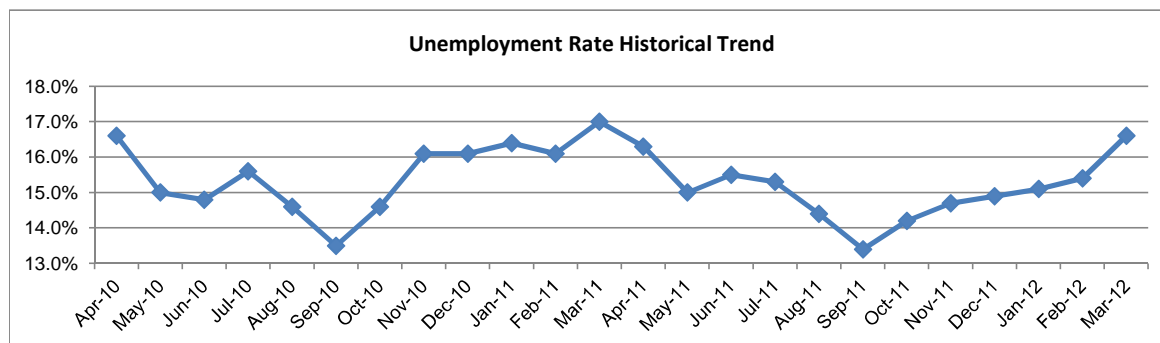


IMMEDIATE RELEASE
 MADERA-CHOWCHILLA METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA (MSA)
(Madera County)

The unemployment rate in the Madera County was 16.6 percent in March 2012, up from a revised 15.4 percent in February 2012, but below the year-ago estimate of 17.0 percent. This compares with an unadjusted unemployment rate of 11.5 percent for California and 8.4 percent for the nation during the same period.



Industry	Feb-2012	Mar-2012	Change		Mar-2011	Mar-2012	Change
	Revised	Prelim				Prelim	
Total, All Industries	41,900	39,700	(2,200)		39,900	39,700	(200)
Total Farm	10,200	8,000	(2,200)		8,100	8,000	(100)
Total Nonfarm	31,700	31,700	0		31,800	31,700	(100)
Mining, Logging, and Construction	1,000	1,100	100		1,000	1,100	100
Manufacturing	3,000	2,900	(100)		2,900	2,900	0
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	4,400	4,400	0		4,500	4,400	(100)
Information	400	400	0		400	400	0
Financial Activities	700	700	0		700	700	0
Professional & Business Services	2,600	2,600	0		2,600	2,600	0
Educational & Health Services	5,800	5,800	0		6,100	5,800	(300)
Leisure & Hospitality	2,500	2,500	0		2,300	2,500	200
Other Services	800	800	0		800	800	0
Government	10,500	10,500	0		10,500	10,500	0

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)	65,700	67,200	67,600	65,800	-2.7%	0.2%
Civilian Employment	54,600	57,100	57,200	54,900	-4.0%	0.5%
Civilian Unemployment	11,200	10,100	10,400	10,900	4.8%	-2.7%
Civilian Unemployment Rate	17.0%	15.1%	15.4%	16.6%		
(CA Unemployment Rate)	12.1%	11.3%	11.4%	11.5%		
(U.S. Unemployment Rate)	9.2%	8.8%	8.7%	8.4%		

Total, All Industries (2)	39,900	41,700	41,900	39,700	-5.3%	-0.5%
Total Farm	8,100	10,200	10,200	8,000	-21.6%	-1.2%
Total Nonfarm	31,800	31,500	31,700	31,700	0.0%	-0.3%
Total Private	21,300	21,200	21,200	21,200	0.0%	-0.5%
Goods Producing	3,900	3,900	4,000	4,000	0.0%	2.6%
Mining, Logging, and Construction	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,100	10.0%	10.0%
Manufacturing	2,900	2,900	3,000	2,900	-3.3%	0.0%
Service Providing	27,900	27,600	27,700	27,700	0.0%	-0.7%
Private Service Producing	17,400	17,300	17,200	17,200	0.0%	-1.1%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	4,500	4,500	4,400	4,400	0.0%	-2.2%
Wholesale Trade	600	700	600	600	0.0%	0.0%
Retail Trade	3,200	3,200	3,200	3,200	0.0%	0.0%
Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities	700	600	600	600	0.0%	-14.3%
Information	400	400	400	400	0.0%	0.0%
Financial Activities	700	700	700	700	0.0%	0.0%
Professional & Business Services	2,600	2,600	2,600	2,600	0.0%	0.0%
Educational & Health Services	6,100	5,800	5,800	5,800	0.0%	-4.9%
Health Care & Social Assistance	5,600	5,600	5,600	5,500	-1.8%	-1.8%
Health Care	5,100	5,100	5,000	5,000	0.0%	-2.0%
Leisure & Hospitality	2,300	2,500	2,500	2,500	0.0%	8.7%
Other Services	800	800	800	800	0.0%	0.0%
Government	10,500	10,300	10,500	10,500	0.0%	0.0%
Federal Government	300	300	300	300	0.0%	0.0%
State & Local Government	10,200	10,000	10,200	10,200	0.0%	0.0%
State Government	2,400	2,400	2,300	2,300	0.0%	-4.2%
Local Government	7,800	7,600	7,900	7,900	0.0%	1.3%
Local Government Education	4,500	4,200	4,400	4,400	0.0%	-2.2%
County	1,400	1,400	1,400	1,400	0.0%	0.0%
City	400	400	500	500	0.0%	25.0%
Special Districts plus Indian Tribes	1,600	1,600	1,600	1,600	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: Steven Gutierrez 559/445-6580 or Pedro Vargas 209/726-5424

These data, as well as other labor market data, are available via the Internet at <http://www.labormarketinfo.edd.ca.gov>. If you need assistance, please call (916) 262-2162.

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