



The Quick Look

A Merced County Labor Market Review - November 2010

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 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 | |
| | Nov 09 | Sep 10 | Oct 10 | Nov 10 | Month | Year |
| Civilian Labor Force (1) | 106,500 | 109,000 | 106,800 | 107,200 | 0.4% | 0.7% |
| Civilian Employment | 87,800 | 90,900 | 89,500 | 87,300 | -2.5% | -0.6% |
| Civilian Unemployment | 18,700 | 18,100 | 17,400 | 19,900 | 14.4% | 6.4% |
| Civilian Unemployment Rate | 17.6% | 16.6% | 16.3% | 18.6% | 0 | 0 |
| (CA Unemployment Rate) | 12.0% | 12.2% | 11.9% | 12.4% | 0 | 0 |
| (U.S. Unemployment Rate) | 9.4% | 9.2% | 9.0% | 9.3% | 0 | 0 |
| Total, All Industries (2) | 67,400 | 69,100 | 68,000 | 66,100 | -2.8% | -1.9% |
| Total Farm | 12,400 | 15,000 | 13,900 | 11,800 | -15.1% | -4.8% |
| Total Nonfarm | 55,000 | 54,100 | 54,100 | 54,300 | 0.4% | -1.3% |
| Total Private | 39,400 | 38,700 | 38,700 | 38,600 | -0.3% | -2.0% |
| Goods Producing | 9,200 | 9,100 | 9,100 | 8,600 | -5.5% | -6.5% |
| Mining, Logging, and Construction | 1,500 | 1,400 | 1,500 | 1,500 | 0.0% | 0.0% |
| Manufacturing | 7,700 | 7,700 | 7,600 | 7,100 | -6.6% | -7.8% |
| Durable Goods | 1,100 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 0.0% | -9.1% |
| Nondurable Goods | 6,600 | 6,700 | 6,600 | 6,100 | -7.6% | -7.6% |
| Service Providing | 45,800 | 45,000 | 45,000 | 45,700 | 1.6% | -0.2% |
| Private Service Producing | 30,200 | 29,600 | 29,600 | 30,000 | 1.4% | -0.7% |
| Trade, Transportation & Utilities | 12,300 | 11,700 | 11,700 | 12,200 | 4.3% | -0.8% |
| Wholesale Trade | 2,800 | 2,600 | 2,600 | 2,800 | 7.7% | 0.0% |
| Retail Trade | 7,300 | 7,000 | 7,000 | 7,200 | 2.9% | -1.4% |
| Food & Beverage Stores | 1,500 | 1,300 | 1,400 | 1,400 | 0.0% | -6.7% |
| General Merchandise Stores | 2,000 | 1,900 | 2,000 | 2,100 | 5.0% | 5.0% |
| Retail Trade - Residual | 3,800 | 3,800 | 3,600 | 3,700 | 2.8% | -2.6% |
| Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities | 2,200 | 2,100 | 2,100 | 2,200 | 4.8% | 0.0% |
| Information | 1,200 | 1,200 | 1,200 | 1,200 | 0.0% | 0.0% |
| Financial Activities | 1,600 | 1,600 | 1,600 | 1,600 | 0.0% | 0.0% |
| Finance & Insurance | 1,000 | 900 | 900 | 900 | 0.0% | -10.0% |
| Real Estate & Rental & Leasing | 600 | 700 | 700 | 700 | 0.0% | 16.7% |
| Professional & Business Services | 3,500 | 3,400 | 3,300 | 3,300 | 0.0% | -5.7% |
| Educational & Health Services | 5,700 | 5,600 | 5,700 | 5,600 | -1.8% | -1.8% |
| Leisure & Hospitality | 4,500 | 4,600 | 4,600 | 4,600 | 0.0% | 2.2% |
| Other Services | 1,400 | 1,500 | 1,500 | 1,500 | 0.0% | 7.1% |
| Government | 15,600 | 15,400 | 15,400 | 15,700 | 1.9% | 0.6% |
| Federal Government | 800 | 800 | 800 | 800 | 0.0% | 0.0% |
| State & Local Government | 14,800 | 14,600 | 14,600 | 14,900 | 2.1% | 0.7% |
| State Government Education | 1,200 | 1,300 | 1,300 | 1,300 | 0.0% | 8.3% |
| State Government Excluding Education | 600 | 600 | 600 | 600 | 0.0% | 0.0% |
| Local Government | 13,000 | 12,700 | 12,700 | 13,000 | 2.4% | 0.0% |
| Special Districts plus Indian Tribes | 600 | 600 | 600 | 600 | 0.0% | 0.0% |

