



The Quick Look

A Merced County Labor Market Review - November 2006

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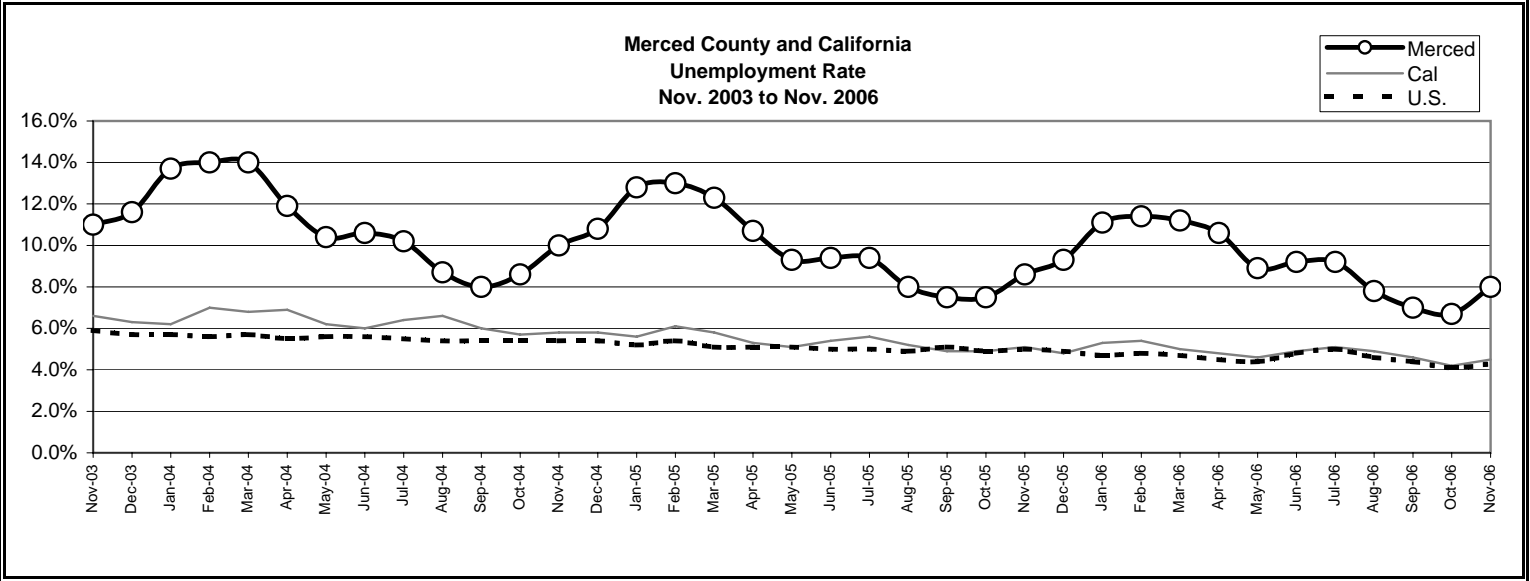
Merced County Data not adjusted for Seasonality	Labor Force and Industrial Employment					
	March 2005 Benchmark				Percent Change	
	Nov 05	Sep 06	Oct 06 Revised	Nov 06 Prelim.	Month	Year
Civilian Labor Force	101,800	101,000	99,400	100,600	1.2%	-1.2%
Civilian Employment	93,000	93,900	92,700	92,600	-0.1%	-0.4%
Civilian Unemployment	8,800	7,100	6,700	8,000	19.4%	-9.1%
Civilian Unemployment Rate	8.6%	7.0%	6.7%	8.0%		
(CA Unemployment Rate)	5.1%	4.6%	4.2%	4.5%		
(U.S. Unemployment Rate)	4.8%	4.4%	4.1%	4.3%		
Total, All Industries	71,300	72,900	72,300	72,000	-0.4%	1.0%
Total Farm	12,100	12,500	12,500	11,700	-6.4%	-3.3%
Total Nonfarm	59,200	60,400	59,800	60,300	0.8%	1.9%
Total Private	44,500	45,600	44,700	44,900	0.1%	0.9%
Goods Producing	14,400	15,600	14,400	14,400	0.0%	0.0%
Natural Resources and Mining	0	0	0	0		
Construction	3,600	3,500	3,400	3,500	2.9%	-2.8%
Manufacturing	10,800	12,100	11,000	10,900	-0.9%	0.9%
Durable Goods	1,700	1,800	1,800	1,800	0.0%	5.9%
Nondurable Goods	9,100	10,300	9,200	9,100	-1.1%	0.0%
Food Man & Beverage & Tobacco	7,200	8,200	7,100	7,000	-1.4%	-2.8%
Residual - Textile Mills	1,900	2,100	2,100	2,100	0.0%	10.5%
Service Providing	44,800	44,800	45,400	45,900	1.1%	2.5%
Private Service Producing	30,100	30,000	30,300	30,500	0.7%	1.3%
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	11,600	11,200	11,300	11,400	0.9%	-1.7%
Wholesale Trade	1,600	1,600	1,600	1,600	0.0%	0.0%
Retail Trade	7,900	7,400	7,500	7,600	1.3%	-3.8%
Food and Beverage Stores	1,500	1,400	1,400	1,400	0.0%	-6.7%
General Merchandise Stores	2,000	1,700	1,800	1,900	5.6%	-5.0%
Residual - Miscellaneous Store Retailers	4,400	4,300	4,300	4,300	0.0%	-2.3%
Transportation, Warehousing and Utilities	2,100	2,200	2,200	2,200	0.0%	4.8%
Information	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	0.0%	0.0%
Financial Activities	2,000	1,900	1,900	1,900	0.0%	-5.0%
Finance and Insurance	1,300	1,300	1,300	1,300	0.0%	0.0%
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	700	600	600	600	0.0%	-14.3%
Professional and Business Services	3,100	3,500	3,600	3,500	-2.8%	12.9%
Educational and Health Services	5,600	5,600	5,700	5,700	0.0%	1.8%
Leisure and Hospitality	4,700	4,600	4,600	4,700	2.2%	0.0%
Food Services and Drinking Places	3,900	3,900	3,900	4,000	2.6%	2.6%
Residual - Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	800	700	700	700	0.0%	-12.5%
Other Services	1,600	1,700	1,700	1,800	5.9%	12.5%
Government	14,700	14,800	15,100	15,400	2.0%	4.8%
Federal Government	800	800	800	800	0.0%	0.0%
State Government	1,200	1,600	1,600	1,600	0.0%	33.3%
Local Government	12,700	12,400	12,700	13,000	2.4%	2.4%

