



# The Quick Look

## A Merced County Labor Market Review - August 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](mailto: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	
	Aug 08	Jun 09	Jul 09	Aug 09	Month	Year
Civilian Labor Force	104,600	107,500	104,800	106,300	1.4%	1.6%
Civilian Employment	92,700	88,800	86,400	88,500	2.4%	-4.5%
Civilian Unemployment	11,900	18,700	18,400	17,800	-3.3%	49.6%
Civilian Unemployment Rate	11.4%	17.4%	17.6%	16.7%		
(CA Unemployment Rate)	7.7%	11.6%	12.1%	12.1%		
(U.S. Unemployment Rate)	6.1%	9.7%	9.7%	9.6%		
<b>Total, All Industries</b>	<b>70,800</b>	<b>68,600</b>	<b>65,900</b>	<b>68,100</b>	<b>3.3%</b>	<b>-3.8%</b>
Total Farm	13,100	11,900	12,100	12,600	4.1%	-3.8%
Total Nonfarm	57,700	56,700	53,800	55,500	3.2%	-3.8%
Total Private	43,400	40,600	40,700	40,900	0.5%	-5.8%
Goods Producing	12,200	11,100	11,200	11,300	0.9%	-7.4%
Natural Resources and Mining and Constuction	2,300	2,000	2,000	2,000	0.0%	-13.0%
Construction	2,300	2,000	2,000	2,000	0.0%	-13.0%
Manufacturing	9,900	9,100	9,200	9,400	2.2%	-5.1%
Durable Goods	1,800	1,700	1,700	1,700	0.0%	-5.6%
Nondurable Goods	8,100	7,400	7,500	7,700	2.7%	-4.9%
Service Providing	45,500	45,600	42,600	44,200	3.8%	-2.9%
Private Service Producing	31,200	29,500	29,500	29,600	0.3%	-5.1%
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	11,900	10,900	10,800	10,900	0.9%	-8.4%
Wholesale Trade	1,800	1,600	1,600	1,600	0.0%	-11.1%
Retail Trade	7,700	7,000	6,900	6,900	0.0%	-10.4%
Food and Beverage Stores	1,600	1,600	1,600	1,600	0.0%	0.0%
General Merchandise Stores	2,100	1,800	1,800	1,800	0.0%	-14.3%
Residual - Miscellaneous Store Retailers	4,000	3,600	3,500	3,500	0.0%	-12.5%
Transportation, Warehousing and Utilities	2,400	2,300	2,300	2,400	4.3%	0.0%
Information	1,200	1,200	1,200	1,200	0.0%	0.0%
Financial Activities	1,800	1,700	1,700	1,700	0.0%	-5.6%
Finance and Insurance	1,100	1,100	1,100	1,100	0.0%	0.0%
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	700	600	600	600	0.0%	-14.3%
Professional and Business Services	4,100	4,000	4,000	4,000	0.0%	-2.4%
Educational and Health Services	5,600	5,500	5,500	5,500	0.0%	-1.8%
Leisure and Hospitality	5,100	4,900	4,900	4,900	0.0%	-3.9%
Food Services and Drinking Places	1,500	1,400	1,400	1,400	0.0%	-6.7%
Residual - Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	14,300	16,100	13,100	14,600	11.5%	2.1%
Other Services	800	800	800	800	0.0%	0.0%
Government	13,500	15,300	12,300	13,800	12.2%	2.2%
Federal Government	1,600	1,700	1,600	1,600	0.0%	0.0%
State Government	600	600	600	600	0.0%	0.0%
Local Government	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0.0%

