



The Quick Look

A Merced County Labor Market Review - June 2007

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Merced County Data not adjusted for Seasonality	Labor Force and Industrial Employment					
	March 2006 Benchmark				Percent Change	
	Jun 06	Apr 07	May 07	Jun 07	Month	Year
Civilian Labor Force	101,600	102,300	102,100	103,400	1.3%	1.8%
Civilian Employment	92,400	91,700	92,400	93,600	1.3%	1.3%
Civilian Unemployment	9,200	10,600	9,700	9,800	1.0%	6.5%
Civilian Unemployment Rate	9.0%	10.4%	9.5%	9.4%		
(CA Unemployment Rate)	4.9%	5.0%	4.9%	5.2%		
(U.S. Unemployment Rate)	4.8%	4.3%	4.3%	4.7%		
Total, All Industries	72,400	70,100	72,100	73,200	1.5%	1.1%
Total Farm	12,700	10,200	11,600	12,500	7.8%	-1.6%
Total Nonfarm	59,700	69,900	60,500	60,700	0.3%	1.7%
Total Private	44,200	44,500	44,800	44,700	-0.2%	1.1%
Goods Producing	14,000	13,600	13,700	13,900	1.5%	-0.7%
Natural Resources and Mining and Constuction	3,800	3,400	3,300	3,300	0.0%	-13.2%
Construction	3,800	3,400	3,300	3,300	0.0%	-13.2%
Manufacturing	10,200	10,200	10,400	10,600	1.9%	3.9%
Durable Goods	1,900	2,000	2,000	2,000	0.0%	5.3%
Nondurable Goods	8,300	8,200	8,400	8,600	2.4%	3.6%
Service Providing	45,700	46,300	46,800	46,800	0.0%	2.4%
Private Service Producing	30,200	30,900	31,100	30,800	-1.0%	2.0%
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	11,100	11,100	11,100	10,900	-1.8%	-1.8%
Wholesale Trade	1,500	1,700	1,700	1,700	0.0%	13.3%
Retail Trade	7,500	7,300	7,300	7,100	-2.7%	-5.3%
Food and Beverage Stores	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	0.0%	0.0%
General Merchandise Stores	1,700	1,700	1,700	1,600	-5.9%	-5.9%
Residual - Miscellaneous Store Retailers	4,300	4,100	4,100	4,000	-2.4%	-7.0%
Transportation, Warehousing and Utilities	2,100	2,100	2,100	2,100	0.0%	0.0%
Information	1,400	1,400	1,400	1,400	0.0%	0.0%
Financial Activities	1,900	2,000	2,100	2,100	0.0%	10.5%
Finance and Insurance	1,200	1,200	1,300	1,300	0.0%	8.3%
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	700	800	800	800	0.0%	14.3%
Professional and Business Services	4,000	3,900	3,900	3,900	0.0%	-2.5%
Educational and Health Services	5,300	5,900	5,900	5,900	0.0%	11.3%
Leisure and Hospitality	5,000	5,000	5,100	5,000	-2.0%	0.0%
Food Services and Drinking Places	4,200	4,200	4,300	4,300	0.0%	2.4%
Residual - Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	800	800	800	700	-12.5%	-12.5%
Other Services	1,500	1,600	1,600	1,600	0.0%	6.7%
Government	15,500	15,400	15,700	16,000	1.9%	3.2%
Federal Government	700	800	800	800	0.0%	14.3%
State Government	1,400	1,600	1,600	1,800	12.5%	28.6%
Local Government	13,400	13,000	13,300	13,400	0.8%	0.0%

