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A Merced County Labor Market Review

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Welcome to the Merced County labor market summary. The QuickLook 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 PITD, 1880 W. Wardrobe Ave., Merced, CA 95340. Telephone (209) 724-2152. Email: PITD222@co.merced.ca.us

Current Labor Force & Unemployment Rates						
California				December 11, 2002		
March 2001 Benchmark Data Not Adjusted for Seasonality	Nov 01	Sep 02	Oct 02 Revised	Nov 02 Prelim.	Percent Month	Change Year
Civilian Labor Force (1)	17,528,900	17,595,000	17,680,500	17,658,400	-0.1%	0.7%
Civilian Employment	16,478,800	16,503,000	16,571,800	16,543,900	-0.2%	0.4%
Civilian Unemployment	1,050,100	1,092,000	1,108,700	1,114,500	0.5%	6.1%
Civilian Unemployment Rate	6.0%	6.2%	6.3%	6.3%		
(CA Unemployment Rate)	6.0%	6.2%	6.3%	6.3%		
(U.S. Unemployment Rate)	5.3%	5.4%	5.3%	5.7%		

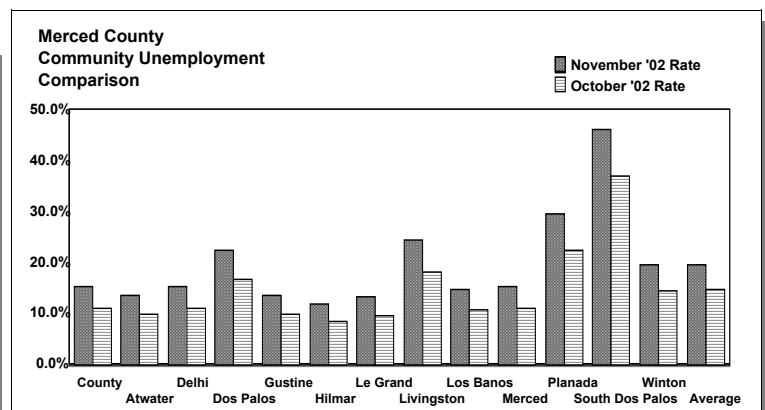
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California's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 6.4 percent in November. This was down 0.1 percentage point from the revised rate in October, but up 0.3 percentage point from one year ago. In comparison, the U.S. unemployment rate was 6.0 percent in November. This was 0.3 percentage point higher than in October and 0.4 percentage point higher than one year ago, and equaled the previous recessionary high recorded in April.

There were 14,647,000 jobs in total nonfarm industries (seasonally adjusted) in November, down 10,500 jobs from the previous month. This followed a gain of 11,900 jobs in October and a loss of 17,100 jobs in September. In the first eleven months of 2002, California's total nonfarm employment has fallen 9,200 jobs, for an average decrease of 800 jobs per month. This compares to an average month-over drop of 2,200 jobs in 2001 and an average month-over increase of 40,500 jobs per month in 2000.

The actual California nonfarm job count (not seasonally adjusted) increased 40,700 jobs in November. Within nonfarm industries, three sectors saw month-over job gains, four sectors saw month-over job declines, and one sector saw no change in employment. Job increases were recorded in trade (50,100), government (26,700), and finance, insurance and real estate (3,100). Job losses were recorded in manufacturing (16,200), construction (15,300), services (4,200), and transportation and public utilities (3,500). Employment was unchanged in mining.

County Data are for November 2002				
Area Name	Labor Force Employment		Unemployment	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Merced County	83,900	71,100	12,800	15.3%
Atwater	9,840	8,490	1,350	13.7%
Delhi	1,530	1,300	230	15.3%
Dos Palos	1,930	1,500	430	22.5%
Gustine	1,850	1,600	250	13.6%
Hilmar-Irwin	1,710	1,510	200	11.9%
Le Grand	510	440	70	13.3%
Livingston	3,950	2,990	960	24.3%
Los Banos	7,140	6,090	1,050	14.7%
Merced	25,480	21,620	3,860	15.2%
Planada	1,750	1,230	520	29.5%
South Dos Palos	540	290	250	46.0%
Winton	3,360	2,700	660	19.7%



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At the Sub County: Average unemployment rates for county cities and municipalities saw an overall increase of five percent this month. All communities noted increases in unemployment, led by South Dos Palos with a nine percent increase. Atwater increased by 3.8 percent, Delhi by 4.2, Dos Palos by 5.8, Gustine by 3.8, Livingston by 6.1, Los Banos by 4.1 and Merced City by 4.2 percent.

**For the Month of:
November 2002**

