

**FRESNO METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA (MSA)
(FRESNO COUNTY)**
Trade, transportation, and utilities led year-over job growth

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Between February 2012 and March 2012, total wage and salary employment increased by 1,400 jobs (up 0.4 percent) to total 319,700. Nonfarm employment rose by 3,400 jobs (up 1.2 percent), while farm employment declined by 2,000 jobs (down 5.4 percent).

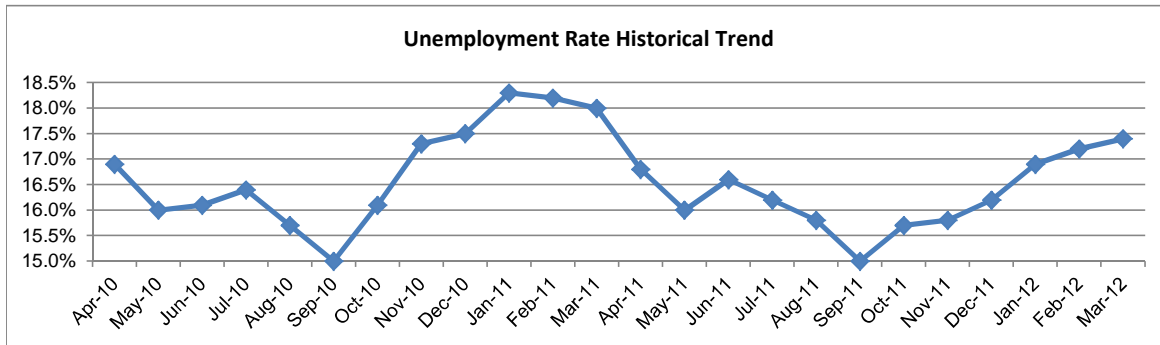
- Government posted the largest month-over gain with the addition of 800 jobs to reach 67,200. Job gains in federal government (up 900 jobs) and state government (up 100 jobs) were offset by a loss of 200 jobs in local government.
- Manufacturing recorded a net gain of 700 jobs. Nondurable goods increased by 400 jobs and durable goods grew by 300 jobs.
- Trade, transportation, and utilities added 600 jobs over the month. Retail trade accounted for 83 percent of the overall gain.
- Major industries that edged up by 500 jobs each included: leisure and hospitality and construction.

Between March 2011 and March 2012, total wage and salary employment rose by 2,800 jobs (up 0.9 percent). Nonfarm employment expanded by 3,700 jobs (up 1.3 percent), while farm employment contracted by 900 jobs (down 2.5 percent).

- Trade, transportation, and utilities reported the largest year-over increase with the addition of 2,300 jobs, with gains scattered throughout the industry.
- Manufacturing advanced payrolls by 2,000 jobs with nondurable goods gaining 1,700 jobs and durable goods growing by 300 jobs.
- Other industries posting gains over the year included: professional and business services (up 600 jobs); leisure and hospitality (up 300 jobs); and construction (up 300 jobs).
- Government posted the largest year-over decline with a cutback of 1,800 jobs. Job losses in local government (down 1,700 jobs) and state government (down 200 jobs) were offset by a gain of 100 jobs in federal government.

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Industry	Feb-2012	Mar-2012	Change		Mar-2011	Mar-2012	Change
	Revised	Prelim				Prelim	
Total, All Industries	318,300	319,700	1,400		316,900	319,700	2,800
Total Farm	36,800	34,800	(2,000)		35,700	34,800	(900)
Total Nonfarm	281,500	284,900	3,400		281,200	284,900	3,700
Mining and Logging	200	200	0		200	200	0
Construction	11,200	11,700	500		11,400	11,700	300
Manufacturing	23,800	24,500	700		22,500	24,500	2,000
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	56,900	57,500	600		55,200	57,500	2,300
Information	3,200	3,200	0		3,200	3,200	0
Financial Activities	13,100	13,100	0		13,200	13,100	(100)
Professional & Business Services	27,700	27,900	200		27,300	27,900	600
Educational & Health Services	42,100	42,100	0		42,000	42,100	100
Leisure & Hospitality	27,100	27,600	500		27,300	27,600	300
Other Services	9,800	9,900	100		9,900	9,900	0
Government	66,400	67,200	800		69,000	67,200	(1,800)

