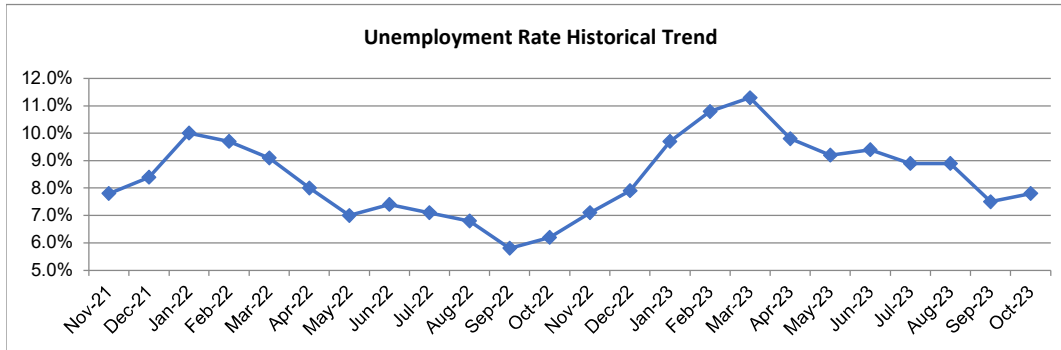


IMMEDIATE RELEASE
 MERCED METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA (MSA)
 (Merced County)

The unemployment rate in the Merced County was 7.8 percent in October 2023, up from a revised 7.5 percent in September 2023, and above the year-ago estimate of 6.2 percent. This compares with an unadjusted unemployment rate of 4.8 percent for California and 3.6 percent for the nation during the same period.



Industry	Sep-2023	Oct-2023	Change		Oct-2022	Oct-2023	Change
	Revised	Prelim				Prelim	

Total, All Industries	87,600	88,400	800		90,000	88,400	(1,600)
Total Farm	17,200	17,500	300		17,400	17,500	100
Total Nonfarm	70,400	70,900	500		72,600	70,900	(1,700)
Mining, Logging and Construction	3,300	3,300	0		3,300	3,300	0
Manufacturing	10,700	10,800	100		10,800	10,800	0
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	13,300	13,300	0		14,200	13,300	(900)
Information	200	200	0		200	200	0
Financial Activities	1,900	1,900	0		1,900	1,900	0
Professional and Business Services	3,900	4,000	100		3,900	4,000	100
Private Education and Health Services	11,700	11,900	200		11,200	11,900	700
Leisure and Hospitality	7,400	7,400	0		7,100	7,400	300
Other Services	1,800	1,800	0		1,700	1,800	100
Government	16,200	16,300	100		18,300	16,300	(2,000)

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

Data Not Seasonally Adjusted

	Oct 22	Aug 23	Sep 23	Oct 23	Percent Change	
			Revised	Prelim	Month	Year
Civilian Labor Force (1)	117,200	112,400	114,700	114,800	0.1%	-2.0%
Civilian Employment	109,900	102,400	106,100	105,800	-0.3%	-3.7%
Civilian Unemployment	7,300	10,000	8,600	9,000	4.7%	23.3%
Civilian Unemployment Rate	6.2%	8.9%	7.5%	7.8%		
(CA Unemployment Rate)	3.9%	5.1%	4.9%	4.8%		
(U.S. Unemployment Rate)	3.4%	3.9%	3.6%	3.6%		

Total, All Industries (2)	90,000	84,600	87,600	88,400	0.9%	-1.8%
Total Farm	17,400	15,100	17,200	17,500	1.7%	0.6%
Total Nonfarm	72,600	69,500	70,400	70,900	0.7%	-2.3%
Total Private	54,300	54,300	54,200	54,600	0.7%	0.6%
Goods Producing	14,100	14,100	14,000	14,100	0.7%	0.0%
Mining, Logging and Construction	3,300	3,300	3,300	3,300	0.0%	0.0%
Manufacturing	10,800	10,800	10,700	10,800	0.9%	0.0%
Non-Durable Goods	8,900	9,200	9,200	9,100	-1.1%	2.2%
Service-Providing	58,500	55,400	56,400	56,800	0.7%	-2.9%
Private Service Providing	40,200	40,200	40,200	40,500	0.7%	0.7%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	14,200	13,200	13,300	13,300	0.0%	-6.3%
Wholesale Trade	2,000	1,600	1,600	1,600	0.0%	-20.0%
Retail Trade	8,700	8,300	8,300	8,300	0.0%	-4.6%
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	3,500	3,300	3,400	3,400	0.0%	-2.9%
Information	200	200	200	200	0.0%	0.0%
Financial Activities	1,900	1,900	1,900	1,900	0.0%	0.0%
Professional and Business Services	3,900	4,000	3,900	4,000	2.6%	2.6%
Private Education and Health Services	11,200	11,600	11,700	11,900	1.7%	6.3%
Leisure and Hospitality	7,100	7,500	7,400	7,400	0.0%	4.2%
Other Services	1,700	1,800	1,800	1,800	0.0%	5.9%
Government	18,300	15,200	16,200	16,300	0.6%	-10.9%
Federal Government	700	700	700	700	0.0%	0.0%
Total State and Local Government	17,600	14,500	15,500	15,600	0.6%	-11.4%
State Government	2,900	2,900	3,100	3,100	0.0%	6.9%
State Government Educational Services	2,200	2,200	2,400	2,400	0.0%	9.1%
State Government Excluding Education	700	700	700	700	0.0%	0.0%
Local Government	14,700	11,600	12,400	12,500	0.8%	-15.0%
Local Government excluding Educational Se	4,000	4,100	4,100	4,000	-2.4%	0.0%
Special Districts plus Tribes	600	700	600	500	-16.7%	-16.7%

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 916-907-4593 or N/A 951-955-3204

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