



# The Quick Look

## A Merced County Labor Market Review - June 2006

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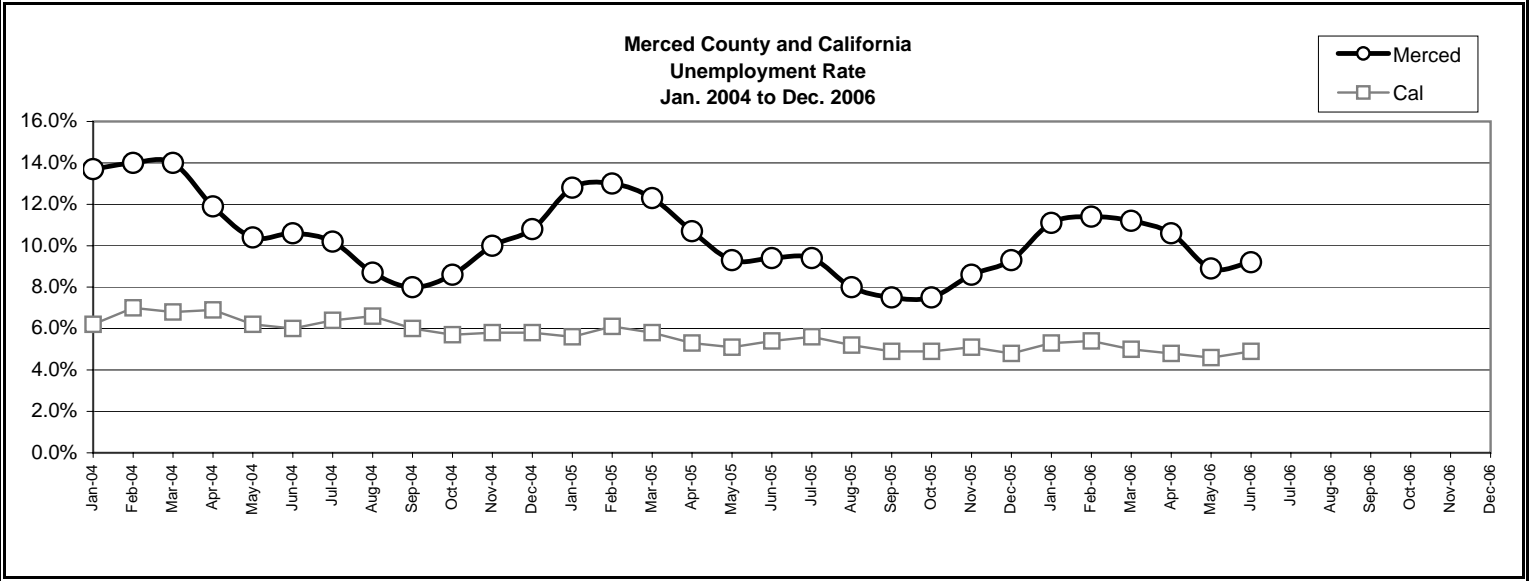
Merced County Data not adjusted for Seasonality	Labor Force and Industrial Employment						
	March 2005 Benchmark						
	Jun 05	Apr 06	May 06	Jun 06 Prelim.	Percent Change		
					Month	Year	
Civilian Labor Force	101,700	98,800	98,200	100,700	2.5%	-1.0%	
Civilian Employment	92,200	88,300	89,400	91,500	2.3%	-0.8%	
Civilian Unemployment	9,500	10,500	8,700	9,200	5.7%	-3.2%	
Civilian Unemployment Rate	9.4%	10.6%	8.9	9.2%			
(CA Unemployment Rate)	5.0%	4.8%	4.6%	4.9%			
(U.S. Unemployment Rate)	5.2%	4.5%	4.4%	4.8%			
Total, All Industries	71,400	67,800	69,500	71,400	2.7%	0.0%	
Total Farm	11,700	8,600	10,000	11,300	13.0%	-3.4%	
Total Nonfarm	59,700	59,200	59,500	60,100	1.0%	0.7%	
Total Private	45,100	43,900	44,200	44,500	0.7%	-1.3%	
Goods Producing	15,300	14,300	14,500	14,700	1.4%	-3.9%	
Natural Resources and Mining	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0.0%	
Construction	3,500	3,300	3,400	3,400	0.0%	-2.9%	
Manufacturing	11,800	11,000	11,100	11,300	1.8%	-4.2%	
Durable Goods	1,900	1,700	1,700	1,700	0.0%	-10.5%	
Nondurable Goods	9,900	9,300	9,400	9,600	2.1%	-3.0%	
Food Man & Beverage & Tobacco	7,800	7,100	7,200	7,400	2.8%	-5.1%	
Residual - Textile Mills	1,900	2,200	2,200	2,200	0.0%	15.8%	
Service Providing	44,400	44,900	45,000	45,400	0.9%	2.3%	
Private Service Producing	29,800	29,600	29,700	29,800	0.3%	0.0%	
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	10,800	11,100	11,100	11,100	0.0%	2.8%	
Wholesale Trade	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	0.0%	0.0%	
Retail Trade	7,500	7,400	7,400	7,400	0.0%	-1.3%	
Food and Beverage Stores	1,400	1,400	1,400	1,400	0.0%	0.0%	
General Merchandise Stores	1,700	1,800	1,800	1800	0.0%	5.9%	
Residual - Miscellaneous Store Retailers	4,400	4,200	4,200	4,200	0.0%	-4.5%	
Transportation, Warehousing and Utilities	1,800	2,200	2,200	2,200	0.0%	22.2%	
Information	1,700	1,500	1,500	1,500	0.0%	-11.8%	
Financial Activities	1,800	2,000	2,000	2,000	0.0%	11.1%	
Finance and Insurance	1,100	1,300	1,300	1,300	0.0%	18.2%	
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	700	700	700	700	0.0%	0.0%	
Professional and Business Services	3,400	3,300	3,300	3,400	3.0%	0.0%	
Educational and Health Services	5,500	5,500	5,500	5,500	0.0%	0.0%	
Leisure and Hospitality	4,900	4,500	4,600	4,600	0.0%	-6.1%	
Food Services and Drinking Places	4,100	3,800	3,900	3,900	0.0%	-4.9%	
Residual - Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	800	700	700	700	0.0%	-12.5%	
Other Services	1,700	15,300	1,700	1,700	0.0%	0.0%	
Government	14,600	15,300	15,300	15,600	2.0%	6.8%	
Federal Government	800	800	800	800	0.0%	0.0%	
State Government	900	1,300	1,300	1,400	7.7%	55.6%	
Local Government	12,900	13,200	13,200	13,400	1.5%	3.9%	

