



The Quick Look

A Merced County Labor Market Review - May 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	
	May 09	Mar 10	Apr 10	May 10	Month	Year
Civilian Labor Force (1)	105,000	108,400	107,500	108,200	0.7%	3.0%
Civilian Employment	87,900	84,500	86,200	88,600	2.8%	0.8%
Civilian Unemployment	17,100	23,900	21,300	19,600	-8.0%	14.6%
Civilian Unemployment Rate	16.3%	22.1%	19.8%	18.1%	0	0
(CA Unemployment Rate)	11.0%	13.0%	12.2%	11.9%	0	0
(U.S. Unemployment Rate)	9.1%	10.2%	9.5%	9.3%	0	0
Total, All Industries (2)	67,600	62,500	64,300	67,200	4.5%	-0.6%
Total Farm	12,000	9,100	10,500	12,900	22.9%	7.5%
Total Nonfarm	55,600	53,400	53,800	54,300	0.9%	-2.3%
Total Private	39,600	37,800	37,900	38,100	0.5%	-3.8%
Goods Producing	10,300	8,600	8,600	8,600	0.0%	-16.5%
Mining, Logging, and Construction	1,600	1,300	1,300	1,300	0.0%	-18.8%
Manufacturing	8,700	7,300	7,300	7,300	0.0%	-16.1%
Durable Goods	1,200	1,000	1,000	1,000	0.0%	-16.7%
Nondurable Goods	7,500	6,300	6,300	6,300	0.0%	-16.0%
Service Providing	45,300	44,800	45,200	45,700	1.1%	0.9%
Private Service Producing	29,300	29,200	29,300	29,500	0.7%	0.7%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	11,400	11,500	11,500	11,500	0.0%	0.9%
Wholesale Trade	1,700	2,500	2,500	2,500	0.0%	47.1%
Retail Trade	7,500	6,900	6,900	6,900	0.0%	-8.0%
Food & Beverage Stores	1,500	1,400	1,400	1,400	0.0%	-6.7%
General Merchandise Stores	1,900	1,800	1,800	1,800	0.0%	-5.3%
Retail Trade - Residual	4,100	3,700	3,700	3,700	0.0%	-9.8%
Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities	2,200	2,100	2,100	2,100	0.0%	-4.5%
Information	1,200	1,200	1,200	1,200	0.0%	0.0%
Financial Activities	1,600	1,500	1,500	1,500	0.0%	-6.3%
Finance & Insurance	900	900	900	900	0.0%	0.0%
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	600	600	600	600	0.0%	0.0%
Professional & Business Services	3,300	3,500	3,500	3,500	0.0%	6.1%
Educational & Health Services	5,600	5,700	5,700	5,700	0.0%	1.8%
Leisure & Hospitality	4,800	4,400	4,500	4,600	2.2%	-4.2%
Other Services	1,400	1,400	1,400	1,500	7.1%	7.1%
Government	16,000	15,600	15,900	16,200	1.9%	1.3%
Federal Government	800	800	800	1,000	25.0%	25.0%
State & Local Government	15,200	14,800	15,100	15,200	0.7%	0.0%
State Government Education	1,100	1,200	1,200	1,200	0.0%	9.1%
State Government Excluding Education	600	600	600	600	0.0%	0.0%
Local Government	13,500	13,000	13,300	13,400	0.8%	-0.7%
Special Districts plus Indian Tribes	600	600	600	700	16.7%	16.7%

