



The Quick Look

A Merced County Labor Market Review - April 2015

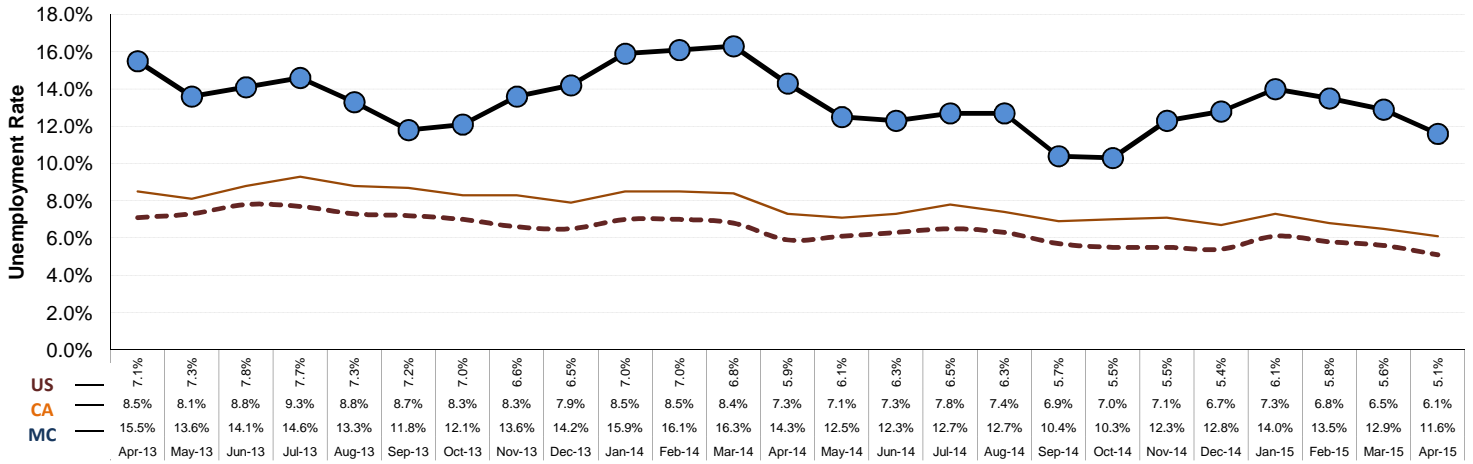
Welcome to the Merced County labor market review. The Quick Look has been developed by the Department of Workforce Investment staff for the Merced County Local Workforce Investment Board. The data and information is provided by the California Employment Development Department. Questions can be referred to the Department of Workforce Investment, 1880 Wardrobe Avenue, Merced, CA 95341. Telephone (209) 724-2044. Email: amendoza@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 2014 Benchmark					
	Apr 14	Feb 15	Mar 15	Apr 15	Percent Change	
					Month	Year
Civilian Labor Force (1)	114,300	116,300	115,500	114,700	-0.7%	0.3%
Civilian Employment	98,900	100,800	100,800	101,400	0.6%	2.5%
Civilian Unemployment	15,400	15,500	14,600	13,300	-8.9%	-13.6%
Civilian Unemployment Rate	13.50%	13.30%	12.70%	11.60%	-0.3%	-2.2%
(CA Unemployment Rate)	7.20%	6.80%	6.50%	6.10%	-0.5%	-1.5%
(U.S. Unemployment Rate)	5.90%	5.80%	5.60%	5.10%	-0.3%	-1.2%
Total, All Industries (2)	74,400	75,300	75,700	76,600	1.2%	3.0%
Total Farm	12,500	11,700	11,500	12,400	7.8%	-0.8%
Total Nonfarm	61,900	63,600	64,200	64,200	0.0%	3.7%
Total Private	44,100	45,900	46,400	46,400	0.0%	5.2%
Goods Producing	10,600	12,800	13,100	12,900	-1.5%	21.7%
Mining, Logging, and Construction	1,700	1,900	2,000	1,900	-5.0%	11.8%
Manufacturing	8,900	10,900	11,100	11,000	-0.9%	23.6%
Nondurable Goods	7,600	9,600	9,700	9,600	-1.0%	26.3%
Service Providing	51,300	50,800	51,100	51,300	0.4%	0.0%
Private Service Providing	33,500	33,100	33,300	33,500	0.6%	0.0%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	11,900	11,500	11,700	11,800	0.9%	-0.8%
Wholesale Trade	1,900	1,500	1,600	1,600	0.0%	-15.8%
Retail Trade	7,700	7,700	7,800	7,900	1.3%	2.6%
Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities	2,300	2,300	2,300	2,300	0.0%	0.0%
Information	400	400	400	300	-25.0%	-25.0%
Financial Activities	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	0.0%	0.0%
Professional & Business Services	4,000	3,800	3,800	3,800	0.0%	-5.0%
Educational & Health Services	8,900	9,000	9,000	9,000	0.0%	1.1%
Leisure & Hospitality	5,400	5,500	5,500	5,700	3.6%	5.6%
Other Services	1,400	1,400	1,400	1,400	0.0%	0.0%
Government	17,800	17,700	17,800	17,800	0.0%	0.0%
Federal Government	700	800	800	800	0.0%	14.3%
State & Local Government	17,100	16,900	17,000	17,000	0.0%	-0.6%
State Government	3,300	2,900	2,800	2,900	3.6%	-12.1%
State Government Education	2,700	2,300	2,200	2,300	4.5%	-14.8%
State Government Excluding Education	600	600	600	600	0.0%	0.0%
Special Districts plus Indian Tribes	13,800	14,000	14,200	14,100	-0.7%	2.2%
Notes:						
(1) Civilian labor force data are by place of residence; include 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.						

