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

The unemployment rate in Merced County was 10.5 percent in June 2025, up from a revised 9.6 percent in May 2025, and above the year-ago estimate of 9.9 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	Change
	Revised	Prelim				Prelim	

Total, All						
Industries	91,200	90,900	(300)	89,000	90,900	1,900
Total Farm	15,400	15,200	(200)	13,900	15,200	1,300
Total Nonfarm	75,800	75,700	(100)	75,100	75,700	600
Mining, Logging						
and Construction	3,400	3,400	0	3,400	3,400	0
Manufacturing	9,800	9,900	100	9,600	9,900	300
Trade,						
Transportation,						
and Utilities	13,400	13,300	(100)	13,600	13,300	(300)
Information	300	300	0	300	300	0
Financial						
Activities	1,700	1,700	0	1,800	1,700	(100)
Professional and						
Business Services	3,500	3,500	0	3,600	3,500	(100)
Private Education						
and Health						
Services	13,600	13,500	(100)	12,800	13,500	700
Leisure and						
Hospitality	6,700	6,700	0	7,000	6,700	(300)
Other Services	2,300	2,300	0	2,300	2,300	0
Government	21,100	21,100	0	20,700	21,100	400

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

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

Data Not Seasonally Adjusted Jun 24 May 25 Jun 25 Apr 25 Percent Change Revised Prelim Month Year 120,900 123,500 125,300 124,700 -0.5% Civilian Labor Force (1) 3.1% -1.3% 2.6% **Civilian Employment** 108,900 110,600 113,200 111,700 **Civilian Unemployment** 12,000 12,900 12,100 13,100 8.3% 9.2% Civilian Unemployment Rate 9.9% 10.4% 9.6% 10.5% (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) 89,000 87,500 91,200 90,900 -0.3% 2.1% **Total Farm** 13,900 12,800 15,400 15,200 -1.3% 9.4% **Total Nonfarm** 75,100 74.700 75,800 75,700 -0.1% 0.8% **Total Private** 54.400 54.000 54,700 54,600 -0.2% 0.4% 0.8% 2.3% Goods Producing 13,000 12.800 13,200 13,300 3,400 3,300 3,400 3,400 0.0% 0.0% Mining, Logging and Construction 9,600 9,500 9,800 9,900 1.0% 3.1% Manufacturing 7.900 7.800 8.100 8.200 1.2% 3.8% Non-Durable Goods Service-Providing 62,100 61,900 62,600 62.400 -0.3% 0.5% 41,300 -0.5% -0.2% Private Service Providing 41,400 41,200 41,500 -0.7% -2.2% Trade, Transportation, and Utilities 13,600 13,300 13,400 13,300 1,900 0.0% 0.0% Wholesale Trade 1,900 1,900 1,900 8,400 8,400 8,500 -1.2% 0.0% **Retail Trade** 8,400 Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities 3,300 3,000 3,000 3,000 0.0% -9.1% 300 300 300 300 0.0% 0.0% Information **Financial Activities** 1,800 1,700 1,700 1,700 0.0% -5.6% 3,600 0.0% -2.8% **Professional and Business Services** 3,500 3,500 3,500 12,800 Private Education and Health Services 13,500 13,600 13,500 -0.7% 5.5% -4.3% Leisure and Hospitality 7,000 6,600 6,700 6,700 0.0% Other Services 2,300 2,300 2,300 2,300 0.0% 0.0% Government 20,700 20,700 21,100 21,100 0.0% 1.9% Federal Government 700 700 700 700 0.0% 0.0% Total State and Local Government 20,000 20,000 20,400 20,400 0.0% 2.0% 3.100 3.100 0.0% 0.0% State Government 3.100 3.100 2.300 0.0% 0.0% State Government Educational Services 2.300 2.300 2,300 0.0% 0.0% State Government Excluding Education 800 800 800 800 Local Government 16,900 16,900 17,300 17,300 0.0% 2.4% Local Government excluding Educational Ser 4.600 4.300 4.400 4.600 4.5% 0.0% Special Districts plus Tribes 700 600 700 600 -14.3% -14.3%

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: Steven Gutierrez 916-907-4593 or Cara Welch 916-530-1700

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