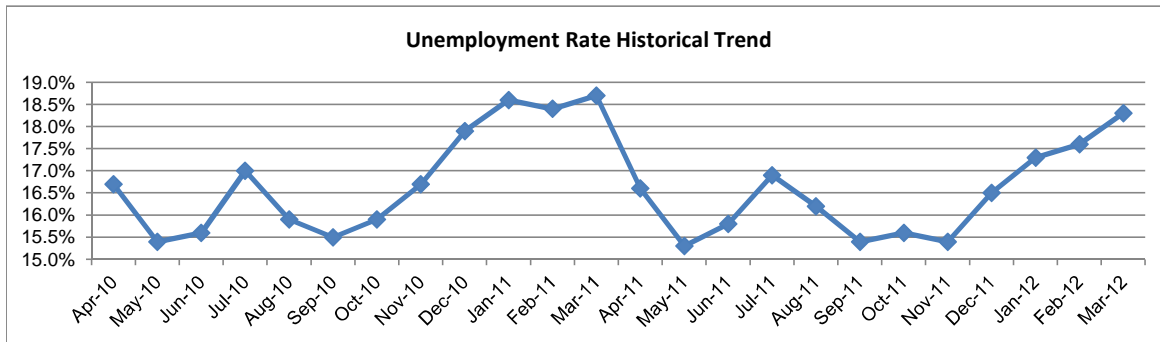


IMMEDIATE RELEASE
 VISALIA-PORTERVILLE METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA (MSA)
(Tulare County)

The unemployment rate in the Tulare County was 18.3 percent in March 2012, up from a revised 17.6 percent in February 2012, but below the year-ago estimate of 18.7 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	138,100	135,400	(2,700)		133,300	135,400	2,100
Total Farm	34,700	31,100	(3,600)		27,600	31,100	3,500
Total Nonfarm	103,400	104,300	900		105,700	104,300	(1,400)
Mining, Logging, and Construction	3,700	3,700	0		3,600	3,700	100
Manufacturing	10,900	10,900	0		11,000	10,900	(100)
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	22,700	22,900	200		23,100	22,900	(200)
Information	900	900	0		1,000	900	(100)
Financial Activities	3,600	3,700	100		3,800	3,700	(100)
Professional & Business Services	9,200	9,300	100		9,300	9,300	0
Educational & Health Services	10,700	10,800	100		10,900	10,800	(100)
Leisure & Hospitality	8,200	8,400	200		8,800	8,400	(400)
Other Services	2,800	2,900	100		3,000	2,900	(100)
Government	30,700	30,800	100		31,200	30,800	(400)

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)	203,600	210,000	208,800	206,600	-1.1%	1.5%
Civilian Employment	165,500	173,700	172,100	168,900	-1.9%	2.1%
Civilian Unemployment	38,100	36,300	36,700	37,700	2.7%	-1.0%
Civilian Unemployment Rate	18.7%	17.3%	17.6%	18.3%		
(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)	133,300	139,400	138,100	135,400	-2.0%	1.6%
Total Farm	27,600	36,800	34,700	31,100	-10.4%	12.7%
Total Nonfarm	105,700	102,600	103,400	104,300	0.9%	-1.3%
Total Private	74,500	72,600	72,700	73,500	1.1%	-1.3%
Goods Producing	14,600	14,400	14,600	14,600	0.0%	0.0%
Mining, Logging, and Construction	3,600	3,600	3,700	3,700	0.0%	2.8%
Manufacturing	11,000	10,800	10,900	10,900	0.0%	-0.9%
Nondurable Goods	8,100	8,400	8,400	8,400	0.0%	3.7%
Food Man & Beverage & Tobacco	6,200	6,300	6,400	6,400	0.0%	3.2%
Service Providing	91,100	88,200	88,800	89,700	1.0%	-1.5%
Private Service Producing	59,900	58,200	58,100	58,900	1.4%	-1.7%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	23,100	22,900	22,700	22,900	0.9%	-0.9%
Wholesale Trade	3,600	3,400	3,400	3,500	2.9%	-2.8%
Retail Trade	14,500	14,600	14,400	14,500	0.7%	0.0%
General Merchandise Stores	3,600	3,800	3,600	3,600	0.0%	0.0%
Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities	5,000	4,900	4,900	4,900	0.0%	-2.0%
Information	1,000	900	900	900	0.0%	-10.0%
Financial Activities	3,800	3,700	3,600	3,700	2.8%	-2.6%
Finance & Insurance	2,700	2,600	2,600	2,600	0.0%	-3.7%
Professional & Business Services	9,300	9,100	9,200	9,300	1.1%	0.0%
Educational & Health Services	10,900	10,600	10,700	10,800	0.9%	-0.9%
Leisure & Hospitality	8,800	8,200	8,200	8,400	2.4%	-4.5%
Accommodation & Food Services	8,100	7,600	7,600	7,800	2.6%	-3.7%
Food Services & Drinking Places	7,500	7,100	7,100	7,200	1.4%	-4.0%
Other Services	3,000	2,800	2,800	2,900	3.6%	-3.3%
Government	31,200	30,000	30,700	30,800	0.3%	-1.3%
Federal Government	1,300	1,000	1,000	1,100	10.0%	-15.4%
State & Local Government	29,900	29,000	29,700	29,700	0.0%	-0.7%
State Government	2,000	1,800	1,800	1,800	0.0%	-10.0%
Local Government	27,900	27,200	27,900	27,900	0.0%	0.0%
Special Districts plus Indian Tribes	6,500	6,600	6,500	6,500	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: Sheila Urdesich 559/445-5708 or Nati Martinez 209/941-6551

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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Visalia Porterville MSA
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Industry Employment & Labor Force
March 2011 Benchmark

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