



# The Quick Look

## A Merced County Labor Market Review - July 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	
	Jul 09	May 10	Jun 10	Jul 10	Month	Year
Civilian Labor Force (1)	104,900	108,300	109,700	107,000	-2.5%	2.0%
Civilian Employment	87,100	88,900	89,900	86,800	-3.4%	-0.3%
Civilian Unemployment	17,800	19,400	19,800	20,200	2.0%	13.5%
Civilian Unemployment Rate	17.0%	17.9%	18.1%	18.9%	0	0
(CA Unemployment Rate)	12.0%	11.9%	12.2%	12.8%	0	0
(U.S. Unemployment Rate)	9.7%	9.3%	9.6%	9.7%	0	0
<b>Total, All Industries (2)</b>	<b>66,000</b>	<b>67,500</b>	<b>68,700</b>	<b>65,100</b>	<b>-5.2%</b>	<b>-1.4%</b>
Total Farm	13,500	12,900	14,000	14,200	1.4%	5.2%
Total Nonfarm	52,500	54,600	54,700	50,900	-6.9%	-3.0%
Total Private	39,300	38,300	38,500	38,600	0.3%	-1.8%
Goods Producing	9,800	8,800	8,800	8,900	1.1%	-9.2%
Mining, Logging, and Construction	1,700	1,300	1,300	1,300	0.0%	-23.5%
Manufacturing	8,100	7,500	7,500	7,600	1.3%	-6.2%
Durable Goods	1,200	1,000	1,000	1,000	0.0%	-16.7%
Nondurable Goods	6,900	6,500	6,500	6,600	1.5%	-4.3%
Service Providing	42,700	45,800	45,900	42,000	-8.5%	-1.6%
Private Service Producing	29,500	29,500	29,700	29,700	0.0%	0.7%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	11,500	11,500	11,700	11,700	0.0%	1.7%
Wholesale Trade	2,400	2,500	2,600	2,600	0.0%	8.3%
Retail Trade	7,000	6,900	7,000	7,000	0.0%	0.0%
Food & Beverage Stores	1,500	1,400	1,300	1,300	0.0%	-13.3%
General Merchandise Stores	1,700	1,800	1,800	1,800	0.0%	5.9%
Retail Trade - Residual	3,800	3,700	3,900	3,900	0.0%	2.6%
Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities	2,100	2,100	2,100	2,100	0.0%	0.0%
Information	1,300	1,200	1,200	1,200	0.0%	-7.7%
Financial Activities	1,600	1,500	1,600	1,600	0.0%	0.0%
Finance & Insurance	1,000	900	900	900	0.0%	-10.0%
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	600	600	700	700	0.0%	16.7%
Professional & Business Services	3,300	3,500	3,500	3,500	0.0%	6.1%
Educational & Health Services	5,700	5,700	5,600	5,600	0.0%	-1.8%
Leisure & Hospitality	4,700	4,600	4,600	4,600	0.0%	-2.1%
Other Services	1,400	1,500	1,500	1,500	0.0%	7.1%
Government	13,200	16,300	16,200	12,300	-24.1%	-6.8%
Federal Government	800	1,000	900	900	0.0%	12.5%
State & Local Government	12,400	15,300	15,300	11,400	-25.5%	-8.1%
State Government Education	800	1,200	1,200	900	-25.0%	12.5%
State Government Excluding Education	600	600	600	600	0.0%	0.0%
Local Government	11,000	13,500	13,500	9,900	-26.7%	-10.0%
Special Districts plus Indian Tribes	600	700	700	700	0.0%	16.7%

