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IMMEDIATE RELEASE CHICO METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA (MSA) (Butte County)

The unemployment rate in Butte County was 6.5 percent in June 2025, up from a revised 5.3 percent in May 2025, and above the year-ago estimate of 6.1 percent. This compares with an unadjusted unemployment rate of 5.7 percent for California and 4.4 percent for the nation during the same period.



Industry	May-2025	Jun-2025	Change		Jun-2024	Jun-2025	Chango
Industry	Revised	Prelim				Prelim	Change

Total, All						
Industries	82,600	81,700	(900)	79,900	81,700	1,800
Total Farm	2,700	2,600	(100)	2,600	2,600	0
Total Nonfarm	79,900	79,100	(800)	77,300	79,100	1,800
Mining, Logging,						
and Construction	4,100	4,200	100	 4,300	4,200	(100)
Manufacturing	4,000	4,000	0	3,700	4,000	300
Trade,						
Transportation,						
and Utilities	12,900	12,900	0	13,200	12,900	(300)
Information	600	600	0	600	600	0
Financial						
Activities	2,500	2,500	0	2,500	2,500	0
Professional and Business Services	5,300	5,300	0	5,200	5,300	100
Private Education and Health						
Services	21,300	21,300	0	20,000	21,300	1,300
Leisure and						
Hospitality	8,300	8,200	(100)	8,100	8,200	100
Other Services	3,900	3,700	(200)	3,500	3,700	200
Government	17,000	16,400	(600)	16,200	16,400	200

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 July 18, 2025 Employment Development Department Labor Market Information Division (916) 262-2162

Data Not Seasonally Adjusted

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(Butte County) Industry Employment & Labor Force March 2024 Benchmark

	Jun 24	Apr 25	May 25	Jun 25	Percent	Change
			Revised	Prelim	Month	Year
Civilian Labor Force (1)	90,200	93,900	94,000	92,900	-1.2%	3.0%
Civilian Employment	84,800	88,600	89,000	86,900	-2.4%	2.5%
Civilian Unemployment	5,500	5,300	5,000	6,000	20.0%	9.1%
Civilian Unemployment Rate	6.1%	5.7%	5.3%	6.5%		
(CA Unemployment Rate)	5.4%	5.0%	5.0%	5.7%		
(U.S. Unemployment Rate)	4.3%	3.9%	4.0%	4.4%		
Total, All Industries (2)	79,900	81,900	82,600	81,700	-1.1%	2.3%
Total Farm	2,600	2,500	2,700	2,600	-3.7%	0.0%
Total Nonfarm	77,300	79,400	79,900	79,100	-1.0%	2.3%
Total Private	61,100	62,500	62,900	62,700	-0.3%	2.6%
Goods Producing	8,000	8,000	8,100	8,200	1.2%	2.5%
Mining, Logging, and Construction	4,300	4,000	4,100	4,200	2.4%	-2.3%
Manufacturing	3,700	4,000	4,000	4,000	0.0%	8.1%
Service-Providing	69,300	71,400	71,800	70,900	-1.3%	2.3%
Private Service Providing	53,100	54,500	54,800	54,500	-0.5%	2.6%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	13,200	12,900	12,900	12,900	0.0%	-2.3%
Wholesale Trade	2,000	2,000	2,100	2,100	0.0%	5.0%
Retail Trade	9,100	8,900	8,800	8,800	0.0%	-3.3%
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	2,100	2,000	2,000	2,000	0.0%	-4.8%
Information	600	600	600	600	0.0%	0.0%
Financial Activities	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500	0.0%	0.0%
Finance and Insurance	1,300	1,300	1,300	1,300	0.0%	0.0%
Professional and Business Services	5,200	5,300	5,300	5,300	0.0%	1.9%
Private Education and Health Services	20,000	21,200	21,300	21,300	0.0%	6.5%
Leisure and Hospitality	8,100	8,200	8,300	8,200	-1.2%	1.2%
Other Services	3,500	3,800	3,900	3,700	-5.1%	5.7%
Government	16,200	16,900	17,000	16,400	-3.5%	1.2%
Federal Government	600	600	600	600	0.0%	0.0%
Total State and Local Government	15,600	16,300	16,400	15,800	-3.7%	1.3%
State Government	4,400	4,700	4,800	4,700	-2.1%	6.8%
State Government Educational Services	3,200	3,300	3,400	3,300	-2.9%	3.1%
Local Government	11,200	11,600	11,600	11,100	-4.3%	-0.9%
Local Government Excluding Educational Services	5,200	5,400	5,400	5,400	0.0%	3.8%
Special Districts plus Tribes	1,800	2,100	2,000	2,000	0.0%	11.1%

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.

These data are produced by the Labor Market Information Division of the California Employment Development Department (EDD). Questions should be directed to: Luis Alejo 916-931-9596 or Alyssa Bonillas 916-982-9257

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