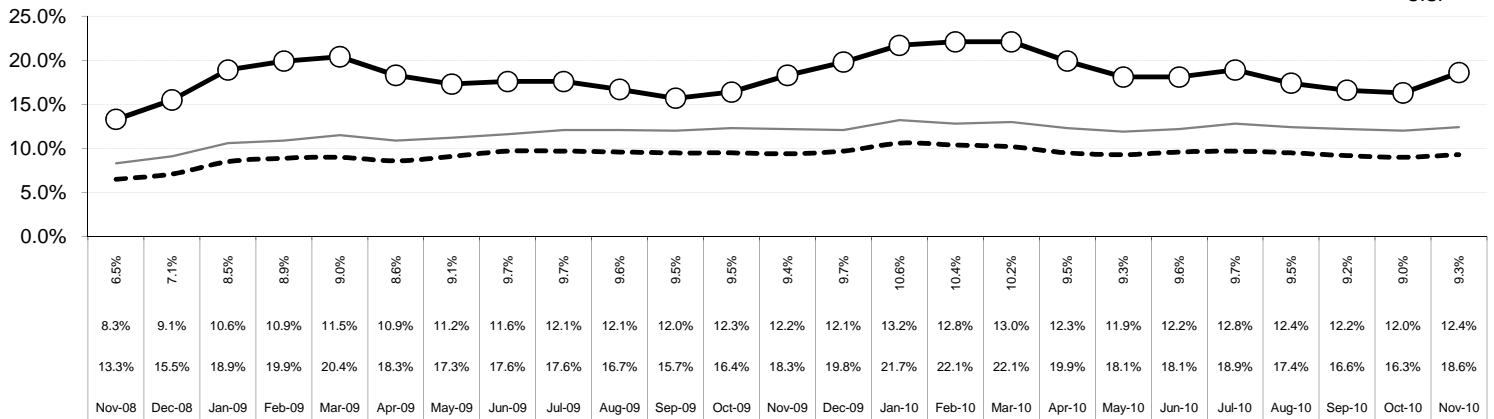
The County continues with one of the highest unemployment rates in the State, ranking 51st out of 58 counties in the month of November. The preliminary result is an increase of 2.3 percentage points in the unemployment rate from the October rate. For year ago data, this preliminary figure is an increase of 1.0 percentage points in the unemployment rate.

Overall, the County's Civilian Labor Force increased by 400 persons over last month's figure and an increase of 700 persons over year ago figure. Industrial employment decreased by 1,900 jobs in November over October's figure and an decrease of 1,300 jobs over year ago's figures.

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Merced County, California, and the United States
Unemployment Rate
November 2008 to November 2010

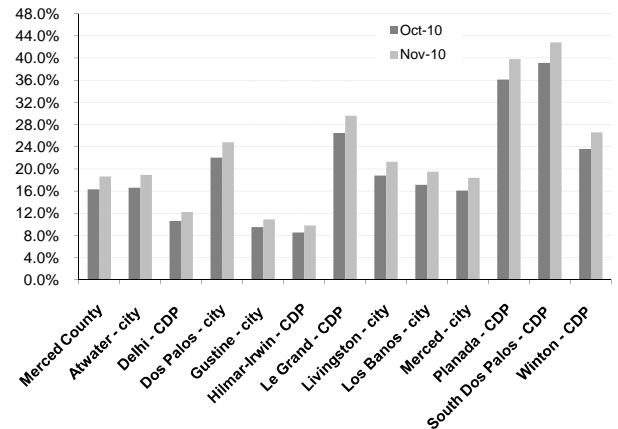


Sub County average unemployment rates for the county, cities, and municipalities.

| Area Name | Labor Force | Employment | Unemployment | |
|---------------------|-------------|------------|--------------|-------|
| | | | Number | Rate |
| Merced County | 107,200 | 87,300 | 19,900 | 18.6% |
| Atwater city | 12,600 | 10,200 | 2,400 | 18.9% |
| Delhi CDP | 4,000 | 3,500 | 500 | 12.2% |
| Dos Palos city | 2,100 | 1,600 | 500 | 24.8% |
| Gustine city | 2,500 | 2,200 | 300 | 10.9% |
| Hilmar Irwin CDP | 2,800 | 2,500 | 300 | 9.8% |
| Le Grand CDP | 800 | 600 | 200 | 29.6% |
| Livingston city | 5,400 | 4,200 | 1,100 | 21.3% |
| Los Banos city | 13,400 | 10,800 | 2,600 | 19.5% |
| Merced city | 31,700 | 25,900 | 5,800 | 18.4% |
| Planada CDP | 1,900 | 1,200 | 800 | 39.8% |
| South Dos Palos CDP | 600 | 300 | 200 | 42.8% |
| Winton CDP | 4,200 | 3,100 | 1,100 | 26.6% |

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 | 51 | 107,200 | 87,300 | 19,900 | 18.6% |
| Fresno | 45 | 442,500 | 367,600 | 74,900 | 16.9% |
| Kern | 38 | 367,800 | 311,100 | 56,700 | 15.4% |
| Kings | 43 | 62,400 | 52,200 | 10,200 | 16.4% |
| Madera | 40 | 66,400 | 56,000 | 10,400 | 15.7% |
| San Joaquin | 48 | 299,000 | 246,600 | 52,400 | 17.5% |
| Stanislaus | 47 | 238,000 | 197,000 | 41,000 | 17.2% |
| Tulare | 44 | 205,500 | 171,000 | 34,500 | 16.8% |
| San Joaquin Valley | | 1,788,800 | 1,488,800 | 300,000 | 16.8% |

Counties in the San Joaquin Valley Unemployment Rates

