



The Quick Look

A Merced County Labor Market Review - December 2009

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	
	Dec 08	Oct 09	Nov 09	Dec 09	Month	Year
Civilian Labor Force (1)	105,600	106,800	107,500	106,800	-0.7%	1.1%
Civilian Employment	89,000	89,300	87,800	85,700	-2.4%	-3.7%
Civilian Unemployment	16,600	17,500	19,700	21,100	7.1%	27.1%
Civilian Unemployment Rate	15.7%	16.4%	18.3%	19.8%	0	0
(CA Unemployment Rate)	9.1%	12.3%	12.3%	12.1%	0	0
(U.S. Unemployment Rate)	7.1%	9.5%	9.4%	9.7%	0	0
Total, All Industries (2)	67,000	69,700	68,100	65,800	-3.4%	-1.8%
Total Farm	9,300	13,000	10,900	9,200	-15.6%	-1.1%
Total Nonfarm	57,700	56,700	57,200	56,600	-1.0%	-1.9%
Total Private	41,600	40,900	40,900	40,300	-1.5%	-3.1%
Goods Producing	11,000	10,900	10,400	10,000	-3.8%	-9.1%
Mining, Logging, and Construction	2,100	1,800	1,800	1,600	-11.1%	-23.8%
Construction	2,100	1,800	1,800	1,600	-11.1%	-23.8%
Manufacturing	8,900	9,100	8,600	8,400	-2.3%	-5.6%
Durable Goods	1,700	1,700	1,700	1,700	0.0%	0.0%
Nondurable Goods	7,200	7,400	6,900	6,700	-2.9%	-6.9%
Service Providing	46,700	45,800	46,800	46,600	-0.4%	-0.2%
Private Service Producing	30,600	30,000	30,500	30,300	-0.7%	-1.0%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	11,800	11,200	11,600	11,500	-0.9%	-2.5%
Wholesale Trade	1,800	1,800	2,100	1,900	-9.5%	5.6%
Retail Trade	7,600	7,000	7,100	7,200	1.4%	-5.3%
Food & Beverage Stores	1,600	1,600	1,600	1,600	0.0%	0.0%
General Merchandise Stores	2,200	1,900	2,000	2,100	5.0%	-4.5%
Retail Trade - Residual	3,800	3,500	3,500	3,500	0.0%	-7.9%
Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities	2,400	2,400	2,400	2,400	0.0%	0.0%
Information	1,200	1,200	1,200	1,200	0.0%	0.0%
Financial Activities	1,700	1,700	1,700	1,700	0.0%	0.0%
Finance & Insurance	1,100	1,100	1,100	1,100	0.0%	0.0%
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	600	600	600	600	0.0%	0.0%
Professional & Business Services	4,100	4,100	4,200	4,200	0.0%	2.4%
Educational & Health Services	5,600	5,600	5,600	5,600	0.0%	0.0%
Leisure & Hospitality	4,800	4,800	4,800	4,700	-2.1%	-2.1%
Other Services	1,400	1,400	1,400	1,400	0.0%	0.0%
Government	16,100	15,800	16,300	16,300	0.0%	1.2%
Federal Government	800	800	800	800	0.0%	0.0%
State Government	1,600	1,800	1,900	1,900	0.0%	18.8%
State Government Education	1,000	1,200	1,300	1,300	0.0%	30.0%
State Government Excluding Education	600	600	600	600	0.0%	0.0%
Local Government	13,700	13,200	13,600	13,600	0.0%	-0.7%

