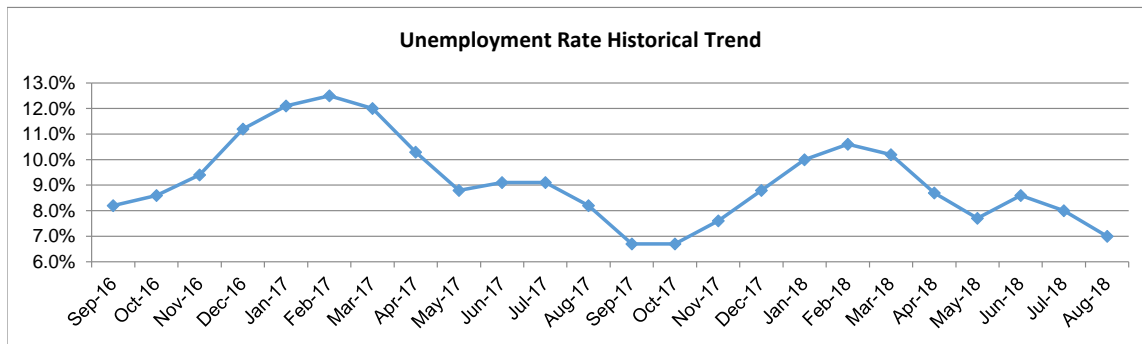


IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
 MERCED METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA (MSA)  
 (Merced County)

The unemployment rate in the Merced County was 7.0 percent in August 2018, down from a revised 8.0 percent in July 2018, and below the year-ago estimate of 8.2 percent. This compares with an unadjusted unemployment rate of 4.3 percent for California and 3.9 percent for the nation during the same period.



Industry	Jul-2018	Aug-2018	Change		Aug-2017	Aug-2018	Change
	Revised	Prelim				Prelim	
Total, All Industries	83,300	86,500	3,200		83,700	86,500	2,800
Total Farm	15,900	16,800	900		16,700	16,800	100
Total Nonfarm	67,400	69,700	2,300		67,000	69,700	2,700
Mining, Logging, and Construction	3,200	3,300	100		2,500	3,300	800
Manufacturing	11,800	11,900	100		11,100	11,900	800
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	13,400	13,400	0		13,400	13,400	0
Information	300	300	0		300	300	0
Financial Activities	1,900	1,900	0		1,900	1,900	0
Professional & Business Services	3,800	3,700	(100)		3,700	3,700	0
Educational & Health Services	10,600	10,600	0		10,200	10,600	400
Leisure & Hospitality	5,900	5,900	0		5,800	5,900	100
Other Services	1,400	1,400	0		1,400	1,400	0
Government	15,100	17,300	2,200		16,700	17,300	600

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

	Aug 17	Jun 18	Jul 18 Revised	Aug 18 Prelim	Percent Change	
					Month	Year
Civilian Labor Force (1)	116,200	117,600	115,700	117,200	1.3%	0.9%
Civilian Employment	106,700	107,500	106,500	109,000	2.3%	2.2%
Civilian Unemployment	9,500	10,100	9,300	8,200	-11.8%	-13.7%
Civilian Unemployment Rate	8.2%	8.6%	8.0%	7.0%		
(CA Unemployment Rate)	4.9%	4.5%	4.4%	4.3%		
(U.S. Unemployment Rate)	4.5%	4.2%	4.1%	3.9%		

Total, All Industries (2)	83,700	85,300	83,300	86,500	3.8%	3.3%
Total Farm	16,700	15,400	15,900	16,800	5.7%	0.6%
Total Nonfarm	67,000	69,900	67,400	69,700	3.4%	4.0%
Total Private	50,300	50,400	52,300	52,400	0.2%	4.2%
Goods Producing	13,600	13,900	15,000	15,200	1.3%	11.8%
Mining, Logging, and Construction	2,500	3,200	3,200	3,300	3.1%	32.0%
Manufacturing	11,100	10,700	11,800	11,900	0.8%	7.2%
Nondurable Goods	9,400	9,100	10,000	10,100	1.0%	7.4%
Service Providing	53,400	56,000	52,400	54,500	4.0%	2.1%
Private Service Providing	36,700	36,500	37,300	37,200	-0.3%	1.4%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	13,400	12,900	13,400	13,400	0.0%	0.0%
Wholesale Trade	1,700	1,500	1,900	1,900	0.0%	11.8%
Retail Trade	8,400	8,200	8,200	8,200	0.0%	-2.4%
Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities	3,300	3,200	3,300	3,300	0.0%	0.0%
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	3,700	3,700	3,800	3,700	-2.6%	0.0%
Educational & Health Services	10,200	10,500	10,600	10,600	0.0%	3.9%
Leisure & Hospitality	5,800	5,800	5,900	5,900	0.0%	1.7%
Other Services	1,400	1,400	1,400	1,400	0.0%	0.0%
Government	16,700	19,500	15,100	17,300	14.6%	3.6%
Federal Government	800	800	800	800	0.0%	0.0%
State & Local Government	15,900	18,700	14,300	16,500	15.4%	3.8%
State Government	3,400	3,100	3,200	3,700	15.6%	8.8%
State Government Education	2,800	2,500	2,600	3,100	19.2%	10.7%
State Government Excluding Education	600	600	600	600	0.0%	0.0%
Local Government	12,500	15,600	11,100	12,800	15.3%	2.4%
Local Government Excluding Education	3,900	4,400	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 559-230-4102 or Frances Gines 951-955-3204

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