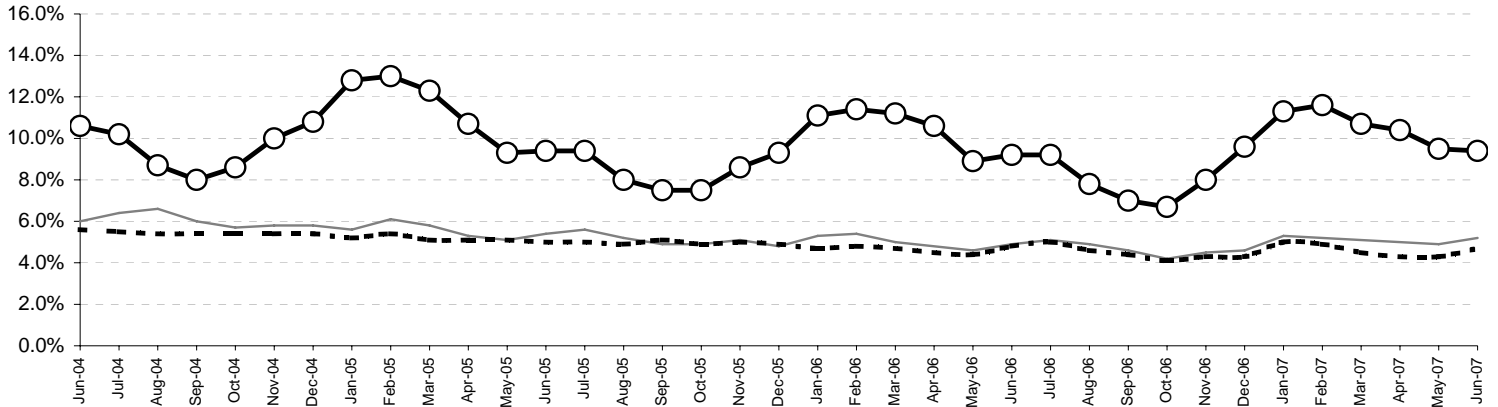
The County continues with one of the highest unemployment rates in the State, ranking 54rd out of 58 counties in the month of June. The preliminary result is a decrease of 0.1 percentage point in the unemployment rate from the May rate. For year ago data, this preliminary figure is an increase of 0.4 percentage point 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 1,800 persons over year ago figure. Industrial employment increased by 1,100 jobs in June over May's figure and increased by 800 jobs over year ago figures.

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Merced County, California, and the United States
Unemployment Rate
June 2004 to June 2007

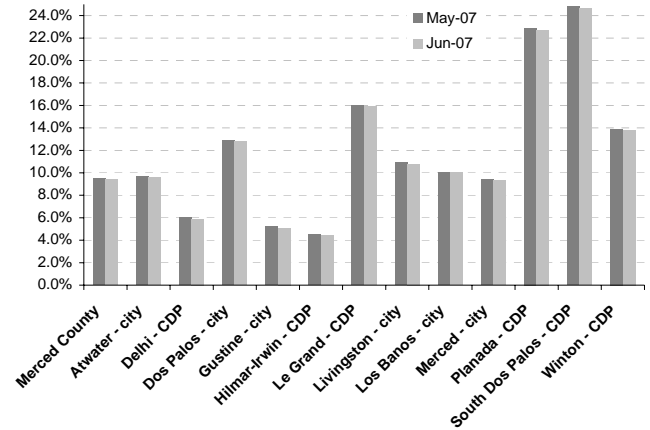


Sub County average unemployment rates for the county, cities, and municipalities.

Area Name	Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment	
			Number	Rate
Merced County	103,400	93,600	9,800	9.4%
Atwater City	12,100	10,900	1,200	9.6%
Delhi CDP	4,000	3,800	200	5.9%
Dos Palos City	1,900	1,700	200	12.8%
Gustine City	2,500	2,400	100	5.1%
Hilmar-Irwin CDP	2,800	2,700	100	4.4%
Le Grand CDP	700	600	100	15.9%
Livingston City	5,000	4,500	500	10.8%
Los Banos City	12,900	11,600	1,300	10.0%
Merced City	30,700	27,800	2,900	9.3%
Planada CDP	1,700	1,300	400	22.7%
South Dos Palos CDP	400	300	100	24.6%
Winton CDP	3,800	3,300	500	13.8%

CDP - Census Designated Place

Merced County - Community Unemployment

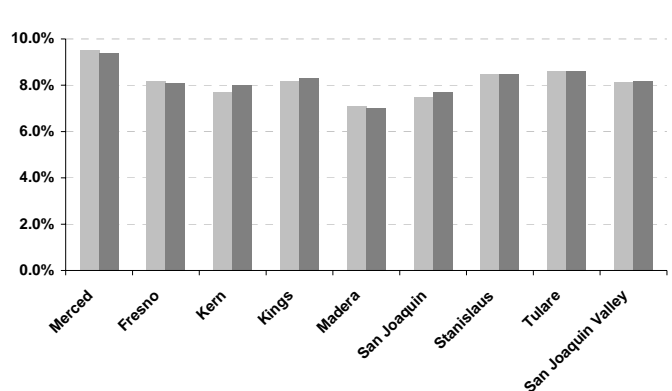


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Counties in the San Joaquin Valley Quick Look

County	Rank	Labor Force	Employ	Unemployed	Rate
Merced	54	103,400	93,600	9,800	9.4%
Fresno	47	424,700	390,100	34,600	8.1%
Kern	46	350,600	322,600	28,000	8.0%
Kings	48	59,000	54,100	4,900	8.3%
Madera	39	65,900	61,300	4,600	7.0%
San Joaquin	45	295,900	273,100	22,800	7.7%
Stanislaus	49	231,100	211,400	19,700	8.5%
Tulare	50	196,600	179,700	16,900	8.6%
San Joaquin Valley		1,727,200	1,585,900	141,300	8.2%

