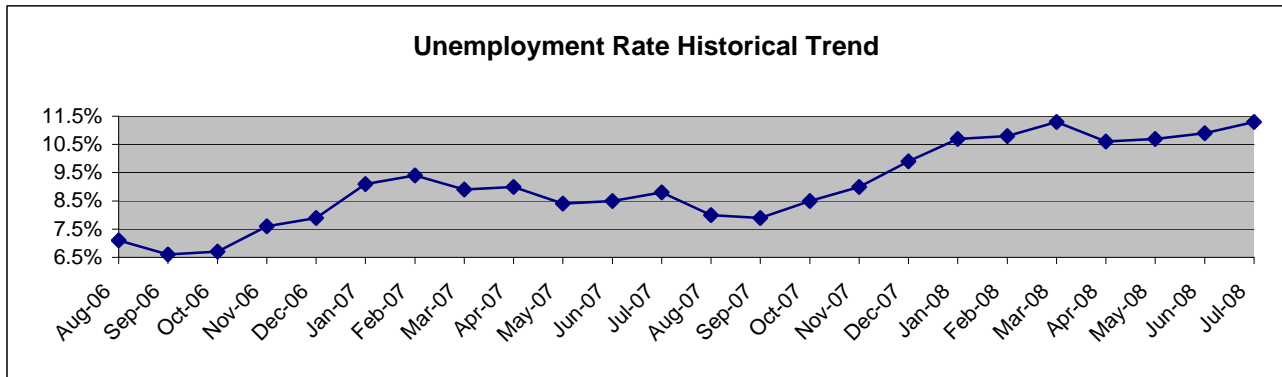


IMMEDIATE RELEASE
 MODESTO METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA (MSA)
 (Stanislaus County)

The unemployment rate in Stanislaus County was 11.3 percent in July 2008, up from a revised 10.9 percent in June 2008, and above the year-ago estimate of 8.8 percent. This compares with an unadjusted unemployment rate of 7.6 percent for California and 6.0 percent for the nation during the same period.



| Industry | Jun-2008 | Jul-2008 | Change | | Jul-2007 | Jul-2008 | Change |
|--|----------|----------|---------|--|----------|----------|---------|
| | Revised | Prelim | | | | Prelim | |
| Total Jobs | 176,000 | 173,400 | (2,600) | | 176,000 | 173,400 | (2,600) |
| Farm Jobs | 16,700 | 13,800 | (2,900) | | 13,300 | 13,800 | 500 |
| Nonfarm Jobs | 159,300 | 159,600 | 300 | | 162,700 | 159,600 | (3,100) |
| Natural Resources, Mining and Construction | 10,300 | 10,200 | (100) | | 12,000 | 10,200 | (1,800) |
| Manufacturing | 22,500 | 24,900 | 2,400 | | 26,100 | 24,900 | (1,200) |
| Trade, Transportation and Utilities | 33,900 | 33,800 | (100) | | 33,500 | 33,800 | 300 |
| Information | 2,300 | 2,100 | (200) | | 2,400 | 2,100 | (300) |
| Financial Activities | 5,900 | 5,900 | 0 | | 6,200 | 5,900 | (300) |
| Professional and Business Services | 15,100 | 15,100 | 0 | | 14,700 | 15,100 | 400 |
| Educational and Health Services | 21,800 | 21,500 | (300) | | 21,100 | 21,500 | 400 |
| Leisure and Hospitality | 15,400 | 15,400 | 0 | | 15,600 | 15,400 | (200) |
| Other Services | 6,100 | 6,000 | (100) | | 6,000 | 6,000 | 0 |
| Government | 26,000 | 24,700 | (1,300) | | 25,100 | 24,700 | (400) |

