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The Quick Look

A Merced County Labor Market Review - June 2009

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	
	Jun 08	Apr 09	May 09	Jun 09	Month	Year
Civilian Labor Force	104,100	106,600	105,500	107,000	1.4%	2.8%
Civilian Employment	91,700	87,300	87,400	88,200	0.9%	-3.8%
Civilian Unemployment	12,400	19,300	18,200	18,800	3.3%	51.6%
Civilian Unemployment Rate	11.9%	18.1%	17.2%	17.6%		
(CA Unemployment Rate)	7.0%	11.0%	11.3%	11.6%		
(U.S. Unemployment Rate)	5.7%	8.6%	9.1%	9.7%		
Total, All Industries	71,000	65,800	67,400	68,300	1.3%	-3.8%
Total Farm	12,100	9,500	11,100	11,900	7.2%	-1.7%
Total Nonfarm	58,900	56,300	56,300	56,400	0.2%	-4.2%
Total Private	42,700	40,300	40,400	40,500	0.2%	-5.2%
Goods Producing	11,900	10,800	10,900	10,900	0.0%	-8.4%
Natural Resources and Mining and Constuction	2,600	1,900	1,900	1,900	0.0%	-26.9%
Construction	2,600	1,900	1,900	1,900	0.0%	-26.9%
Manufacturing	9,300	8,900	9,000	9,000	0.0%	-3.2%
Durable Goods	1,900	1,700	1,700	1,700	0.0%	-10.5%
Nondurable Goods	7,400	7,200	7,300	7,300	0.0%	-1.4%
Service Providing	47,000	45,500	45,400	45,500	0.2%	-3.2%
Private Service Producing	30,800	29,500	29,500	29,600	0.3%	-3.9%
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	11,500	11,000	10,900	11,000	0.9%	-4.3%
Wholesale Trade	1,700	1,700	1,600	1,600	0.0%	-5.9%
Retail Trade	7,600	7,000	7,000	7,100	1.4%	-6.6%
Food and Beverage Stores	1,600	1,600	1,600	1,600	0.0%	0.0%
General Merchandise Stores	1,900	1,800	1,800	1,900	5.6%	0.0%
Residual - Miscellaneous Store Retailers	4,100	3,600	3,600	3,600	0.0%	-12.2%
Transportation, Warehousing and Utilities	2,200	2,300	2,300	2,300	0.0%	4.5%
Information	1,300	1,200	1,200	1,200	0.0%	-7.7%
Financial Activities	1,800	1,700	1,700	1,700	0.0%	-5.6%
Finance and Insurance	1,200	1,100	1,100	1,100	0.0%	-8.3%
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	600	600	600	600	0.0%	0.0%
Professional and Business Services	3,900	4,000	4,000	4,000	0.0%	2.6%
Educational and Health Services	5,600	5,500	5,500	5,500	0.0%	-1.8%
Leisure and Hospitality	5,200	4,700	4,800	4,800	0.0%	-7.7%
Food Services and Drinking Places	4,400	4,100	4,100	4,100	0.0%	-6.8%
Residual - Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	800	600	700	700	0.0%	-12.5%
Other Services	1,500	1,400	1,400	1,400	0.0%	-6.7%
Government	16,200	16,000	15,900	15,900	0.0%	-1.9%
Federal Government	800	900	800	800	0.0%	0.0%
State Government	1,600	1,600	1,600	1,600	0.0%	0.0%
Local Government	13,800	13,500	13,500	13,500	0.0%	-2.2%

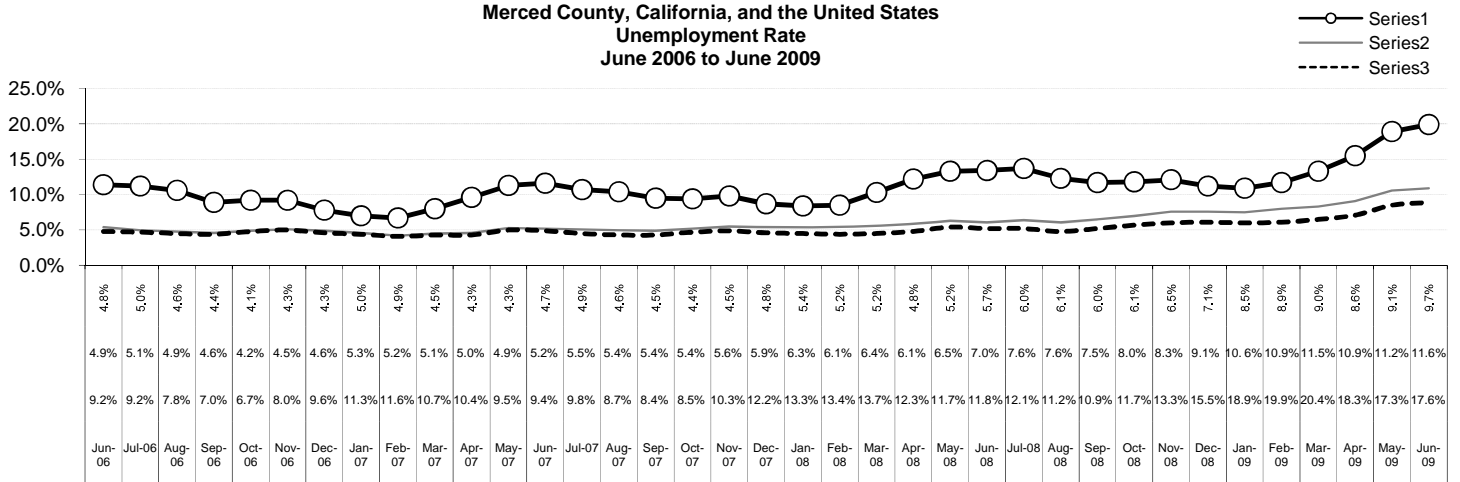
The County continues with one of the highest unemployment rates in the State, ranking 53rd out of 58 counties in the month of June. The preliminary result is an increase of .4 percentage points in the unemployment rate from the May rate. For year ago data, this preliminary figure is an increase of 5.7 percentage points in the unemployment rate.