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Total Nonfarm	56,200	60,500	60,800	57,400	-5.6%	2.1%
Total Private	43,900	44,800	44,900	44,700	-0.4%	1.8%
Goods Producing	13,700	13,700	13,900	13,900	0.0%	1.5%
Natural Resources and Mining and Constuction	3,600	3,300	3,400	3,400	0.0%	-5.6%
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Manufacturing	10,100	10,400	10,500	10,500	0.0%	4.0%
Durable Goods	1,900	2,000	2,000	1,900	-5.0%	0.0%
Nondurable Goods	8,200	8,400	8,500	8,600	1.2%	4.9%
Service Providing	42,500	46,800	46,900	43,500	-7.2%	2.4%
Private Service Producing	30,200	31,100	31,000	30,800	-0.6%	2.0%
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	11,100	11,100	11,000	11,100	0.9%	0.0%
Wholesale Trade	1,700	1,700	1,700	1,700	0.0%	0.0%
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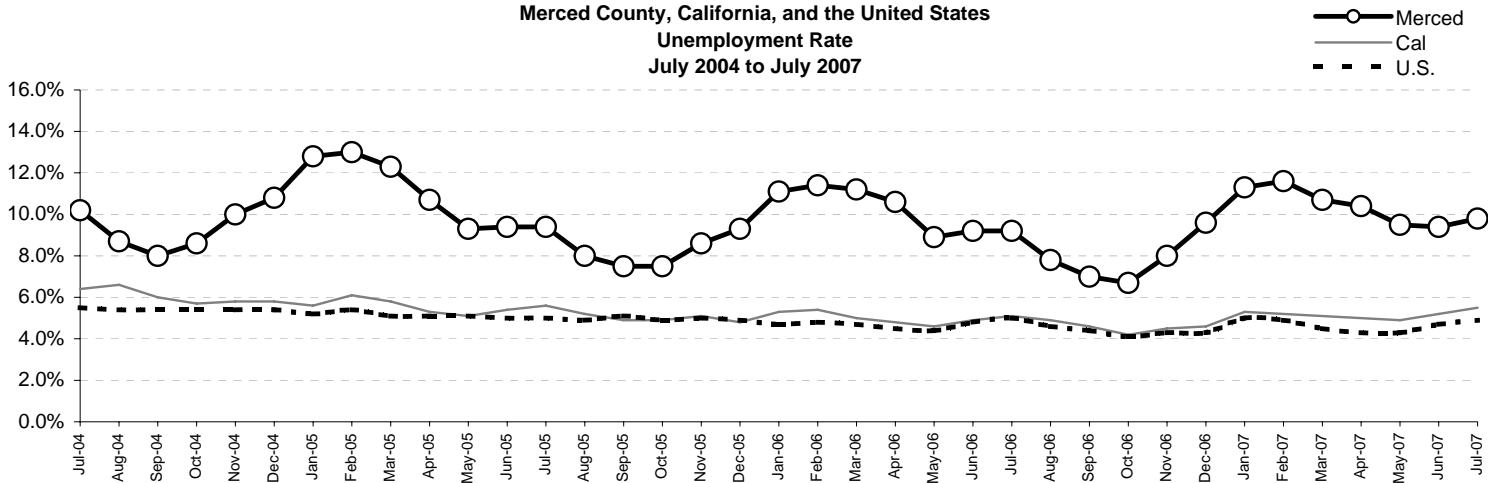
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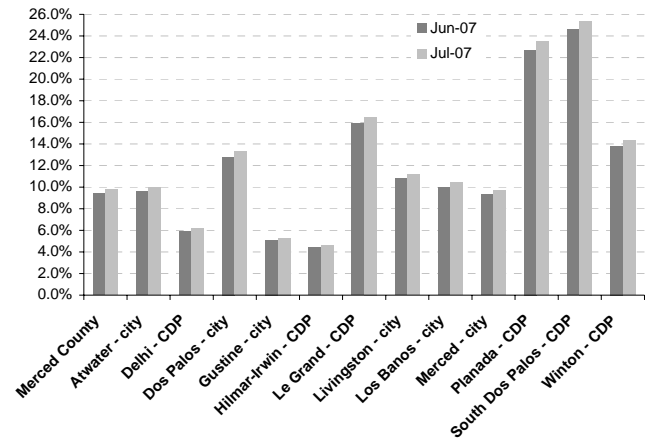


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Kings	46	58,900	54,200	4,700	8.0%
Madera	38	66,100	61,300	4,800	7.3%
San Joaquin	48	290,400	266,200	24,200	8.3%
Stanislaus	49	233,300	213,100	20,200	8.7%
Tulare	51	193,500	176,300	17,200	8.9%
San Joaquin Valley		1,722,200	1,578,400	143,800	8.3%

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