The County continues with one of the highest unemployment rates in the State, ranking 56th out of 58 counties in the month of June. The preliminary result is an increase of .3 percentage point in the unemployment rate from the May rate. For year ago data, this preliminary figure is a decrease of 0.2 percentage point from the unemployment rate.

Overall, the County's Civilian Labor Force increased by 2500 persons over last month's figure and an decrease of 1,000 persons over year ago figures. Industrial employment increased by 1,900 jobs in June over May's figure and is equal to the year ago figure.

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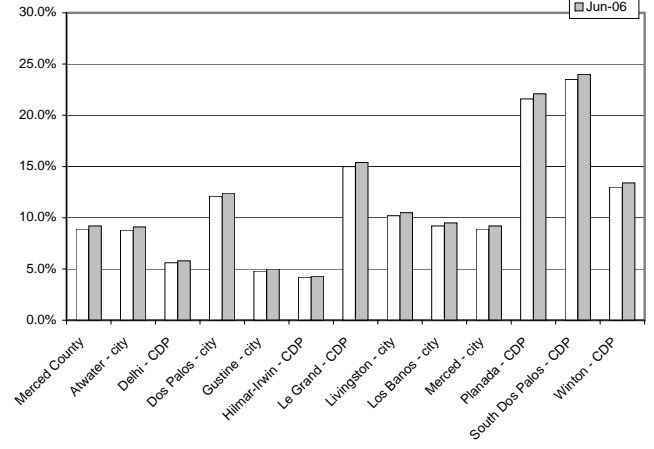


#### Sub County average unemployment rates for the county, cities, and municipalities.

Area Name	Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment	
			Number	Rate
Merced County	100,700	91,500	9,200	9.2%
Atwater City	11,900	10,800	1,100	9.1%
Delhi CDP	3,900	3,700	200	5.8%
Dos Palos City	1,900	1,700	200	12.4%
Gustine City	2,400	2,300	100	5.0%
Hilmar-Irwin CDP	2,700	2,600	100	4.3%
Le Grand CDP	700	600	100	15.4%
Livingston City	4,900	4,400	500	10.5%
Los Banos City	12,500	11,300	1,200	9.5%
Merced City	29,800	27,100	2,700	9.2%
Planada CDP	1,700	1,300	400	22.1%
South Dos Palos CDP	400	300	100	24.0%
Winton CDP	3,700	3,200	500	13.4%

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	56	100,700	91,500	9,200	9.2%
Madera	42	62,300	57,900	4,300	7.0%
Mariposa	20	9,340	8,880	460	4.9%
Fresno	49	407,400	374,700	32,700	8.0%
San Benito	39	24,600	22,900	1,600	6.7%
San Joaquin	45	288,800	267,900	20,900	7.2%
Stanislaus	52	229,400	210,500	19,000	8.3%

#### Seven County Unemployment Rate

