



The Quick Look

A Merced County Labor Market Review - March 2010

Welcome to the Merced County labor market review. The Quick Look has been developed by the Department of Workforce Investment staff for the Merced County Local Workforce Investment Board. The data and information is provided by the California Employment Development Department. Questions can be referred to the Department of Workforce Investment, 1880 West Wardrobe Avenue, Merced, CA 95341. Telephone (209) 724-2055. Email: pitd131@co.merced.ca.us or to EDD's Labor Market Information Division at (916) 262-2162.

Merced County Data not adjusted for Seasonality	Labor Force and Industrial Employment					
	March 2006 Benchmark				Percent Change	
	Mar 09	Jan 10	Feb 10	Mar 10	Month	Year
Civilian Labor Force (1)	104,600	106,700	107,500	108,800	1.2%	4.0%
Civilian Employment	84,700	83,500	83,700	84,800	1.3%	0.1%
Civilian Unemployment	19,900	23,100	23,800	24,100	1.3%	21.1%
Civilian Unemployment Rate	19.0%	21.7%	22.1%	22.1%	0	0
(CA Unemployment Rate)	11.0%	13.2%	12.8%	13.0%	0	0
(U.S. Unemployment Rate)	9.0%	10.6%	10.4%	10.2%	0	0
Total, All Industries (2)	63,200	62,000	62,000	62,700	1.1%	-0.8%
Total Farm	8,400	8,800	8,900	9,100	2.2%	8.3%
Total Nonfarm	54,800	53,200	53,100	53,600	0.9%	-2.2%
Total Private	38,700	38,000	37,600	37,900	0.8%	-2.1%
Goods Producing	9,700	8,900	8,500	8,600	1.2%	-11.3%
Mining, Logging, and Construction	1,600	1,500	1,300	1,300	0.0%	-18.8%
Manufacturing	8,100	7,400	7,200	7,300	1.4%	-9.9%
Durable Goods	1,200	1,100	1,000	1,000	0.0%	-16.7%
Nondurable Goods	6,800	6,300	6,200	6,300	1.6%	-7.4%
Service Providing	45,100	44,300	44,600	45,000	0.9%	-0.2%
Private Service Producing	29,000	29,100	29,100	29,300	0.7%	1.0%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	11,400	11,600	11,500	11,700	1.7%	2.6%
Wholesale Trade	1,700	2,500	2,500	2,500	0.0%	47.1%
Retail Trade	7,500	7,000	6,900	7,100	2.9%	-5.3%
Food & Beverage Stores	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,400	-6.7%	-6.7%
General Merchandise Stores	1,900	1,900	1,800	1,900	5.6%	0.0%
Retail Trade - Residual	4,100	3,600	3,600	3,800	5.6%	-7.3%
Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities	2,200	2,100	2,100	2,100	0.0%	-4.5%
Information	1,200	1,200	1,200	1,200	0.0%	0.0%
Financial Activities	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	0.0%	0.0%
Finance & Insurance	900	900	900	900	0.0%	0.0%
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	600	600	600	600	0.0%	0.0%
Professional & Business Services	3,300	3,400	3,400	3,400	0.0%	3.0%
Educational & Health Services	5,500	5,600	5,700	5,700	0.0%	3.6%
Leisure & Hospitality	4,700	4,400	4,400	4,400	0.0%	-6.4%
Other Services	1,400	1,400	1,400	1,400	0.0%	0.0%
Government	16,100	15,200	15,500	15,700	1.3%	-2.5%
Federal Government	800	800	800	800	0.0%	0.0%
State & Local Government	15,300	14,400	14,700	14,900	1.4%	-2.6%
State Government Education	1,300	1,100	1,200	1,200	0.0%	-7.7%
State Government Excluding Education	600	600	600	600	0.0%	0.0%
Local Government	13,400	12,700	12,900	13,100	1.6%	-2.2%
Special Districts plus Indian Tribes	600	600	600	600	0.0%	0.0%

