



# The Quick Look

## A Merced County Labor Market Review - March 2011

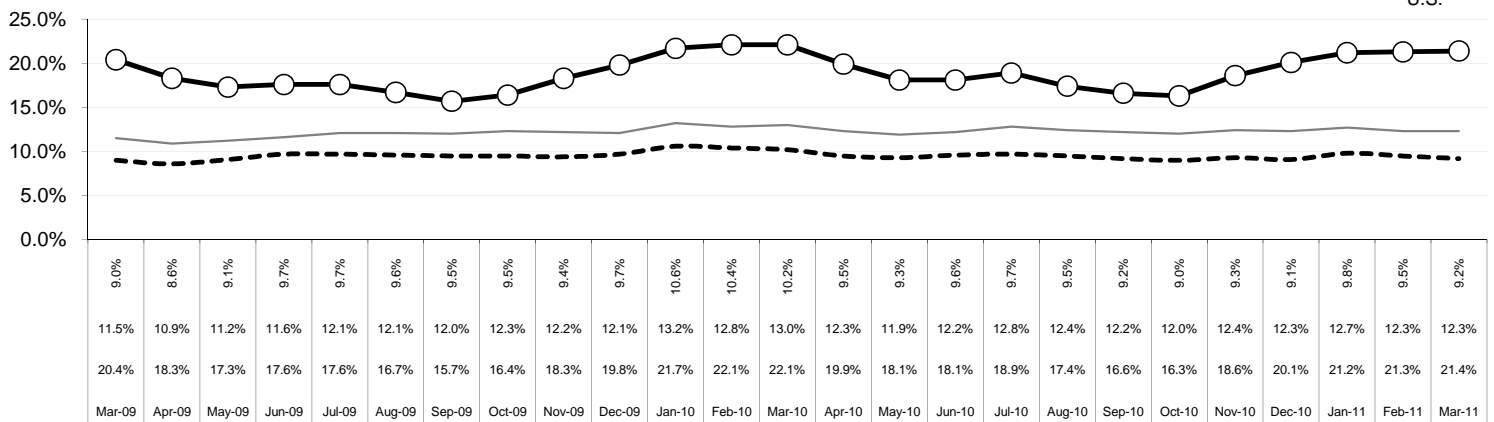
Welcome to the Merced County labor market review. The Quick Look has been developed by the Department of Workforce Investment staff for the Merced County Local Workforce Investment Board. The data and information is provided by the California Employment Development Department. Questions can be referred 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	
	Mar 10	Jan 11	Feb 11	Mar 11	Month	Year
Civilian Labor Force (1)	108,500	106,400	107,000	106,600	-0.4%	-1.8%
Civilian Employment	85,300	83,900	84,300	83,800	-0.6%	-1.8%
Civilian Unemployment	23,100	22,500	22,700	22,800	0.4%	-1.3%
Civilian Unemployment Rate	21.3%	21.2%	21.2%	21.4%	0	0
(CA Unemployment Rate)	12.8%	12.7%	12.2%	12.3%	0	0
(U.S. Unemployment Rate)	10.2%	9.8%	9.5%	9.2%	0	0
<b>Total, All Industries (2)</b>	<b>63,200</b>	<b>62,000</b>	<b>62,700</b>	<b>63,000</b>	<b>0.5%</b>	<b>-0.3%</b>
Total Farm	8,500	7,400	7,800	7,800	0.0%	-8.2%
Total Nonfarm	54,700	54,600	54,900	55,200	0.5%	0.9%
Total Private	38,200	38,900	38,800	39,000	0.5%	2.1%
Goods Producing	9,400	9,200	9,100	9,100	0.0%	-3.2%
Mining, Logging, and Construction	1,500	1,600	1,500	1,500	0.0%	0.0%
Manufacturing	7,900	7,600	7,600	7,600	0.0%	-3.8%
Durable Goods	1,100	1,000	1,000	1,000	0.0%	-9.1%
Nondurable Goods	6,800	6,600	6,600	6,600	0.0%	-2.9%
Service Providing	45,300	45,400	45,800	46,100	0.7%	1.8%
Private Service Producing	28,800	29,700	29,700	29,900	0.7%	3.8%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	10,900	11,700	11,600	11,700	0.9%	7.3%
Wholesale Trade	1,800	2,300	2,300	2,300	0.0%	27.8%
Retail Trade	6,900	7,100	7,000	7,000	0.0%	1.4%
Food & Beverage Stores	1,500	1,600	1,600	1,600	0.0%	6.7%
General Merchandise Stores	1,800	1,900	1,800	1,800	0.0%	0.0%
Retail Trade - Residual	3,600	3,600	3,600	3,600	0.0%	0.0%
Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities	2,200	2,300	2,300	2,400	4.3%	9.1%
Information	1,300	1,200	1,200	1,200	0.0%	-7.7%
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	3,500	3,500	3,600	3,600	0.0%	2.9%
Educational & Health Services	5,700	5,900	5,900	5,900	0.0%	3.5%
Leisure & Hospitality	4,500	4,500	4,500	4,600	2.2%	2.2%
Other Services	1,300	1,300	1,300	1,300	0.0%	0.0%
Government	16,500	15,700	16,100	16,200	0.6%	-1.8%
Federal Government	800	800	800	800	0.0%	0.0%
State & Local Government	15,700	14,900	15,300	15,400	0.7%	-1.9%
State Government Education	1,700	1,700	1,800	1,800	0.0%	5.9%
State Government Excluding Education	600	600	600	600	0.0%	0.0%
Local Government	13,400	12,600	12,900	13,000	0.8%	-3.0%
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  
March 2009 to March 2011**

