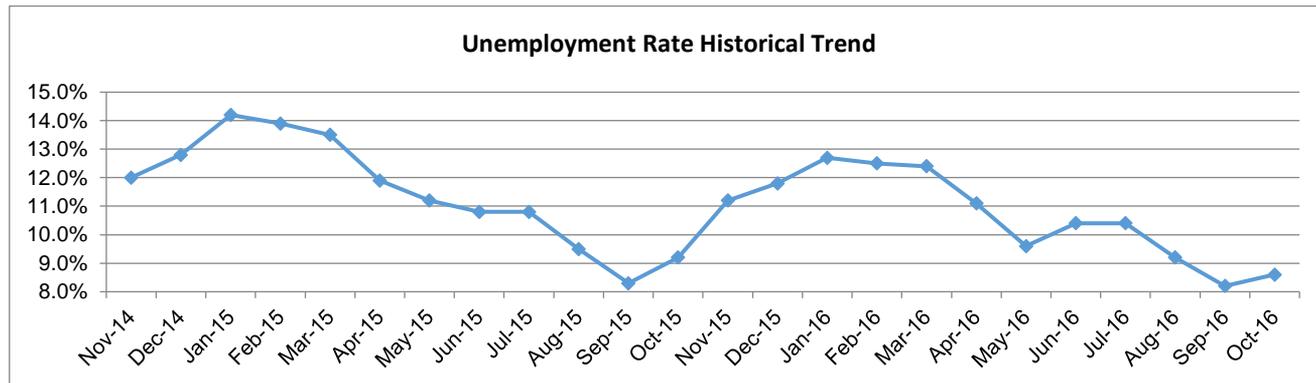


IMMEDIATE RELEASE
 MERCED METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA (MSA)
 (Merced County)

The unemployment rate in the Merced County was 8.6 percent in October 2016, up from a revised 8.2 percent in September 2016, and below the year-ago estimate of 9.2 percent. This compares with an unadjusted unemployment rate of 5.3 percent for California and 4.7 percent for the nation during the same period.



Industry	Sep-2016	Oct-2016	Change		Oct-2015	Oct-2016	Change
	Revised	Prelim				Prelim	
Total, All Industries	84,800	83,800	(1,000)		82,200	83,800	1,600
Total Farm	17,600	16,900	(700)		16,400	16,900	500
Total Nonfarm	67,200	66,900	(300)		65,800	66,900	1,100
Mining, Logging, and Construction	2,000	2,000	0		1,900	2,000	100
Manufacturing	11,500	10,900	(600)		11,100	10,900	(200)
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	12,400	12,100	(300)		12,300	12,100	(200)
Information	300	300	0		300	300	0
Financial Activities	1,600	1,600	0		1,500	1,600	100
Professional & Business Services	3,500	3,500	0		3,700	3,500	(200)
Educational & Health Services	9,600	9,800	200		9,500	9,800	300
Leisure & Hospitality	5,700	5,800	100		5,500	5,800	300
Other Services	1,400	1,400	0		1,400	1,400	0
Government	19,200	19,500	300		18,600	19,500	900

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 15	Aug 16	Sep 16	Oct 16	Percent Change	
			Revised	Prelim	Month	Year
Civilian Labor Force (1)	116,300	116,300	118,900	118,500	-0.3%	1.9%
Civilian Employment	105,600	105,600	109,200	108,300	-0.8%	2.6%
Civilian Unemployment	10,600	10,700	9,700	10,200	5.2%	-3.8%
Civilian Unemployment Rate	9.2%	9.2%	8.2%	8.6%		
(CA Unemployment Rate)	5.8%	5.6%	5.3%	5.3%		
(U.S. Unemployment Rate)	4.8%	5.0%	4.8%	4.7%		

Total, All Industries (2)	82,200	81,400	84,800	83,800	-1.2%	1.9%
Total Farm	16,400	16,500	17,600	16,900	-4.0%	3.0%
Total Nonfarm	65,800	64,900	67,200	66,900	-0.4%	1.7%
Total Private	47,200	48,000	48,000	47,400	-1.3%	0.4%
Goods Producing	13,000	13,400	13,500	12,900	-4.4%	-0.8%
Mining, Logging, and Construction	1,900	2,000	2,000	2,000	0.0%	5.3%
Manufacturing	11,100	11,400	11,500	10,900	-5.2%	-1.8%
Nondurable Goods	9,800	10,000	10,000	9,500	-5.0%	-3.1%
Service Providing	52,800	51,500	53,700	54,000	0.6%	2.3%
Private Service Providing	34,200	34,600	34,500	34,500	0.0%	0.9%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	12,300	12,300	12,400	12,100	-2.4%	-1.6%
Wholesale Trade	1,700	1,600	1,700	1,500	-11.8%	-11.8%
Retail Trade	8,100	8,500	8,400	8,400	0.0%	3.7%
Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities	2,500	2,200	2,300	2,200	-4.3%	-12.0%
Information	300	300	300	300	0.0%	0.0%
Financial Activities	1,500	1,600	1,600	1,600	0.0%	6.7%
Professional & Business Services	3,700	3,500	3,500	3,500	0.0%	-5.4%
Educational & Health Services	9,500	9,700	9,600	9,800	2.1%	3.2%
Leisure & Hospitality	5,500	5,800	5,700	5,800	1.8%	5.5%
Other Services	1,400	1,400	1,400	1,400	0.0%	0.0%
Government	18,600	16,900	19,200	19,500	1.6%	4.8%
Federal Government	800	800	800	800	0.0%	0.0%
State & Local Government	17,800	16,100	18,400	18,700	1.6%	5.1%
State Government	3,600	3,600	4,000	4,100	2.5%	13.9%
State Government Education	3,000	3,000	3,400	3,500	2.9%	16.7%
State Government Excluding Education	600	600	600	600	0.0%	0.0%
Local Government	14,200	12,500	14,400	14,600	1.4%	2.8%
Local Government Excluding Education	3,700	3,900	4,100	3,900	-4.9%	5.4%
Special Districts plus Indian Tribes	600	600	600	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 Rosendo Flores 559/445-5708

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