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Merced County, California, and the United States
Unemployment Rate
April 2013 to April 2015



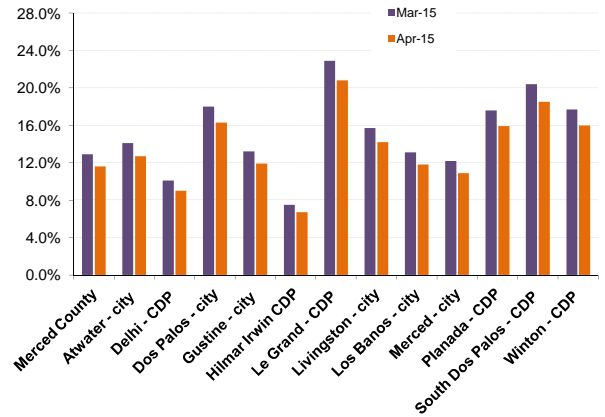
Sub County average unemployment rates for the county, cities, and municipalities.

Area Name	Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment	
			Number	Rate
Merced County	114,700	101,400	13,300	11.6%
Atwater city	12,400	10,800	1,600	12.7%
Delhi CDP	5,000	4,500	400	9.0%
Dos Palos city	1,900	1,600	300	16.3%
Gustine city	2,300	2,100	300	11.9%
Hilmar Irwin CDP	2,800	2,600	200	6.7%
Le Grand CDP	700	600	200	20.8%
Livingston city	6,300	5,400	900	14.2%
Los Banos city	15,900	14,000	1,900	11.8%
Merced city	34,600	30,900	3,800	10.9%
Planada CDP	2,200	1,800	300	15.9%
South Dos Palos CDP	1,000	800	200	18.5%
Winton CDP	5,100	4,300	800	16.0%

CDP - Census Designated Place

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Merced County - Community Unemployment

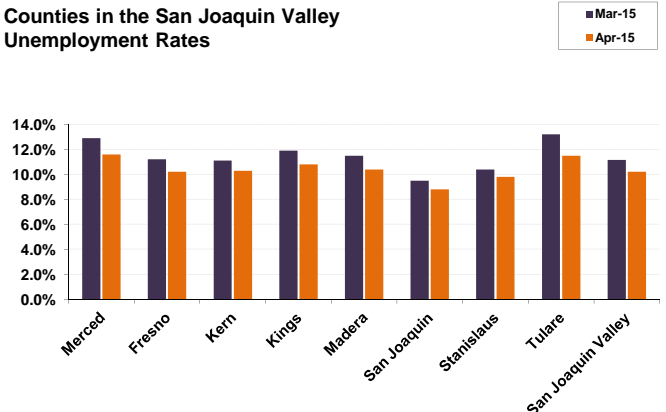


Merced County's workforce has grown over the past 16 years reflecting improvement of the County's economic well being; however, unemployment remains a consistent barrier to greater prosperity. Average unemployment has fluctuated from a annual low of 9.3 percent to a annual high of 17.5 percent.

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County	Rank	Labor Force	Employment	Unemployed	Rate
Merced	56	114,700	101,400	13,300	11.6%
Fresno	49	443,900	398,600	45,300	10.2%
Kern	50	388,100	348,200	39,900	10.3%
Kings	53	56,500	50,400	6,100	10.8%
Madera	51	61,500	55,100	6,400	10.4%
San Joaquin	43	309,800	282,600	27,200	8.8%
Stanislaus	48	237,300	213,900	23,400	9.8%
Tulare	54	199,200	176,300	22,900	11.5%
San Joaquin Valley		1,811,000	1,626,500	184,500	10.2%

Counties in the San Joaquin Valley
Unemployment Rates



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