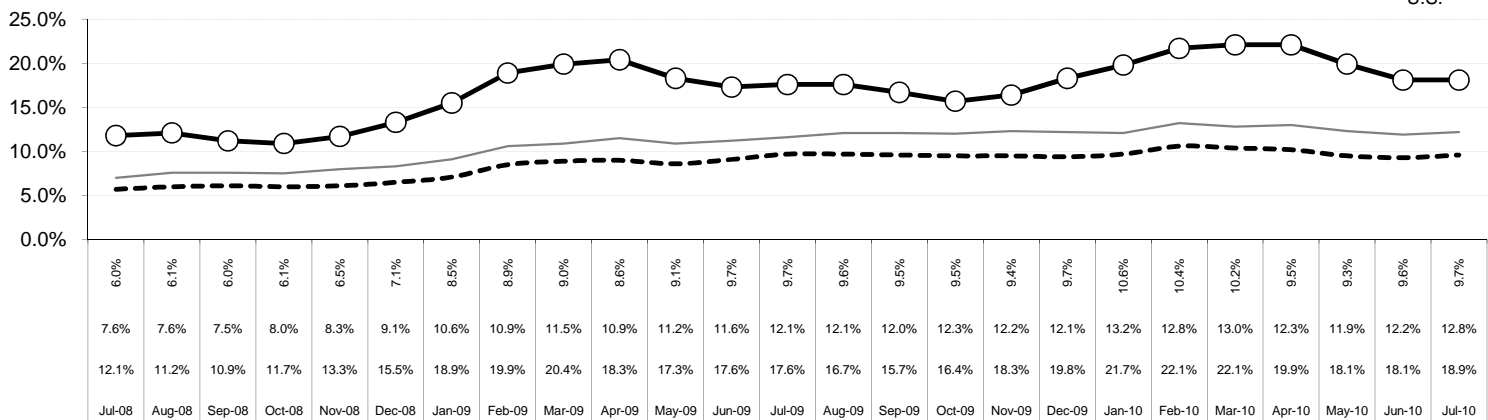
The County continues with one of the highest unemployment rates in the State, ranking 56th out of 58 counties in the month of July. The preliminary result is a increase of 0.8 percentage points in the unemployment rate from the June rate. For year ago data, this preliminary figure is an increase of 1.9 percentage points in the unemployment rate.

Overall, the County's Civilian Labor Force decreased by 2,700 persons over last month's figure and an increase of 2,100 persons over year ago figure. Industrial employment decreased by 3,600 jobs in July over June's figure and an decrease of 900 jobs over year ago's figures.

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**Merced County, California, and the United States  
Unemployment Rate  
July 2008 to July 2010**

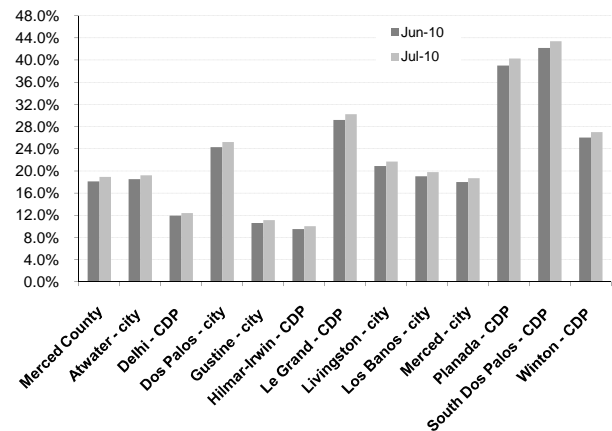


### Sub County average unemployment rates for the county, cities, and municipalities.

Area Name	Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment	
			Number	Rate
Merced County	107,000	86,800	20,200	18.9%
Atwater city	12,600	10,200	2,400	19.2%
Delhi CDP	4,000	3,500	500	12.4%
Dos Palos city	2,100	1,600	500	25.2%
Gustine city	2,500	2,200	300	11.1%
Hilmar Irwin CDP	2,800	2,500	300	10.0%
Le Grand CDP	800	600	200	30.2%
Livingston city	5,400	4,200	1,200	21.7%
Los Banos city	13,400	10,800	2,700	19.8%
Merced city	31,700	25,700	5,900	18.7%
Planada CDP	1,900	1,100	800	40.3%
South Dos Palos CDP	600	300	200	43.4%
Winton CDP	4,200	3,100	1,100	27.0%

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.

### Counties in the San Joaquin Valley Quick Look

County	Rank	Labor Force	Employ	Unemployed	Rate
Merced	56	107,000	86,800	20,200	18.9%
Fresno	46	451,100	377,900	73,200	16.2%
Kern	44	368,200	309,400	58,800	16.0%
Kings	38	63,500	53,500	9,900	15.6%
Madera	36	68,500	58,000	10,500	15.3%
San Joaquin	51	304,200	251,200	53,000	17.4%
Stanislaus	52	241,700	199,300	42,500	17.6%
Tulare	48	209,500	174,200	35,300	16.9%
San Joaquin Valley		1,813,700	1,510,300	303,400	16.7%

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

