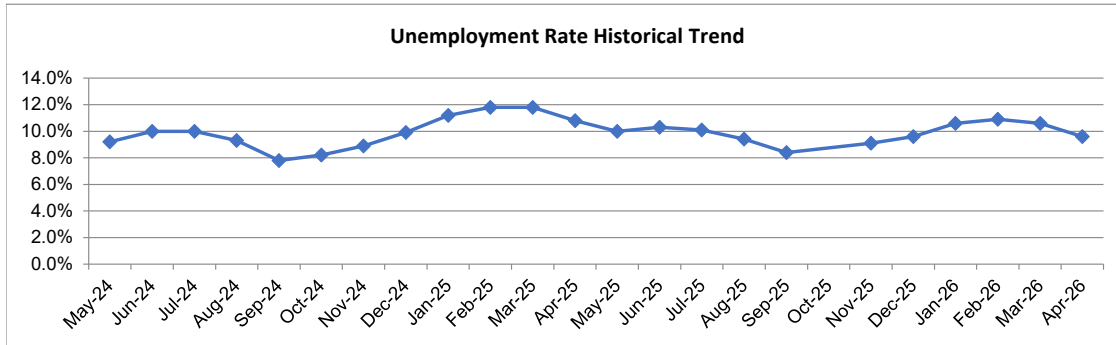


IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
 MERCED METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA (MSA)  
 (Merced County)

The unemployment rate in Merced County was 9.6 percent in April 2026, down from a revised 10.6 percent in March 2026, and below the year-ago estimate of 10.8 percent. This compares with an unadjusted unemployment rate of 5.0 percent for California and 4.0 percent for the nation during the same period.



Industry	Mar-2026	Apr-2026	Change		Apr-2025	Apr-2026	Change
	Revised	Prelim				Prelim	
Total, All Industries	89,300	90,300	1,000		87,400	90,300	2,900
Total Farm	11,500	12,400	900		12,100	12,400	300
Total Nonfarm	77,800	77,900	100		75,300	77,900	2,600
Mining, Logging and Construction	3,400	3,400	0		3,500	3,400	(100)
Manufacturing	8,500	8,600	100		8,200	8,600	400
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	13,600	13,600	0		13,300	13,600	300
Information	300	300	0		300	300	0
Financial Activities	1,700	1,700	0		1,700	1,700	0
Professional and Business Services	3,400	3,400	0		3,400	3,400	0
Private Education and Health Services	15,000	15,000	0		14,400	15,000	600
Leisure and Hospitality	7,100	7,100	0		6,800	7,100	300
Other Services	2,400	2,400	0		2,300	2,400	100
Government	22,400	22,400	0		21,400	22,400	1,000

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

	Apr 25	Feb 26	Mar 26	Apr 26	Percent Change	
			Revised	Prelim	Month	Year
Civilian Labor Force (1)	123,000	125,100	124,600	123,000	-1.3%	0.0%
Civilian Employment	109,800	111,500	111,400	111,200	-0.2%	1.3%
Civilian Unemployment	13,200	13,600	13,200	11,800	-10.6%	-10.6%
Civilian Unemployment Rate	10.8%	10.9%	10.6%	9.6%		
(CA Unemployment Rate)	5.1%	5.5%	5.2%	5.0%		
(U.S. Unemployment Rate)	3.9%	4.7%	4.3%	4.0%		

Total, All Industries (2)	87,400	89,000	89,300	90,300	1.1%	3.3%
Total Farm	12,100	11,700	11,500	12,400	7.8%	2.5%
Total Nonfarm	75,300	77,300	77,800	77,900	0.1%	3.5%
Total Private	53,900	55,200	55,400	55,500	0.2%	3.0%
Goods Producing	11,700	11,800	11,900	12,000	0.8%	2.6%
Mining, Logging and Construction	3,500	3,300	3,400	3,400	0.0%	-2.9%
Manufacturing	8,200	8,500	8,500	8,600	1.2%	4.9%
Non-Durable Goods	6,400	6,800	6,800	6,800	0.0%	6.3%
Service-Providing	63,600	65,500	65,900	65,900	0.0%	3.6%
Private Service Providing	42,200	43,400	43,500	43,500	0.0%	3.1%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	13,300	13,500	13,600	13,600	0.0%	2.3%
Wholesale Trade	1,800	1,900	1,900	1,900	0.0%	5.6%
Retail Trade	8,400	8,400	8,500	8,500	0.0%	1.2%
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	3,100	3,200	3,200	3,200	0.0%	3.2%
Information	300	300	300	300	0.0%	0.0%
Financial Activities	1,700	1,800	1,700	1,700	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	14,400	14,900	15,000	15,000	0.0%	4.2%
Leisure and Hospitality	6,800	7,100	7,100	7,100	0.0%	4.4%
Other Services	2,300	2,400	2,400	2,400	0.0%	4.3%
Government	21,400	22,100	22,400	22,400	0.0%	4.7%
Federal Government	800	800	800	800	0.0%	0.0%
Total State and Local Government	20,600	21,300	21,600	21,600	0.0%	4.9%
State Government	3,700	3,500	3,700	3,800	2.7%	2.7%
State Government Educational Services	2,900	2,800	2,900	3,000	3.4%	3.4%
State Government Excluding Education	800	700	800	800	0.0%	0.0%
Local Government	16,900	17,800	17,900	17,800	-0.6%	5.3%
Local Government excluding Educational Ser	4,300	4,500	4,600	4,600	0.0%	7.0%
Special Districts plus Tribes	700	700	700	700	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: [Contact: LMID RESEARCHERS](#)

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