodation and food services accounted for 98 percent of the job loss (down 15,700 jobs).
- Trade, transportation, and utilities reported a loss of 9,400 jobs. Retail trade (down 6,400 jobs) accounted for 68 percent of the job loss in this sector. Transportation, warehousing, and utilities and wholesale trade each receded by 1,500 jobs.
- Government employment cut back by 4,100 jobs. Local government decreased by 3,600 jobs and state government fell by 800 jobs. These losses offset a gain in federal government, which added 300 jobs.
- Other services fell by 3,100 jobs.

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Industry	Apr-2020	May-2020	Change		May-2019	May-2020	Change
	Revised	Prelim				Prelim	

Total, All Industries	364,400	371,600	7,200		413,600	371,600	(42,000)
Total Farm	41,000	48,100	7,100		51,100	48,100	(3,000)
Total Nonfarm	323,400	323,500	100		362,500	323,500	(39,000)
Mining, Logging, and Construction	16,900	18,600	1,700		19,200	18,600	(600)
Mining and Logging	200	300	100		300	300	0
Construction	16,700	18,300	1,600		18,900	18,300	(600)
Manufacturing	24,100	24,600	500		25,600	24,600	(1,000)
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	60,900	59,700	(1,200)		69,100	59,700	(9,400)
Information	3,000	2,900	(100)		3,500	2,900	(600)
Financial Activities	14,700	14,600	(100)		14,500	14,600	100
Professional & Business Services	30,100	30,400	300		32,200	30,400	(1,800)
Educational & Health Services	70,300	70,100	(200)		72,600	70,100	(2,500)
Leisure & Hospitality	19,100	20,000	900		36,000	20,000	(16,000)
Other Services	8,700	8,900	200		12,000	8,900	(3,100)
Government	75,600	73,700	(1,900)		77,800	73,700	(4,100)

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

	May 19	Mar 20	Apr 20 Revised	May 20 Prelim	Percent Change	
					Month	Year
Civilian Labor Force (1)	452,000	457,000	450,300	445,000	-1.2%	-1.5%
Civilian Employment	422,800	406,900	374,400	375,300	0.2%	-11.2%
Civilian Unemployment	29,300	50,200	75,900	69,700	-8.2%	137.9%
Civilian Unemployment Rate (CA Unemployment Rate)	6.5%	11.0%	16.9%	15.7%		
(U.S. Unemployment Rate)	3.4%	4.5%	14.4%	13.0%		

Total, All Industries (2)	413,600	397,000	364,400	371,600	2.0%	-10.2%
Total Farm	51,100	34,400	41,000	48,100	17.3%	-5.9%
Total Nonfarm	362,500	362,600	323,400	323,500	0.0%	-10.8%
Total Private	284,700	286,000	247,800	249,800	0.8%	-12.3%
Goods Producing	44,800	44,600	41,000	43,200	5.4%	-3.6%
Mining, Logging, and Construction	19,200	18,600	16,900	18,600	10.1%	-3.1%
Mining and Logging	300	300	200	300	50.0%	0.0%
Construction	18,900	18,300	16,700	18,300	9.6%	-3.2%
Specialty Trade Contractors	12,500	12,400	11,200	12,500	11.6%	0.0%
Manufacturing	25,600	26,000	24,100	24,600	2.1%	-3.9%
Durable Goods	9,200	9,200	8,200	8,300	1.2%	-9.8%
Nondurable Goods	16,400	16,800	15,900	16,300	2.5%	-0.6%
Food Manufacturing	11,800	12,000	11,200	11,500	2.7%	-2.5%
Service Providing	317,700	318,000	282,400	280,300	-0.7%	-11.8%
Private Service Providing	239,900	241,400	206,800	206,600	-0.1%	-13.9%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	69,100	69,900	60,900	59,700	-2.0%	-13.6%
Wholesale Trade	14,600	14,700	13,500	13,100	-3.0%	-10.3%
Retail Trade	38,000	38,400	32,200	31,600	-1.9%	-16.8%
Food & Beverage Stores	7,600	7,500	7,400	7,400	0.0%	-2.6%
General Merchandise Stores	8,100	8,400	8,200	8,700	6.1%	7.4%
Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities	16,500	16,800	15,200	15,000	-1.3%	-9.1%
Transportation & Warehousing	14,300	14,400	12,700	12,500	-1.6%	-12.6%
Information	3,500	3,400	3,000	2,900	-3.3%	-17.1%
Financial Activities	14,500	14,900	14,700	14,600	-0.7%	0.7%
Finance & Insurance	9,600	9,800	9,600	9,600	0.0%	0.0%
Insurance Carriers & Related	5,600	5,700	5,600	5,600	0.0%	0.0%
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	4,900	5,100	5,100	5,000	-2.0%	2.0%
Professional & Business Services	32,200	33,400	30,100	30,400	1.0%	-5.6%
Professional, Scientific & Technical Services	11,300	11,700	10,300	10,500	1.9%	-7.1%
Management of Companies & Enterprises	2,300	2,400	2,300	2,300	0.0%	0.0%
Administrative & Support & Waste Services	18,600	19,300	17,500	17,600	0.6%	-5.4%
Administrative & Support Services	17,200	18,000	16,200	16,300	0.6%	-5.2%
Waste Management & Remediation Services	1,400	1,300	1,300	1,300	0.0%	-7.1%
Educational & Health Services	72,600	73,900	70,300	70,100	-0.3%	-3.4%
Educational Services	3,900	4,100	3,800	3,600	-5.3%	-7.7%
Health Care & Social Assistance	68,700	69,800	66,500	66,500	0.0%	-3.2%
Ambulatory Health Care Services	19,900	20,100	18,900	20,100	6.3%	1.0%
Hospitals	14,300	14,300	13,900	14,100	1.4%	-1.4%
Nursing & Residential Care Facilities	8,100	8,200	8,000	8,000	0.0%	-1.2%
Social Assistance	26,400	27,200	25,700	24,300	-5.4%	-8.0%
Leisure & Hospitality	36,000	34,200	19,100	20,000	4.7%	-44.4%
Accommodation & Food Services	32,200	31,100	16,900	16,500	-2.4%	-48.8%
Food Services & Drinking Places	29,700	28,600	16,000	15,700	-1.9%	-47.1%
Other Services	12,000	11,700	8,700	8,900	2.3%	-25.8%
Government	77,800	76,600	75,600	73,700	-2.5%	-5.3%
Federal Government	10,700	10,800	11,000	11,000	0.0%	2.8%
State & Local Government	67,100	65,800	64,600	62,700	-2.9%	-6.6%
State Government	13,000	12,800	12,600	12,200	-3.2%	-6.2%
State Government Education	4,100	3,900	3,700	3,300	-10.8%	-19.5%
Local Government	54,100	53,000	52,000	50,500	-2.9%	-6.7%

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Fresno MSA
(Fresno County)
 Industry Employment & Labor Force
 March 2019 Benchmark

Data Not Seasonally Adjusted

	May 19	Mar 20	Apr 20 Revised	May 20 Prelim	Percent Change	
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Local Government Education	37,300	36,400	35,600	34,100	-4.2%	-8.6%
Local Government Excluding Education	16,800	16,600	16,400	16,400	0.0%	-2.4%
County	7,900	7,900	7,800	7,800	0.0%	-1.3%
City	5,800	5,600	5,600	5,600	0.0%	-3.4%
Special Districts plus Indian Tribes	3,100	3,100	3,000	3,000	0.0%	-3.2%

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 559-230-4102 or Rosendo Flores 559-230-4104

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