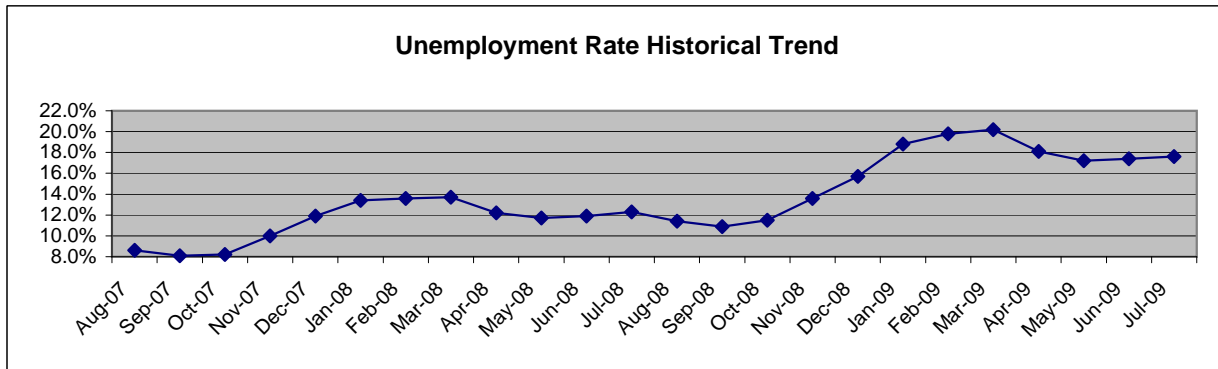


IMMEDIATE RELEASE
 MERCED METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA (MSA)
 (Merced County)

The unemployment rate in the Merced County was 17.6 percent in July 2009, up from a revised 17.4 percent in June 2009, and above the year-ago estimate of 12.3 percent. This compares with an unadjusted unemployment rate of 12.1 percent for California and 9.7 percent for the nation during the same period.



Industry	Jun-2009	Jul-2009	Change		Jul-2008	Jul-2009	Change
	Revised	Prelim				Prelim	
Total, All Industries	68,800	66,100	(2,700)		67,600	66,100	(1,500)
Total Farm	11,900	12,000	100		12,200	12,000	(200)
Total Nonfarm	56,900	54,100	(2,800)		55,400	54,100	(1,300)
Mining, Logging, and Construction	2,000	2,000	0		2,300	2,000	(300)
Manufacturing	9,100	9,300	200		9,700	9,300	(400)
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	10,900	10,800	(100)		11,600	10,800	(800)
Information	1,200	1,200	0		1,200	1,200	0
Financial Activities	1,700	1,700	0		1,700	1,700	0
Professional & Business Services	4,000	4,000	0		3,900	4,000	100
Educational & Health Services	5,500	5,500	0		5,600	5,500	(100)
Leisure & Hospitality	4,900	4,800	(100)		5,000	4,800	(200)
Other Services	1,400	1,400	0		1,400	1,400	0
Government	16,200	13,400	(2,800)		13,000	13,400	400

Notes: Data not adjusted for seasonality. Data may not add due to rounding
 Labor force data are revised month to month
 Additional data are available on line at www.labormarketinfo.edd.ca.gov

Data Not Seasonally Adjusted

	Jul 08	May 09	Jun 09	Jul 09	Percent Change	
			Revised	Prelim	Month	Year
Civilian Labor Force (1)	101,200	105,500	107,500	105,300	-2.0%	4.1%
Civilian Employment	88,800	87,400	88,800	86,800	-2.3%	-2.3%
Civilian Unemployment	12,500	18,200	18,700	18,500	-1.1%	48.0%
Civilian Unemployment Rate (CA Unemployment Rate)	12.3%	17.2%	17.4%	17.6%		
(U.S. Unemployment Rate)	6.0%	9.1%	9.7%	9.7%		

Total, All Industries (2)	67,600	67,400	68,800	66,100	-3.9%	-2.2%
Total Farm	12,200	11,100	11,900	12,000	0.8%	-1.6%
Total Nonfarm	55,400	56,300	56,900	54,100	-4.9%	-2.3%
Total Private	42,400	40,400	40,700	40,700	0.0%	-4.0%
Goods Producing	12,000	10,900	11,100	11,300	1.8%	-5.8%
Mining, Logging, and Construction	2,300	1,900	2,000	2,000	0.0%	-13.0%
Mining and Logging	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0.0%
Construction	2,300	1,900	2,000	2,000	0.0%	-13.0%
Manufacturing	9,700	9,000	9,100	9,300	2.2%	-4.1%
Durable Goods	1,900	1,700	1,700	1,700	0.0%	-10.5%
Nondurable Goods	7,800	7,300	7,400	7,600	2.7%	-2.6%
Service Providing	43,400	45,400	45,800	42,800	-6.6%	-1.4%
Private Service Producing	30,400	29,500	29,600	29,400	-0.7%	-3.3%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	11,600	10,900	10,900	10,800	-0.9%	-6.9%
Wholesale Trade	1,800	1,600	1,600	1,600	0.0%	-11.1%
Retail Trade	7,500	7,000	7,000	6,900	-1.4%	-8.0%
Food & Beverage Stores	1,500	1,600	1,600	1,600	0.0%	6.7%
General Merchandise Stores	2,000	1,800	1,800	1,800	0.0%	-10.0%
Residual-Miscellaneous Store Retailers	4,000	3,600	3,600	3,500	-2.8%	-12.5%
Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities	2,300	2,300	2,300	2,300	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	3,900	4,000	4,000	4,000	0.0%	2.6%
Educational & Health Services	5,600	5,500	5,500	5,500	0.0%	-1.8%
Leisure & Hospitality	5,000	4,800	4,900	4,800	-2.0%	-4.0%
Food Services & Drinking Places	4,300	4,100	4,100	4,000	-2.4%	-7.0%
Residual-Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	700	700	800	800	0.0%	14.3%
Other Services	1,400	1,400	1,400	1,400	0.0%	0.0%
Government	13,000	15,900	16,200	13,400	-17.3%	3.1%
Federal Government	800	800	800	800	0.0%	0.0%
State & Local Government	12,200	15,100	15,400	12,600	-18.2%	3.3%
State Government	1,600	1,600	1,700	1,600	-5.9%	0.0%
State Government Education	1,000	1,000	1,100	1,000	-9.1%	0.0%
Other State Government	600	600	600	600	0.0%	0.0%
Local Government	10,600	13,500	13,700	11,000	-19.7%	3.8%

Notes:

(1) Civilian labor force data are by place of residence; include self-employed individuals, unpaid family workers, household domestic workers, & workers on strike. Data may not add due to rounding. The unemployment rate is calculated using unrounded data.

(2) Industry employment is by place of work; excludes self-employed individuals, unpaid family workers, household domestic workers, & workers on strike. Data may not add due to rounding.

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Merced MSA
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Industry Employment & Labor Force
March 2008 Benchmark

Data Not Seasonally Adjusted

	Jul 08	May 09	Jun 09 Revised	Jul 09 Prelim	Percent Change Month Year
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