Overall, the County's Civilian Labor Force increased by 1,500 persons over last month's figure and an increase of 2,900 persons over year ago figure. Industrial employment increased by 900 jobs in June over May's figure and an decrease of 2,700 jobs over year ago's figures.

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Merced County, California, and the United States Unemployment Rate June 2006 to June 2009

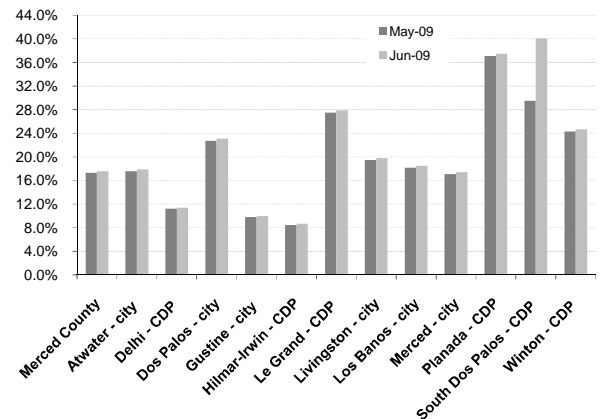


Sub County average unemployment rates for the county, cities, and municipalities.

Area Name	Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment	
			Number	Rate
Merced County	107,000	88,200	18,800	17.6%
Atwater city	12,600	10,300	2,300	17.9%
Delhi CDP	4,000	3,600	500	11.4%
Dos Palos city	2,100	1,600	500	23.1%
Gustine city	2,500	2,200	200	10.0%
Hilmar Irwin CDP	2,800	2,500	200	8.7%
Le Grand CDP	800	600	200	27.9%
Livingston city	5,300	4,200	1,000	19.8%
Los Banos city	13,400	10,900	2,500	18.5%
Merced city	31,700	26,100	5,500	17.4%
Planada CDP	1,900	1,200	700	37.5%
South Dos Palos CDP	500	300	200	40.1%
Winton CDP	4,100	3,100	1,000	24.7%

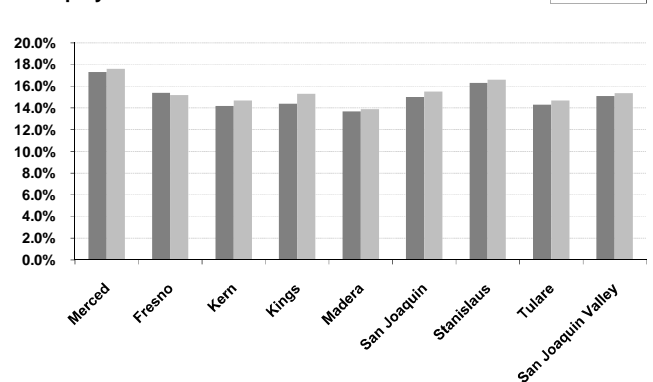
CDP - Census Designated Place

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 Unemployment Rates



Counties in the San Joaquin Valley Quick Look

County	Rank	Labor Force	Employ	Unemployed	Rate
Merced	53	107,000	88,200	18,800	17.6%
Fresno	45	452,300	383,300	69,000	15.2%
Kern	42	381,200	325,300	55,900	14.7%
Kings	46	61,600	52,200	9,400	15.3%
Madera	37	69,200	59,600	9,600	13.9%
San Joaquin	48	310,100	262,000	48,100	15.5%
Stanislaus	51	243,200	202,900	40,300	16.6%
Tulare	42	215,400	183,700	31,700	14.7%
San Joaquin Valley		1,840,000	1,557,200	282,800	15.4%