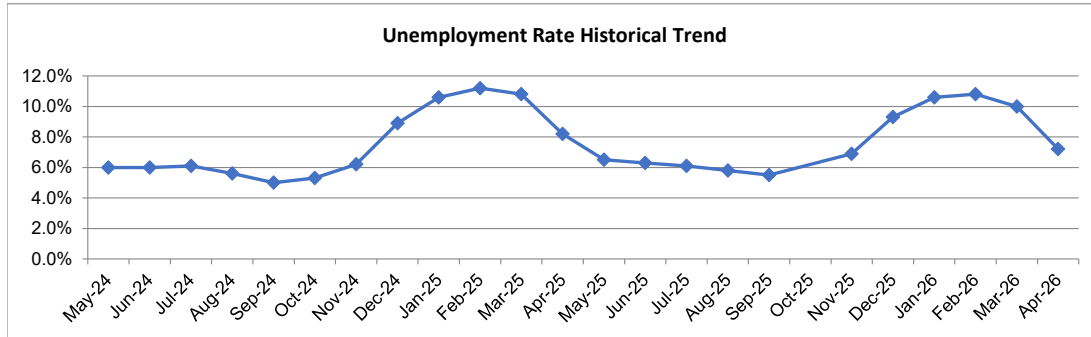


IMMEDIATE RELEASE
 SALINAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA (MSA)
 (Monterey County)

The unemployment rate in Monterey County was 7.2 percent in April 2026, down from a revised 10.0 percent in March 2026, and below the year-ago estimate of 8.2 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	187,700	206,400	18,700		203,500	206,400	2,900
Total Farm	37,900	55,900	18,000		54,400	55,900	1,500
Total Nonfarm	149,800	150,500	700		149,100	150,500	1,400
Mining, Logging, and Construction	7,900	7,900	0		8,100	7,900	(200)
Mining and Logging	200	200	0		200	200	0
Construction	7,700	7,700	0		7,900	7,700	(200)
Manufacturing	4,600	4,600	0		4,300	4,600	300
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	24,900	24,900	0		25,300	24,900	(400)
Information	800	800	0		900	800	(100)
Financial Activities	4,200	4,200	0		4,200	4,200	0
Professional and Business Services	13,200	13,200	0		13,200	13,200	0
Private Education and Health Services	25,700	25,900	200		25,000	25,900	900
Leisure and Hospitality	26,200	26,600	400		25,300	26,600	1,300
Other Services	5,800	5,800	0		5,600	5,800	200
Government	36,500	36,600	100		37,200	36,600	(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 online at www.labormarketinfo.edd.ca.gov

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Salinas MSA
(Monterey County)
 Industry Employment & Labor Force
 March 2025 Benchmark

Data Not Seasonally Adjusted

	Apr 25	Feb 26	Mar 26 Revised	Apr 26 Prelim	Percent Change	
					Month	Year
Civilian Labor Force (1)	225,600	214,900	215,000	222,900	3.7%	-1.2%
Civilian Employment	207,100	191,800	193,400	206,900	7.0%	-0.1%
Civilian Unemployment	18,500	23,100	21,600	16,000	-25.9%	-13.5%
Civilian Unemployment Rate	8.2%	10.8%	10.0%	7.2%		
(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)	203,500	184,500	187,700	206,400	10.0%	1.4%
Total Farm	54,400	35,200	37,900	55,900	47.5%	2.8%
Total Nonfarm	149,100	149,300	149,800	150,500	0.5%	0.9%
Total Private	111,900	113,300	113,300	113,900	0.5%	1.8%
Goods Producing	12,400	12,400	12,500	12,500	0.0%	0.8%
Mining, Logging, and Construction	8,100	7,800	7,900	7,900	0.0%	-2.5%
Mining and Logging	200	200	200	200	0.0%	0.0%
Construction	7,900	7,600	7,700	7,700	0.0%	-2.5%
Manufacturing	4,300	4,600	4,600	4,600	0.0%	7.0%
Service-Providing	136,700	136,900	137,300	138,000	0.5%	1.0%
Private Service Providing	99,500	100,900	100,800	101,400	0.6%	1.9%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	25,300	24,900	24,900	24,900	0.0%	-1.6%
Wholesale Trade	5,600	5,500	5,500	5,500	0.0%	-1.8%
Retail Trade	16,100	16,200	16,200	16,200	0.0%	0.6%
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	3,600	3,200	3,200	3,200	0.0%	-11.1%
Information	900	800	800	800	0.0%	-11.1%
Financial Activities	4,200	4,300	4,200	4,200	0.0%	0.0%
Professional and Business Services	13,200	13,300	13,200	13,200	0.0%	0.0%
Private Education and Health Services	25,000	25,600	25,700	25,900	0.8%	3.6%
Health Care and Social Assistance	22,800	23,400	23,500	23,600	0.4%	3.5%
Leisure and Hospitality	25,300	26,300	26,200	26,600	1.5%	5.1%
Accommodation and Food Services	22,200	23,000	22,800	23,000	0.9%	3.6%
Accommodation	7,700	8,000	7,800	7,800	0.0%	1.3%
Food Services and Drinking Places	14,500	15,000	15,000	15,200	1.3%	4.8%
Other Services	5,600	5,700	5,800	5,800	0.0%	3.6%
Government	37,200	36,000	36,500	36,600	0.3%	-1.6%
Federal Government	5,300	4,700	4,700	4,700	0.0%	-11.3%
Department of Defense	3,700	3,000	3,000	3,000	0.0%	-18.9%
Total State and Local Government	31,900	31,300	31,800	31,900	0.3%	0.0%
State Government	5,600	5,100	5,100	5,100	0.0%	-8.9%
State Government Educational Services	1,500	1,200	1,200	1,200	0.0%	-20.0%
State Government Excluding Education	4,100	3,900	3,900	3,900	0.0%	-4.9%
Local Government	26,300	26,200	26,700	26,800	0.4%	1.9%
Local Government Educational Services	14,500	14,400	14,800	14,800	0.0%	2.1%
Local Government Excluding Education	11,800	11,800	11,900	12,000	0.8%	1.7%
County Government	5,600	5,500	5,500	5,600	1.8%	0.0%
City Government	2,400	2,400	2,500	2,500	0.0%	4.2%
Special Districts plus Tribes	3,800	3,900	3,900	3,900	0.0%	2.6%

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.

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