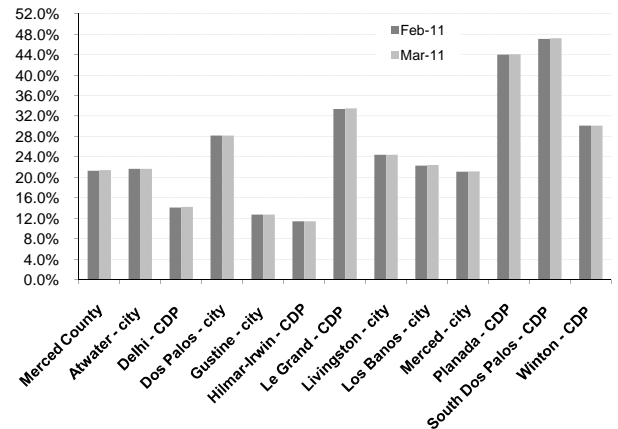


### Sub County average unemployment rates for the county, cities, and municipalities.

Area Name	Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment	
			Number	Rate
Merced County	106,600	83,800	22,800	21.4%
Atwater city	12,500	9,800	2,700	21.7%
Delhi CDP	4,000	3,400	600	14.2%
Dos Palos city	2,100	1,500	600	28.2%
Gustine city	2,500	2,100	300	12.7%
Hilmar Irwin CDP	2,700	2,400	300	11.4%
Le Grand CDP	800	500	300	33.5%
Livingston city	5,400	4,100	1,300	24.4%
Los Banos city	13,400	10,400	3,000	22.4%
Merced city	31,500	24,900	6,700	21.2%
Planada CDP	2,000	1,100	900	44.1%
South Dos Palos CDP	600	300	300	47.2%
Winton CDP	4,300	3,000	1,300	30.1%

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	55	106,600	83,800	22,800	21.4%
Fresno	42	432,700	353,100	79,600	18.4%
Kern	41	358,400	295,500	62,900	17.5%
Kings	42	60,400	49,300	11,100	18.4%
Madera	40	65,200	54,000	11,200	17.2%
San Joaquin	42	295,100	240,800	54,300	18.4%
Stanislaus	42	235,900	192,400	43,500	18.4%
Tulare	48	204,200	165,900	38,300	18.7%
San Joaquin Valley		1,758,500	1,434,800	323,700	18.4%

**Counties in the San Joaquin Valley  
Unemployment Rates**

