



The Quick Look

A Merced County Labor Market Review - January 2011

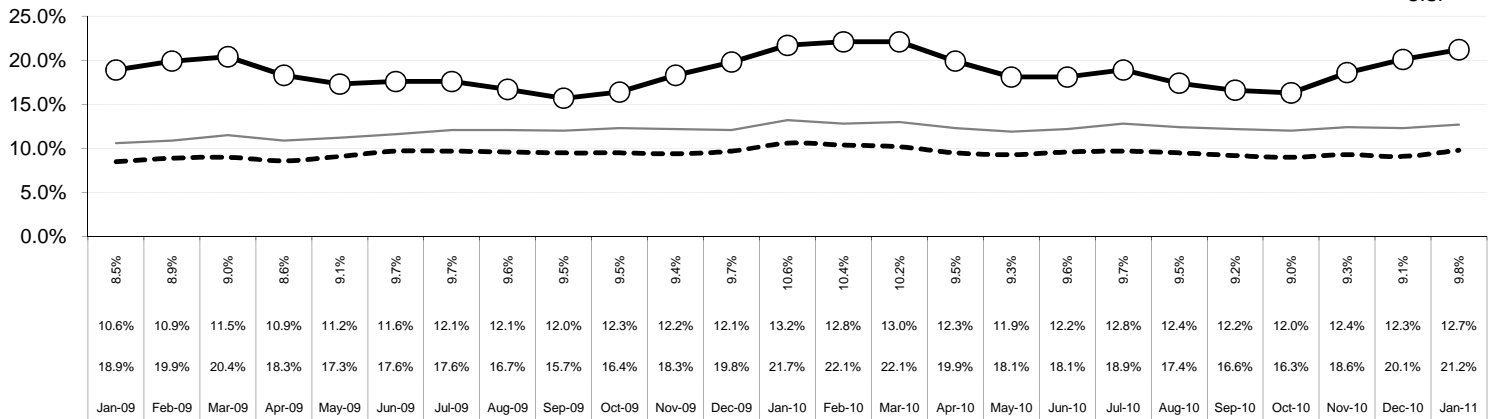
Welcome to the Merced County labor market review. The Quick Look has been developed by the Department of Workforce Investment staff for the Merced County Local Workforce Investment Board. The data and information is provided by the California Employment Development Department. Questions can be referred 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	
	Jan 10	Nov 10	Dec 10	Jan 11	Month	Year	
Civilian Labor Force (1)	106,600	106,500	106,100	106,500	0.4%	-0.1%	
Civilian Employment	83,900	86,700	84,900	83,900	-1.2%	0.0%	
Civilian Unemployment	22,600	19,800	21,100	22,600	7.1%	0.0%	
Civilian Unemployment Rate	21.2%	18.6%	19.9%	21.2%	0	0	
(CA Unemployment Rate)	13.0%	12.5%	12.3%	12.7%	0	0	
(U.S. Unemployment Rate)	10.6%	9.3%	9.1%	9.8%	0	0	
Total, All Industries (2)	62,000	66,500	64,400	62,000	-3.7%	0.0%	
Total Farm	8,100	10,200	8,400	7,400	-11.9%	-8.6%	
Total Nonfarm	53,900	56,300	56,000	54,600	-2.5%	1.3%	
Total Private	37,900	40,200	39,900	38,800	-2.8%	2.4%	
Goods Producing	9,300	9,500	9,400	9,200	-2.1%	-1.1%	
Mining, Logging, and Construction	1,500	1,800	1,700	1,600	-5.9%	6.7%	
Manufacturing	7,800	7,700	7,700	7,600	-1.3%	-2.6%	
Durable Goods	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	0.0%	0.0%	
Nondurable Goods	6,800	6,700	6,700	6,600	-1.5%	-2.9%	
Service Providing	44,600	46,800	46,600	45,400	-2.6%	1.8%	
Private Service Producing	28,600	30,700	30,500	29,600	-3.0%	3.5%	
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	11,100	12,300	12,200	11,600	-4.9%	4.5%	
Wholesale Trade	1,800	2,700	2,500	2,300	-8.0%	27.8%	
Retail Trade	7,200	7,200	7,300	7,000	-4.1%	-2.8%	
Food & Beverage Stores	1,500	1,700	1,700	1,600	-5.9%	6.7%	
General Merchandise Stores	1,900	2,000	2,100	1,900	-9.5%	0.0%	
Retail Trade - Residual	3,800	3,500	3,500	3,500	0.0%	-7.9%	
Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities	2,100	2,400	2,400	2,300	-4.2%	9.5%	
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	1,000	1,000	1,000	0.0%	0.0%	
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	600	600	600	600	0.0%	0.0%	
Professional & Business Services	3,400	3,600	3,600	3,500	-2.8%	2.9%	
Educational & Health Services	5,600	6,100	6,000	5,900	-1.7%	5.4%	
Leisure & Hospitality	4,400	4,600	4,600	4,500	-2.2%	2.3%	
Other Services	1,300	1,300	1,300	1,300	0.0%	0.0%	
Government	16,000	16,100	16,100	15,800	-1.9%	-1.3%	
Federal Government	800	800	800	800	0.0%	0.0%	
State & Local Government	15,200	15,300	15,300	15,000	-2.0%	-1.3%	
State Government Education	1,500	1,800	1,700	1,700	0.0%	13.3%	
State Government Excluding Education	600	600	600	600	0.0%	0.0%	
Local Government	13,100	12,900	13,000	12,600	-3.1%	-3.8%	
Special Districts plus Indian Tribes	700	600	600	600	0.0%	-14.3%	

