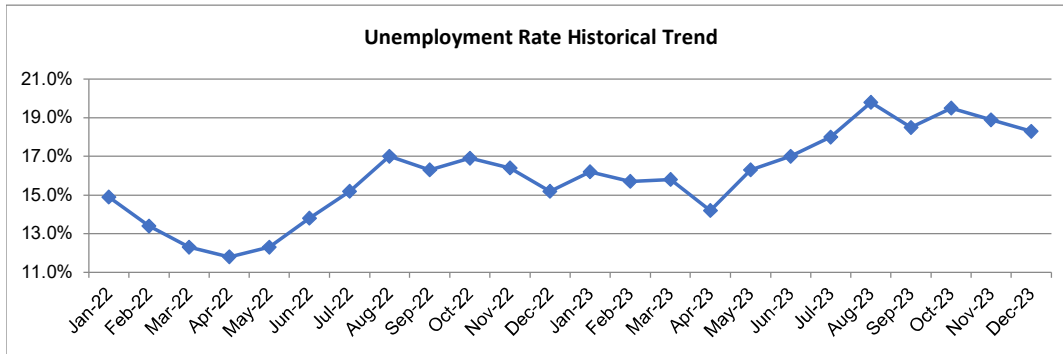


IMMEDIATE RELEASE
 EL CENTRO METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA (MSA)
 (Imperial County)

The unemployment rate in Imperial County was 18.3 percent in December 2023, down from a revised 18.9 percent in November 2023, and above the year-ago estimate of 15.2 percent. This compares with an unadjusted unemployment rate of 5.1 percent for California and 3.5 percent for the nation during the same period.



Industry	Nov-2023	Dec-2023	Change		Dec-2022	Dec-2023	Change
	Revised	Prelim				Prelim	

Total Wage and Salary	69,500	69,900	400		68,400	69,900	1,500
Total Farm	10,400	10,500	100		10,400	10,500	100
Total Nonfarm	59,100	59,400	300		58,000	59,400	1,400
Mining, Logging and Construction	2,000	2,000	0		2,100	2,000	(100)
Manufacturing	2,400	2,500	100		2,400	2,500	100
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	13,000	13,200	200		12,700	13,200	500
Information	200	200	0		200	200	0
Financial Activities	1,100	1,100	0		1,100	1,100	0
Professional and Business Services	3,400	3,400	0		3,400	3,400	0
Private Education and Health Services	11,000	11,100	100		10,600	11,100	500
Leisure and Hospitality	4,300	4,300	0		4,400	4,300	(100)
Other Services	1,100	1,100	0		1,100	1,100	0
Government	20,600	20,500	(100)		20,000	20,500	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

	Dec 22	Oct 23	Nov 23	Dec 23	Percent Change	
			Revised	Prelim	Month	Year
Civilian Labor Force (1)	72,300	74,700	75,000	74,000	-1.3%	2.4%
Civilian Employment	61,300	60,100	60,800	60,400	-0.7%	-1.5%
Civilian Unemployment	11,000	14,500	14,200	13,500	-4.9%	22.7%
Civilian Unemployment Rate	15.2%	19.5%	18.9%	18.3%		
(CA Unemployment Rate)	3.9%	4.8%	4.9%	5.1%		
(U.S. Unemployment Rate)	3.3%	3.6%	3.5%	3.5%		

Total Wage and Salary (2)	68,400	68,100	69,500	69,900	0.6%	2.2%
Total Farm	10,400	9,900	10,400	10,500	1.0%	1.0%
Total Nonfarm	58,000	58,200	59,100	59,400	0.5%	2.4%
Total Private	38,000	38,000	38,500	38,900	1.0%	2.4%
Goods Producing	4,500	4,400	4,400	4,500	2.3%	0.0%
Mining, Logging and Construction	2,100	2,000	2,000	2,000	0.0%	-4.8%
Manufacturing	2,400	2,400	2,400	2,500	4.2%	4.2%
Durable Goods	900	900	900	900	0.0%	0.0%
Non-Durable Goods	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,600	6.7%	6.7%
Service-Providing	53,500	53,800	54,700	54,900	0.4%	2.6%
Private Service Providing	33,500	33,600	34,100	34,400	0.9%	2.7%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	12,700	12,600	13,000	13,200	1.5%	3.9%
Wholesale Trade	1,800	1,800	1,800	1,800	0.0%	0.0%
Retail Trade	8,400	8,400	8,800	9,000	2.3%	7.1%
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	2,500	2,400	2,400	2,400	0.0%	-4.0%
Information	200	200	200	200	0.0%	0.0%
Financial Activities	1,100	1,100	1,100	1,100	0.0%	0.0%
Professional and Business Services	3,400	3,400	3,400	3,400	0.0%	0.0%
Private Education and Health Services	10,600	11,000	11,000	11,100	0.9%	4.7%
Leisure and Hospitality	4,400	4,200	4,300	4,300	0.0%	-2.3%
Other Services	1,100	1,100	1,100	1,100	0.0%	0.0%
Government	20,000	20,200	20,600	20,500	-0.5%	2.5%
Federal Government	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500	0.0%	0.0%
Total State and Local Government	17,500	17,700	18,100	18,000	-0.6%	2.9%
State Government	2,700	2,700	2,700	2,700	0.0%	0.0%
Local Government	14,800	15,000	15,400	15,300	-0.6%	3.4%
Local Government excluding Educational Se	7,400	7,500	7,700	7,600	-1.3%	2.7%
Special Districts plus Tribes	3,000	3,300	3,300	3,400	3.0%	13.3%

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: Juan Millan 916-907-4642 or Melanie Bautista 916-907-4506

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