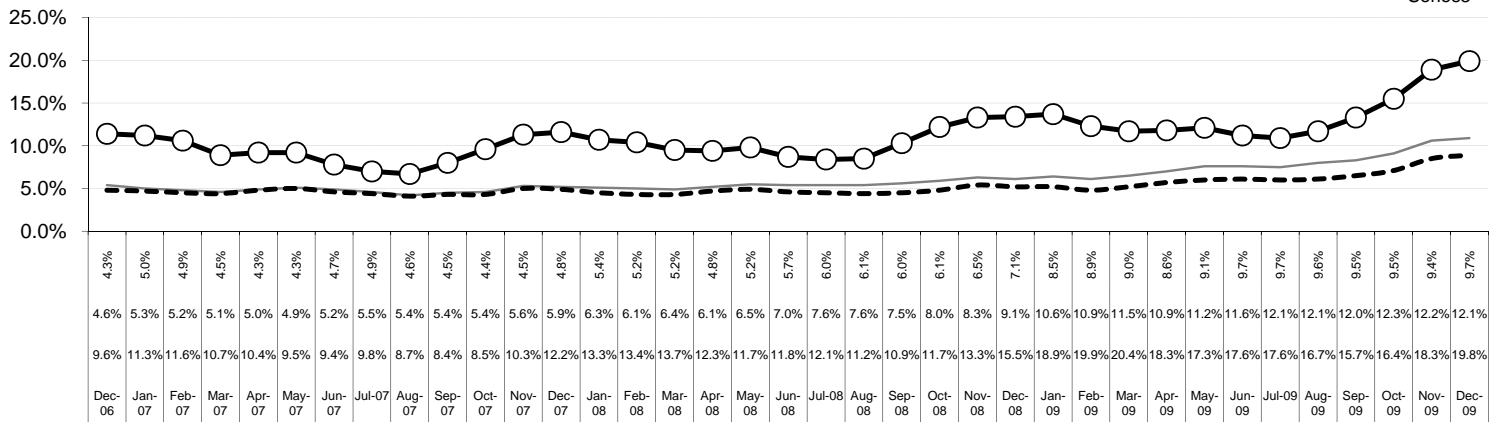
The County continues with one of the highest unemployment rates in the State, ranking 54th out of 58 counties in the month of December. The preliminary result is an increase of 1.5 percentage points in the unemployment rate from the November rate. For year ago data, this preliminary figure is an increase of 4.1 percentage points in the unemployment rate.

Overall, the County's Civilian Labor Force decreased by 700 persons over last month's figure and an increase of 1,200 persons over year ago figure. Industrial employment decreased by 2,300 jobs in December over November's figure and an decrease of 1,200 jobs over year ago's figures.

The Quick Look

Dec 2009

Merced County, California, and the United States
Unemployment Rate
December 2006 to December 2009

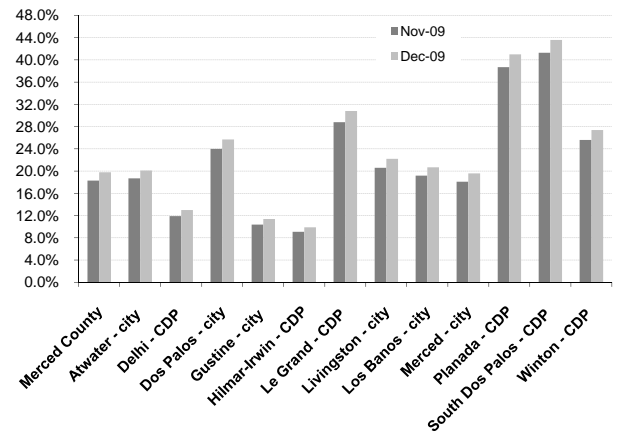


Sub County average unemployment rates for the county, cities, and municipalities.

Area Name	Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment	
			Number	Rate
Merced County	106,800	85,700	21,100	19.8%
Atwater city	12,500	10,000	2,500	20.1%
Delhi CDP	4,000	3,500	500	13.0%
Dos Palos city	2,100	1,600	500	25.7%
Gustine city	2,400	2,200	300	11.4%
Hilmar Irwin CDP	2,700	2,500	300	9.9%
Le Grand CDP	800	500	200	30.8%
Livingston city	5,300	4,100	1,200	22.2%
Los Banos city	13,400	10,600	2,800	20.7%
Merced city	31,600	25,400	6,200	19.6%
Planada CDP	2,000	1,200	800	41.0%
South Dos Palos CDP	500	300	200	43.6%
Winton CDP	4,200	3,000	1,100	27.4%

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	54	106,800	85,700	21,100	19.8%
Fresno	43	442,500	368,100	74,300	16.8%
Kern	39	377,100	317,500	59,600	15.8%
Kings	44	59,500	49,300	10,200	17.1%
Madera	38	67,700	57,300	10,400	15.4%
San Joaquin	44	302,000	250,300	51,800	17.1%
Stanislaus	46	237,700	196,100	41,700	17.5%
Tulare	46	209,000	172,400	36,600	17.5%
San Joaquin Valley		1,802,300	1,496,700	305,700	17.0%

Counties in the San Joaquin Valley Unemployment Rates