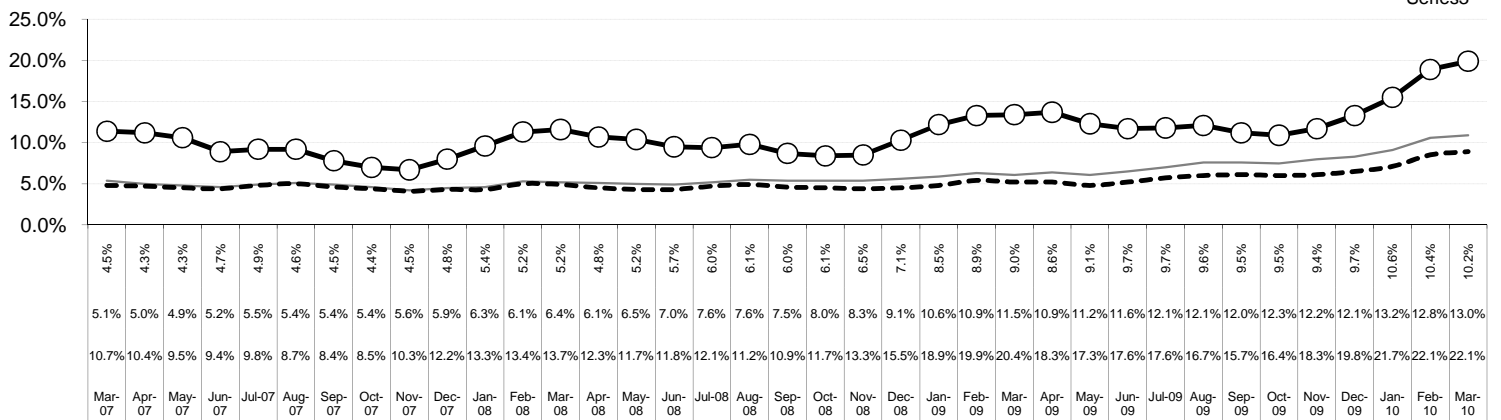
The County continues with one of the highest unemployment rates in the State, ranking 54th out of 58 counties in the month of March. The preliminary result is the same unemployment rate as the February rate. For year ago data, this preliminary figure is an increase of 3.1 percentage points in the unemployment rate.

Overall, the County's Civilian Labor Force increased by 1,300 persons over last month's figure and an increase of 4,200 persons over year ago figure. Industrial employment increased by 700 jobs in March over February's figure and an decrease of 500 jobs over year ago's figures.

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Merced County, California, and the United States
Unemployment Rate
March 2007 to March 2010

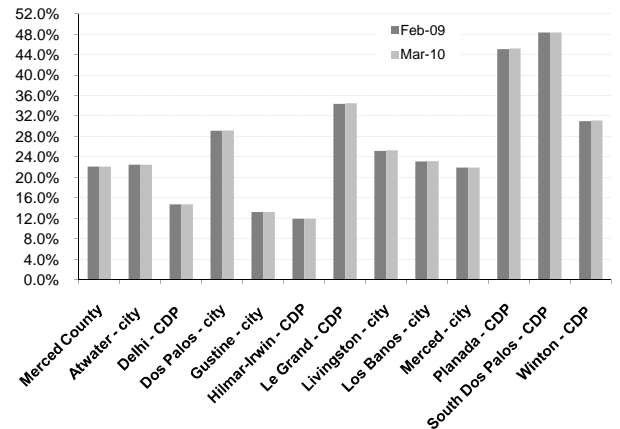


Sub County average unemployment rates for the county, cities, and municipalities.

Area Name	Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment	
			Number	Rate
Merced County	108,800	84,800	24,100	22.1%
Atwater city	12,800	9,900	2,900	22.5%
Delhi CDP	4,000	3,400	600	14.7%
Dos Palos city	2,200	1,600	600	29.2%
Gustine city	2,500	2,200	300	13.2%
Hilmar Irwin CDP	2,800	2,400	300	11.9%
Le Grand CDP	800	500	300	34.5%
Livingston city	5,500	4,100	1,400	25.3%
Los Banos city	13,700	10,500	3,200	23.2%
Merced city	32,200	25,100	7,100	21.9%
Planada CDP	2,000	1,100	900	45.2%
South Dos Palos CDP	600	300	300	48.3%
Winton CDP	4,400	3,000	1,400	31.1%

CDP - Census Designated Place

Merced County - Community Unemployment



Merced County's workforce has grown over the past 16 years reflecting improvement of the County's economic well being; however, unemployment remains a consistent barrier to greater prosperity. Average unemployment has fluctuated from an annual low of 9.3 percent to an annual high of 17.5 percent.

Counties in the San Joaquin Valley Quick Look

County	Rank	Labor Force	Employ	Unemployed	Rate
Merced	54	108,800	84,800	24,100	22.1%
Fresno	46	443,600	360,600	83,000	18.7%
Kern	43	364,300	297,500	66,800	18.3%
Kings	45	63,100	51,400	11,700	18.6%
Madera	37	67,700	55,800	11,900	17.5%
San Joaquin	44	307,000	250,500	56,400	18.4%
Stanislaus	47	239,800	193,700	46,100	19.2%
Tulare	48	208,000	167,700	40,300	19.4%
San Joaquin Valley		1,802,300	1,462,000	340,300	18.9%

Counties in the San Joaquin Valley
Unemployment Rates