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

Data Not Adjusted for Seasonality

| | Jul 07 | May 08 | Jun 08 | Jul 08 | Percent Change | |
|---|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|--------------|
| | | | Revised | Prelim | Month | Year |
| Civilian Labor Force (1) | 234,700 | 235,900 | 239,900 | 239,600 | -0.1% | 2.1% |
| Civilian Employment | 214,000 | 210,700 | 213,800 | 212,400 | -0.7% | -0.7% |
| Civilian Unemployment | 20,700 | 25,200 | 26,100 | 27,200 | 4.2% | 31.4% |
| Civilian Unemployment Rate | 8.8% | 10.7% | 10.9% | 11.3% | | |
| (CA Unemployment Rate) | 5.7% | 6.5% | 7.0% | 7.6% | | |
| (U.S. Unemployment Rate) | 4.9% | 5.2% | 5.7% | 6.0% | | |
| Total, All Industries (2) | 176,000 | 172,600 | 176,000 | 173,400 | -1.5% | -1.5% |
| Total Farm | 13,300 | 14,400 | 16,700 | 13,800 | -17.4% | 3.8% |
| Total Nonfarm | 162,700 | 158,200 | 159,300 | 159,600 | 0.2% | -1.9% |
| Total Private | 137,600 | 132,100 | 133,300 | 134,900 | 1.2% | -2.0% |
| Goods Producing | 38,100 | 31,700 | 32,800 | 35,100 | 7.0% | -7.9% |
| Natural Resources, Mining and Construction | 12,000 | 10,100 | 10,300 | 10,200 | -1.0% | -15.0% |
| Manufacturing | 26,100 | 21,600 | 22,500 | 24,900 | 10.7% | -4.6% |
| Durable Goods | 8,200 | 8,000 | 7,800 | 7,700 | -1.3% | -6.1% |
| Nondurable Goods | 17,900 | 13,600 | 14,700 | 17,200 | 17.0% | -3.9% |
| Food Manufacturing | 12,800 | 8,400 | 9,400 | 11,800 | 25.5% | -7.8% |
| Residual-Beverage and Tobacco Product Mfg | 5,100 | 5,200 | 5,300 | 5,400 | 1.9% | 5.9% |
| Service Providing | 124,600 | 126,500 | 126,500 | 124,500 | -1.6% | -0.1% |
| Private Service Producing | 99,500 | 100,400 | 100,500 | 99,800 | -0.7% | 0.3% |
| Trade, Transportation and Utilities | 33,500 | 33,900 | 33,900 | 33,800 | -0.3% | 0.9% |
| Wholesale Trade | 6,100 | 6,000 | 6,000 | 6,100 | 1.7% | 0.0% |
| Retail Trade | 21,900 | 22,100 | 22,100 | 22,000 | -0.5% | 0.5% |
| Food and Beverage Stores | 4,500 | 4,300 | 4,400 | 4,500 | 2.3% | 0.0% |
| Clothing and Clothing Accessories Stores | 1,600 | 1,600 | 1,600 | 1,600 | 0.0% | 0.0% |
| General Merchandise Stores | 5,000 | 5,000 | 5,000 | 5,000 | 0.0% | 0.0% |
| Residual-Miscellaneous Store Retailers | 10,800 | 11,200 | 11,100 | 10,900 | -1.8% | 0.9% |
| Transportation, Warehousing and Utilities | 5,500 | 5,800 | 5,800 | 5,700 | -1.7% | 3.6% |
| Information | 2,400 | 2,300 | 2,300 | 2,100 | -8.7% | -12.5% |
| Financial Activities | 6,200 | 5,800 | 5,900 | 5,900 | 0.0% | -4.8% |
| Professional and Business Services | 14,700 | 15,100 | 15,100 | 15,100 | 0.0% | 2.7% |
| Professional, Scientific and Technical Services | 7,000 | 7,400 | 7,300 | 7,300 | 0.0% | 4.3% |
| Administrative and Support and Waste Services | 7,700 | 7,700 | 7,800 | 7,800 | 0.0% | 1.3% |
| Educational and Health Services | 21,100 | 21,700 | 21,800 | 21,500 | -1.4% | 1.9% |
| Educational Services | 1,100 | 1,200 | 1,200 | 1,200 | 0.0% | 9.1% |
| Health Care and Social Assistance | 20,000 | 20,500 | 20,600 | 20,300 | -1.5% | 1.5% |
| Health Care | 17,700 | 18,300 | 18,300 | 18,100 | -1.1% | 2.3% |
| Social Assistance | 2,300 | 2,200 | 2,300 | 2,200 | -4.3% | -4.3% |
| Leisure and Hospitality | 15,600 | 15,500 | 15,400 | 15,400 | 0.0% | -1.3% |
| Residual-Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation | 2,700 | 2,400 | 2,400 | 2,500 | 4.2% | -7.4% |
| Food Services and Drinking Places | 12,900 | 13,100 | 13,000 | 12,900 | -0.8% | 0.0% |
| Other Services | 6,000 | 6,100 | 6,100 | 6,000 | -1.6% | 0.0% |
| Government | 25,100 | 26,100 | 26,000 | 24,700 | -5.0% | -1.6% |
| Federal Government | 1,200 | 900 | 900 | 900 | 0.0% | -25.0% |
| State and Local Government | 23,900 | 25,200 | 25,100 | 23,800 | -5.2% | -0.4% |
| State Government | 1,700 | 2,000 | 2,000 | 1,700 | -15.0% | 0.0% |
| State Government Education | 1,300 | 1,600 | 1,600 | 1,300 | -18.8% | 0.0% |
| Other State Government | 400 | 400 | 400 | 400 | 0.0% | 0.0% |
| Local Government | 22,200 | 23,200 | 23,100 | 22,100 | -4.3% | -0.5% |
| Local Government Education | 12,900 | 14,100 | 13,900 | 12,900 | -7.2% | 0.0% |
| County | 5,200 | 5,100 | 5,100 | 5,100 | 0.0% | -1.9% |
| City | 2,400 | 2,300 | 2,400 | 2,400 | 0.0% | 0.0% |
| Other Local Government | 1,700 | 1,700 | 1,700 | 1,700 | 0.0% | 0.0% |

Note 1: Civilian labor force data are by place of residence; include self-employed individuals, unpaid family workers, household domestic workers, & workers on strike.

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March 2007 Benchmark

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| | Jul 07 | May 08 | Jun 08 Revised | Jul 08 Prelim | Percent Change Month Year |
|--|--------|--------|-------------------|------------------|-----------------------------------|
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Note 2: Industry employment is by place of work; excludes self-employed individuals, unpaid family workers, household domestic workers, & workers on strike.

Effective with the release of the February data on March 21, 2008, we will be releasing revised monthly labor force data for the previous month.

These data are produced by the Labor Market Information Division of the California State Employment Development Department (EDD). Questions should be directed to: Liz Baker-209/941-6551 or Pedro Vargas (209/726-5424)

These data, as well as other labor market data, are available via the Internet at <http://www.labormarketinfo.edd.ca.gov>. If you need assistance, please call (916) 262-2162.

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