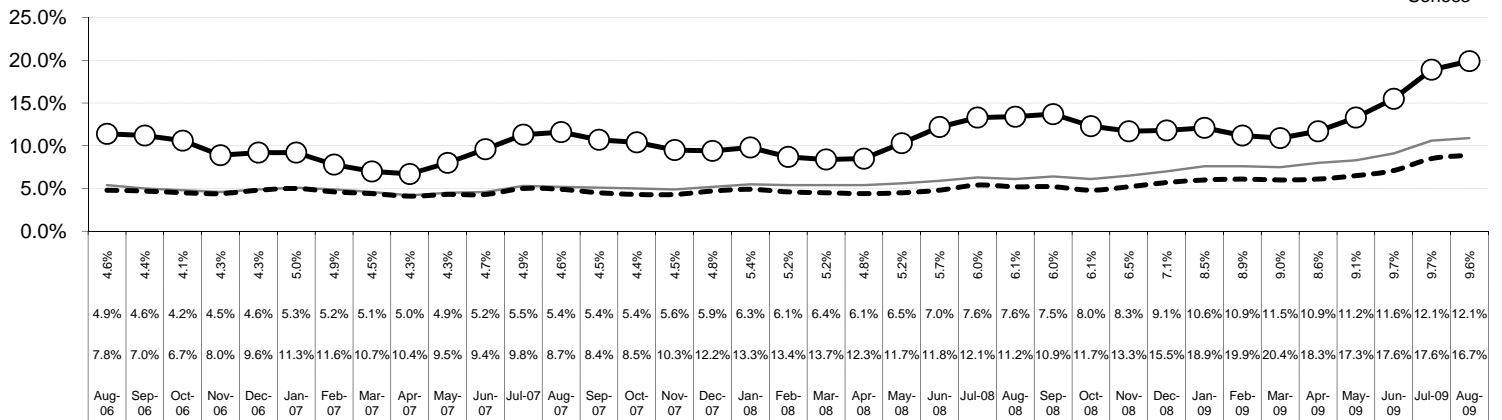
The County continues with one of the highest unemployment rates in the State, ranking 56th out of 58 counties in the month of August. The preliminary result is an decrease of .9 percentage points in the unemployment rate from the July rate. For year ago data, this preliminary figure is an increase of 5.3 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 1,700 persons over year ago figure. Industrial employment increased by 2,200 jobs in July over August's figure and an decrease of 2,700 jobs over year ago's figures.

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Aug 2009

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

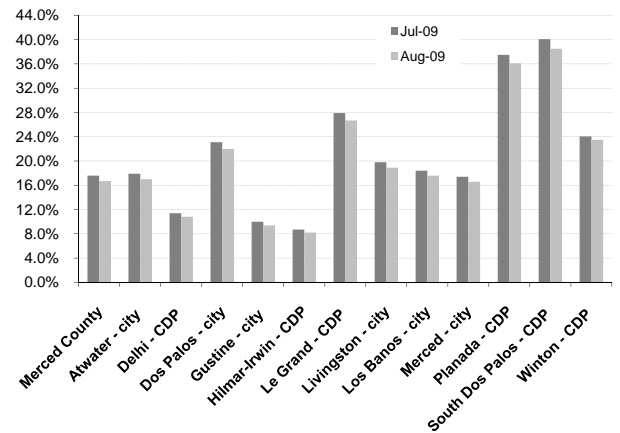


### Sub County average unemployment rates for the county, cities, and municipalities.

Area Name	Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment	
			Number	Rate
Merced County	106,300	88,500	17,800	16.7%
Atwater city	12,500	10,400	2,100	17.0%
Delhi CDP	4,000	3,600	400	10.8%
Dos Palos city	2,100	1,600	500	22.0%
Gustine city	2,500	2,200	200	9.4%
Hilmar Irwin CDP	2,800	2,500	200	8.2%
Le Grand CDP	800	600	200	26.7%
Livingston city	5,200	4,300	1,000	18.9%
Los Banos city	13,300	11,000	2,300	17.6%
Merced city	31,500	26,300	5,200	16.6%
Planada CDP	1,900	1,200	700	36.1%
South Dos Palos CDP	500	300	200	38.5%
Winton CDP	4,100	3,100	1,000	23.5%

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	56	106,300	88,500	17,800	16.7%
Fresno	44	450,800	384,800	66,000	14.6%
Kern	40	379,700	325,200	54,400	14.3%
Kings	38	60,700	52,100	8,600	14.2%
Madera	35	69,100	60,000	9,200	13.3%
San Joaquin	52	304,700	256,700	48,000	15.7%
Stanislaus	54	245,900	207,100	38,800	15.8%
Tulare	49	208,200	176,600	31,600	15.2%
San Joaquin Valley		1,825,400	1,551,000	274,400	15.0%

### Counties in the San Joaquin Valley Unemployment Rates

