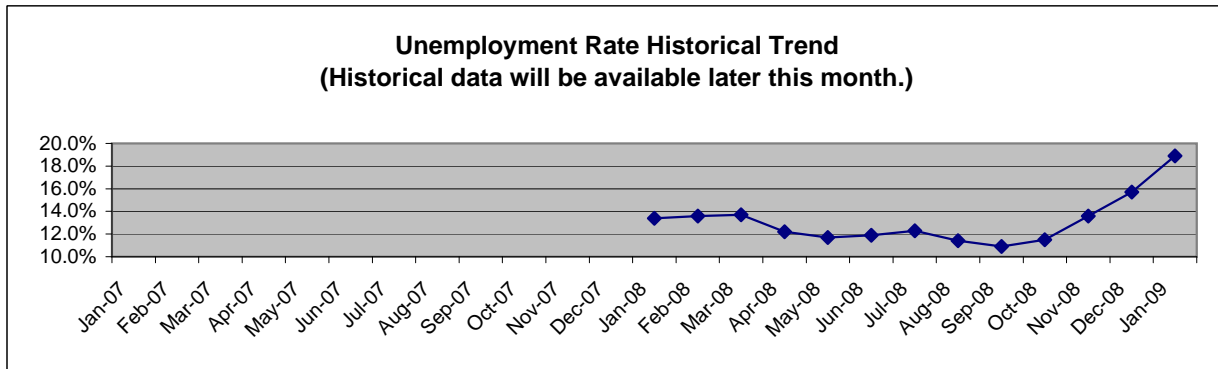


IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
 MERCED METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA (MSA)  
 (Merced County)

The unemployment rate in the Merced County was 18.9 percent in January 2009, up from a revised 15.7 percent in December 2008, and above the year-ago estimate of 13.4 percent. This compares with an unadjusted unemployment rate of 10.6 percent for California and 8.5 percent for the nation during the same period.



Industry	Dec-2008	Jan-2009	Change		Jan-2008	Jan-2009	Change
	Revised	Prelim				Prelim	
Total, All Industries	67,000	64,300	(2,700)		65,700	64,300	(1,400)
Total Farm	9,300	8,400	(900)		8,500	8,400	(100)
Total Nonfarm	57,700	55,900	(1,800)		57,200	55,900	(1,300)
Natural Resources, Mining & Construction	2,100	1,900	(200)		2,500	1,900	(600)
Manufacturing	8,900	8,600	(300)		9,000	8,600	(400)
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	11,800	11,200	(600)		11,500	11,200	(300)
Information	1,200	1,200	0		1,300	1,200	(100)
Financial Activities	1,700	1,700	0		1,800	1,700	(100)
Professional & Business Services	4,100	4,000	(100)		3,700	4,000	300
Educational & Health Services	5,600	5,500	(100)		5,400	5,500	100
Leisure & Hospitality	4,800	4,700	(100)		4,900	4,700	(200)
Other Services	1,400	1,400	0		1,500	1,400	(100)
Government	16,100	15,700	(400)		15,600	15,700	100

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](http://www.labormarketinfo.edd.ca.gov)

Data Not Seasonally Adjusted

	Jan 08	Nov 08	Dec 08	Jan 09	Percent Change	
			Revised	Prelim	Month	Year
Civilian Labor Force (1)	102,000	105,200	105,600	106,500	0.9%	4.4%
Civilian Employment	88,400	90,800	89,000	86,400	-2.9%	-2.3%
Civilian Unemployment	13,700	14,300	16,600	20,100	21.1%	46.7%
Civilian Unemployment Rate	13.4%	13.6%	15.7%	18.9%		
(CA Unemployment Rate)	6.4%	8.4%	9.1%	10.6%		
(U.S. Unemployment Rate)	5.4%	6.5%	7.1%	8.5%		

Total, All Industries (2)	65,700	68,900	67,000	64,300	-4.0%	-2.1%
Total Farm	8,500	10,900	9,300	8,400	-9.7%	-1.2%
Total Nonfarm	57,200	58,000	57,700	55,900	-3.1%	-2.3%
Total Private	41,600	41,900	41,600	40,200	-3.4%	-3.4%
Goods Producing	11,500	11,200	11,000	10,500	-4.5%	-8.7%
Natural Resources, Mining & Construction	2,500	2,100	2,100	1,900	-9.5%	-24.0%
Natural Resources & Mining	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0.0%
Construction	2,500	2,100	2,100	1,900	-9.5%	-24.0%
Manufacturing	9,000	9,100	8,900	8,600	-3.4%	-4.4%
Durable Goods	1,900	1,700	1,700	1,700	0.0%	-10.5%
Nondurable Goods	7,100	7,400	7,200	6,900	-4.2%	-2.8%
Service Providing	45,700	46,800	46,700	45,400	-2.8%	-0.7%
Private Service Producing	30,100	30,700	30,600	29,700	-2.9%	-1.3%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	11,500	11,900	11,800	11,200	-5.1%	-2.6%
Wholesale Trade	1,800	1,900	1,800	1,800	0.0%	0.0%
Retail Trade	7,500	7,600	7,600	7,100	-6.6%	-5.3%
Food & Beverage Stores	1,500	1,600	1,600	1,500	-6.3%	0.0%
General Merchandise Stores	1,800	2,100	2,200	1,900	-13.6%	5.6%
Residual-Miscellaneous Store Retailers	4,200	3,900	3,800	3,700	-2.6%	-11.9%
Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities	2,200	2,400	2,400	2,300	-4.2%	4.5%
Information	1,300	1,200	1,200	1,200	0.0%	-7.7%
Financial Activities	1,800	1,700	1,700	1,700	0.0%	-5.6%
Finance & Insurance	1,200	1,100	1,100	1,100	0.0%	-8.3%
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	600	600	600	600	0.0%	0.0%
Professional & Business Services	3,700	4,100	4,100	4,000	-2.4%	8.1%
Educational & Health Services	5,400	5,500	5,600	5,500	-1.8%	1.9%
Leisure & Hospitality	4,900	4,900	4,800	4,700	-2.1%	-4.1%
Food Services & Drinking Places	4,300	4,200	4,100	4,000	-2.4%	-7.0%
Residual-Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	600	700	700	700	0.0%	16.7%
Other Services	1,500	1,400	1,400	1,400	0.0%	-6.7%
Government	15,600	16,100	16,100	15,700	-2.5%	0.6%
Federal Government	800	800	800	800	0.0%	0.0%
State & Local Government	14,800	15,300	15,300	14,900	-2.6%	0.7%
State Government	1,500	1,600	1,600	1,600	0.0%	6.7%
State Government Education	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	0.0%	0.0%
Other State Government	500	600	600	600	0.0%	20.0%
Local Government	13,300	13,700	13,700	13,300	-2.9%	0.0%

**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**  
**(Merced County)**  
Industry Employment & Labor Force  
March 2008 Benchmark

Data Not Seasonally Adjusted

	Jan 08	Nov 08	Dec 08 Revised	Jan 09 Prelim	Percent Change Month      Year
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