The County continues with one of the highest unemployment rates in the State, ranking 52th out of 58 counties in the month of November. The preliminary result is a increase of 1.3 percentage point in the unemployment rate from the revised October rate. For year ago data, this preliminary figure is a decrease of 0.6 percentage point in the unemployment rate.

Overall, the County's Civilian Labor Force increased by 1,200 persons over last month's figure and a decrease of 1,200 persons over year ago figures. Industrial employment decreased by 300 jobs in November over October's figure and increased by 700 jobs over year ago figures.

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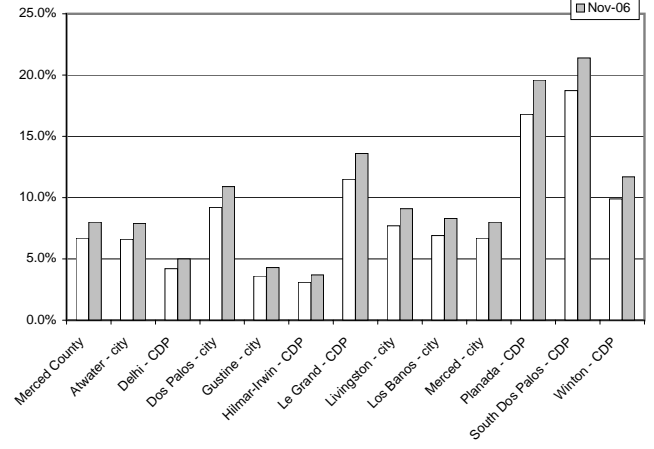


Sub County average unemployment rates for the county, cities, and municipalities.

Area Name	Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment	
			Number	Rate
Merced County	100,600	92,600	8,000	8.0%
Atwater City	11,800	10,900	900	7.9%
Delhi CDP	3,900	3,700	200	5.0%
Dos Palos City	1,900	1,700	200	10.9%
Gustine City	2,400	2,300	100	4.3%
Hilmar-Irwin CDP	2,800	2,700	100	3.7%
Le Grand CDP	700	600	100	13.6%
Livingston City	4,800	4,400	400	9.1%
Los Banos City	12,400	11,400	1,000	8.3%
Merced City	29,800	27,400	2,400	8.0%
Planada CDP	1,600	1,300	300	19.6%
South Dos Palos CDP	400	300	100	21.4%
Winton CDP	3,700	3,300	400	11.7%

CDP - Census Designated Place

Merced County - Community Unemployment



Merced County's workforce has grown over the past 20 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 9.7 percent to an annual high of 17.1 percent.

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County	Rank	Labor Force	Employ	Unemployed	Rate
Merced	52	100,600	92,600	8,000	8.0%
Madera	40	61,200	57,200	4,000	6.5%
Mariposa	31	8,790	8,330	470	5.3%
Fresno	52	395,300	363,800	31,500	8.0%
San Benito	35	24,900	23,500	1,400	5.7%
San Joaquin	44	287,100	267,100	20,000	7.0%
Stanislaus	48	228,500	211,800	16,600	7.3%

Seven County Unemployment Rate