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

	Mar 11	Jan 12	Feb 12 Revised	Mar 12 Prelim	Percent Change	
					Month	Year
Civilian Labor Force (1)	439,900	441,600	442,100	444,300	0.5%	1.0%
Civilian Employment	360,700	367,100	366,100	366,800	0.2%	1.7%
Civilian Unemployment	79,200	74,500	76,000	77,500	2.0%	-2.1%
Civilian Unemployment Rate (CA Unemployment Rate)	18.0%	16.9%	17.2%	17.4%		
(U.S. Unemployment Rate)	12.1%	11.3%	11.4%	11.5%		
	9.2%	8.8%	8.7%	8.4%		

Total, All Industries (2)	316,900	318,900	318,300	319,700	0.4%	0.9%
Total Farm	35,700	40,000	36,800	34,800	-5.4%	-2.5%
Total Nonfarm	281,200	278,900	281,500	284,900	1.2%	1.3%
Total Private	212,200	215,000	215,100	217,700	1.2%	2.6%
Goods Producing	34,100	35,900	35,200	36,400	3.4%	6.7%
Mining and Logging	200	200	200	200	0.0%	0.0%
Construction	11,400	11,400	11,200	11,700	4.5%	2.6%
Specialty Trade Contractors	7,600	7,500	7,400	7,800	5.4%	2.6%
Manufacturing	22,500	24,300	23,800	24,500	2.9%	8.9%
Durable Goods	7,700	7,900	7,700	8,000	3.9%	3.9%
Nondurable Goods	14,800	16,400	16,100	16,500	2.5%	11.5%
Food Manufacturing	11,000	11,900	11,600	11,900	2.6%	8.2%
Service Providing	247,100	243,000	246,300	248,500	0.9%	0.6%
Private Service Producing	178,100	179,100	179,900	181,300	0.8%	1.8%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	55,200	57,300	56,900	57,500	1.1%	4.2%
Wholesale Trade	12,200	12,200	12,200	12,300	0.8%	0.8%
Retail Trade	32,200	34,000	33,700	34,200	1.5%	6.2%
Food & Beverage Stores	6,500	6,600	6,700	6,700	0.0%	3.1%
General Merchandise Stores	7,000	7,700	7,300	7,300	0.0%	4.3%
Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities	10,800	11,100	11,000	11,000	0.0%	1.9%
Transportation & Warehousing	8,800	9,100	9,000	9,000	0.0%	2.3%
Information	3,200	3,200	3,200	3,200	0.0%	0.0%
Financial Activities	13,200	13,100	13,100	13,100	0.0%	-0.8%
Finance & Insurance	9,100	9,100	9,100	9,100	0.0%	0.0%
Insurance Carriers & Related	4,200	4,200	4,200	4,200	0.0%	0.0%
Professional & Business Services	27,300	27,200	27,700	27,900	0.7%	2.2%
Administrative & Support & Waste Services	14,700	14,300	14,400	14,500	0.7%	-1.4%
Administrative & Support Services	13,700	13,400	13,600	13,600	0.0%	-0.7%
Employment Services	4,300	4,200	4,300	4,300	0.0%	0.0%
Educational & Health Services	42,000	41,700	42,100	42,100	0.0%	0.2%
Health Care & Social Assistance	36,400	36,700	36,900	37,100	0.5%	1.9%
Ambulatory Health Care Services	14,400	14,700	14,800	14,900	0.7%	3.5%
Hospitals	10,300	10,400	10,400	10,400	0.0%	1.0%
Leisure & Hospitality	27,300	26,900	27,100	27,600	1.8%	1.1%
Accommodation & Food Services	24,600	24,300	24,500	24,800	1.2%	0.8%
Food Services & Drinking Places	22,000	21,500	21,700	22,000	1.4%	0.0%
Other Services	9,900	9,700	9,800	9,900	1.0%	0.0%
Government	69,000	63,900	66,400	67,200	1.2%	-2.6%
Federal Government	11,900	9,700	11,100	12,000	8.1%	0.8%
State & Local Government	57,100	54,200	55,300	55,200	-0.2%	-3.3%
State Government	10,900	10,600	10,600	10,700	0.9%	-1.8%
State Government Education	3,400	3,100	3,100	3,200	3.2%	-5.9%
Local Government	46,200	43,600	44,700	44,500	-0.4%	-3.7%
Local Government Education	30,400	29,200	30,200	29,900	-1.0%	-1.6%
County	7,200	6,400	6,400	6,500	1.6%	-9.7%
City	5,100	4,600	4,700	4,700	0.0%	-7.8%
Special Districts plus Indian Tribes	3,500	3,400	3,400	3,400	0.0%	-2.9%

Notes:

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Fresno MSA
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Industry Employment & Labor Force
March 2011 Benchmark

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(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 559/445-6580 or Pedro Vargas 209/726-5424

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