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**Merced County, California, and the United States
Unemployment Rate
January 2009 to January 2011**

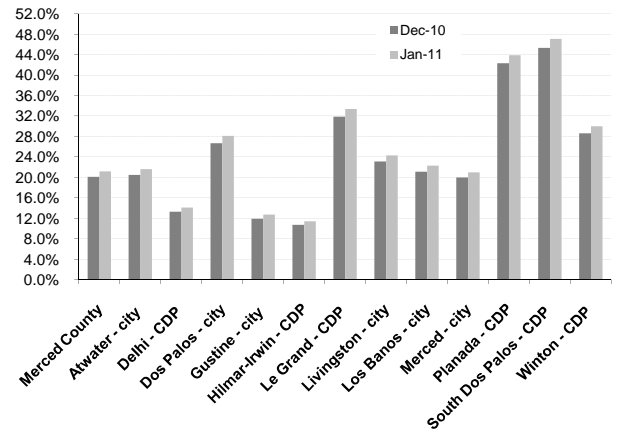


Sub County average unemployment rates for the county, cities, and municipalities.

Area Name	Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment	
			Number	Rate
Merced County	106,500	83,900	22,600	21.2%
Atwater city	12,500	9,800	2,700	21.6%
Delhi CDP	4,000	3,400	600	14.1%
Dos Palos city	2,100	1,500	600	28.1%
Gustine city	2,400	2,100	300	12.7%
Hilmar Irwin CDP	2,700	2,400	300	11.4%
Le Grand CDP	800	500	300	33.4%
Livingston city	5,400	4,100	1,300	24.3%
Los Banos city	13,400	10,400	3,000	22.3%
Merced city	31,500	24,900	6,600	21.0%
Planada CDP	2,000	1,100	900	43.9%
South Dos Palos CDP	600	300	300	47.1%
Winton CDP	4,300	3,000	1,300	30.0%

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.

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County	Rank	Labor Force	Employ	Unemployed	Rate
Merced	55	106,500	83,900	22,600	21.2%
Fresno	43	435,600	356,200	79,500	18.2%
Kern	40	364,300	302,600	61,700	16.9%
Kings	45	60,200	49,200	11,000	18.3%
Madera	37	66,600	55,500	11,100	16.6%
San Joaquin	46	296,400	241,600	54,800	18.5%
Stanislaus	43	237,400	194,200	43,200	18.2%
Tulare	42	211,200	173,100	38,100	18.0%
San Joaquin Valley		1,778,200	1,456,300	322,000	18.1%

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Unemployment Rates**