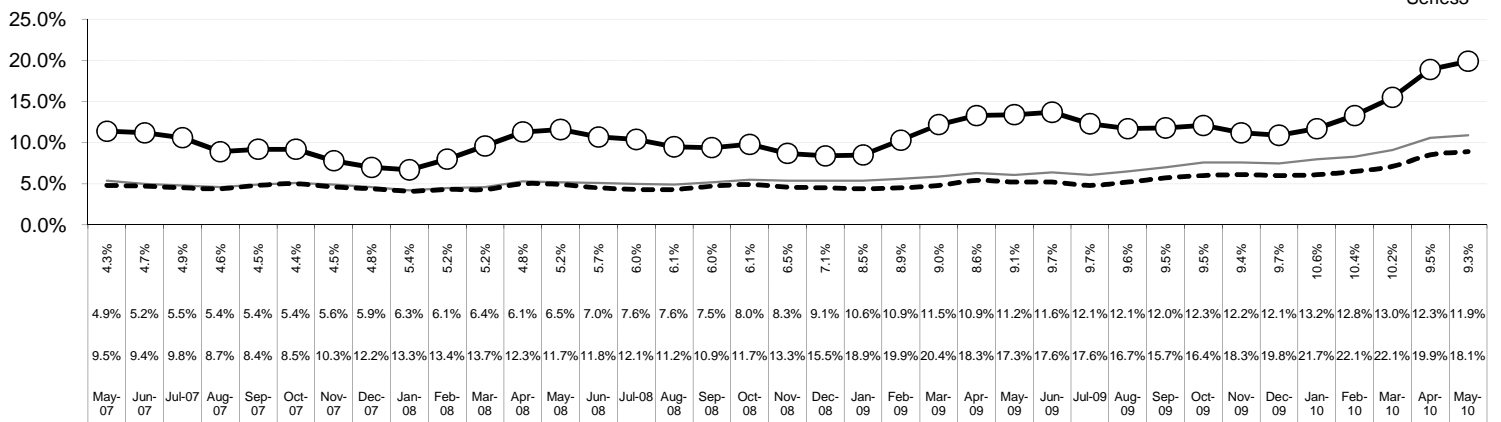
The County continues with one of the highest unemployment rates in the State, ranking 55th out of 58 counties in the month of May. The preliminary result is a decrease of 1.7 percentage points in the unemployment rate from the April rate. For year ago data, this preliminary figure is an increase of 1.8 percentage points in the unemployment rate.

Overall, the County's Civilian Labor Force increased by 700 persons over last month's figure and an increase of 3,200 persons over year ago figure. Industrial employment increased by 2,900 jobs in May over April's figure and an increase of 400 jobs over year ago's figures.

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May 2010

Merced County, California, and the United States
Unemployment Rate
May 2007 to May 2010

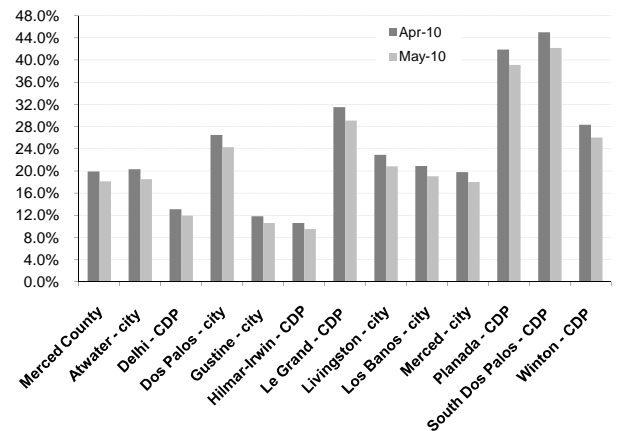


Sub County average unemployment rates for the county, cities, and municipalities.

Area Name	Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment	
			Number	Rate
Merced County	108,200	88,600	19,600	18.1%
Atwater city	12,700	10,400	2,300	18.5%
Delhi CDP	4,100	3,600	500	11.9%
Dos Palos city	2,100	1,600	500	24.3%
Gustine city	2,500	2,300	300	10.6%
Hilmar Irwin CDP	2,800	2,600	300	9.5%
Le Grand CDP	800	600	200	29.1%
Livingston city	5,400	4,300	1,100	20.8%
Los Banos city	13,600	11,000	2,600	19.0%
Merced city	32,000	26,300	5,800	18.0%
Planada CDP	1,900	1,200	800	39.1%
South Dos Palos CDP	600	300	200	42.2%
Winton CDP	4,300	3,200	1,100	26.0%

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	108,200	88,600	19,600	18.1%
Fresno	46	449,600	377,900	71,600	15.9%
Kern	45	367,800	310,100	57,700	15.7%
Kings	41	63,200	53,500	9,700	15.3%
Madera	38	68,700	58,400	10,300	15.0%
San Joaquin	47	308,500	258,600	49,800	16.2%
Stanislaus	49	239,800	198,400	41,400	17.3%
Tulare	43	213,600	180,400	33,200	15.5%
San Joaquin Valley		1,819,400	1,525,900	293,300	16.1%

Counties in the San Joaquin Valley
Unemployment Rates

