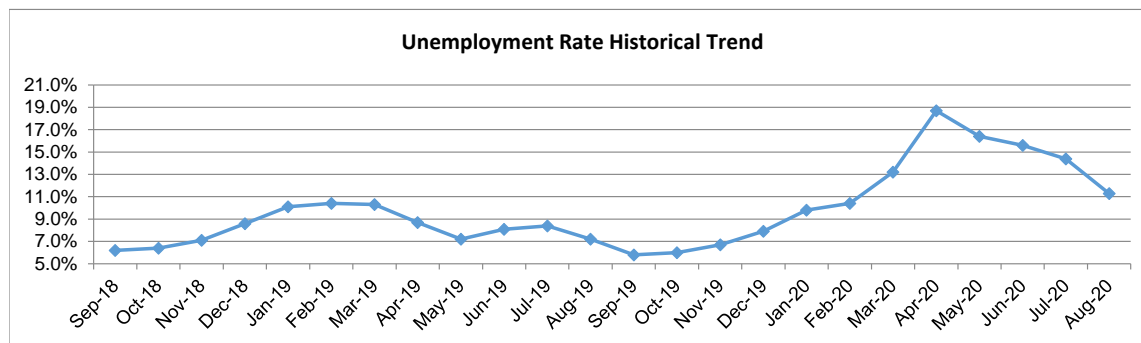


IMMEDIATE RELEASE
 MERCED METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA (MSA)
 (Merced County)

The unemployment rate in the Merced County was 11.3 percent in August 2020, down from a revised 14.4 percent in July 2020, and above the year-ago estimate of 7.2 percent. This compares with an unadjusted unemployment rate of 11.6 percent for California and 8.5 percent for the nation during the same period.



Industry	Jul-2020	Aug-2020	Change		Aug-2019	Aug-2020	Change
	Revised	Prelim				Prelim	
Total, All Industries	76,800	80,200	3,400		85,800	80,200	(5,600)
Total Farm	14,700	15,100	400		15,600	15,100	(500)
Total Nonfarm	62,100	65,100	3,000		70,200	65,100	(5,100)
Mining, Logging, and Construction	2,800	2,700	(100)		2,800	2,700	(100)
Manufacturing	9,700	9,900	200		11,200	9,900	(1,300)
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	13,300	13,600	300		13,900	13,600	(300)
Information	200	200	0		300	200	(100)
Financial Activities	1,800	1,900	100		1,900	1,900	0
Professional & Business Services	4,100	4,100	0		4,400	4,100	(300)
Educational & Health Services	10,000	10,200	200		10,700	10,200	(500)
Leisure & Hospitality	4,700	4,600	(100)		6,100	4,600	(1,500)
Other Services	1,400	1,400	0		1,500	1,400	(100)
Government	14,100	16,500	2,400		17,400	16,500	(900)

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

	Aug 19	Jun 20	Jul 20 Revised	Aug 20 Prelim	Percent Change	
					Month	Year
Civilian Labor Force (1)	115,500	114,600	112,300	113,200	0.8%	-2.0%
Civilian Employment	107,200	96,700	96,100	100,400	4.5%	-6.3%
Civilian Unemployment	8,300	17,900	16,200	12,800	-21.0%	54.2%
Civilian Unemployment Rate	7.2%	15.6%	14.4%	11.3%		
(CA Unemployment Rate)	4.2%	15.1%	13.9%	11.6%		
(U.S. Unemployment Rate)	3.8%	11.2%	10.5%	8.5%		

Total, All Industries (2)	85,800	78,500	76,800	80,200	4.4%	-6.5%
Total Farm	15,600	14,600	14,700	15,100	2.7%	-3.2%
Total Nonfarm	70,200	63,900	62,100	65,100	4.8%	-7.3%
Total Private	52,800	47,300	48,000	48,600	1.3%	-8.0%
Goods Producing	14,000	12,300	12,500	12,600	0.8%	-10.0%
Mining, Logging, and Construction	2,800	2,800	2,800	2,700	-3.6%	-3.6%
Manufacturing	11,200	9,500	9,700	9,900	2.1%	-11.6%
Nondurable Goods	9,800	8,200	8,300	8,500	2.4%	-13.3%
Service Providing	56,200	51,600	49,600	52,500	5.8%	-6.6%
Private Service Providing	38,800	35,000	35,500	36,000	1.4%	-7.2%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	13,900	13,100	13,300	13,600	2.3%	-2.2%
Wholesale Trade	1,800	1,400	1,400	1,400	0.0%	-22.2%
Retail Trade	8,300	8,800	8,900	9,000	1.1%	8.4%
Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities	3,800	2,900	3,000	3,200	6.7%	-15.8%
Information	300	200	200	200	0.0%	-33.3%
Financial Activities	1,900	1,800	1,800	1,900	5.6%	0.0%
Professional & Business Services	4,400	3,900	4,100	4,100	0.0%	-6.8%
Educational & Health Services	10,700	10,100	10,000	10,200	2.0%	-4.7%
Leisure & Hospitality	6,100	4,600	4,700	4,600	-2.1%	-24.6%
Other Services	1,500	1,300	1,400	1,400	0.0%	-6.7%
Government	17,400	16,600	14,100	16,500	17.0%	-5.2%
Federal Government	700	700	700	1,000	42.9%	42.9%
State & Local Government	16,700	15,900	13,400	15,500	15.7%	-7.2%
State Government	3,500	2,700	2,700	3,000	11.1%	-14.3%
State Government Education	2,900	2,100	2,100	2,400	14.3%	-17.2%
State Government Excluding Education	600	600	600	600	0.0%	0.0%
Local Government	13,200	13,200	10,700	12,500	16.8%	-5.3%
Local Government Excluding Education	4,000	3,900	3,800	3,800	0.0%	-5.0%
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 559-230-4102 or Frances Gines 951-955-3204

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