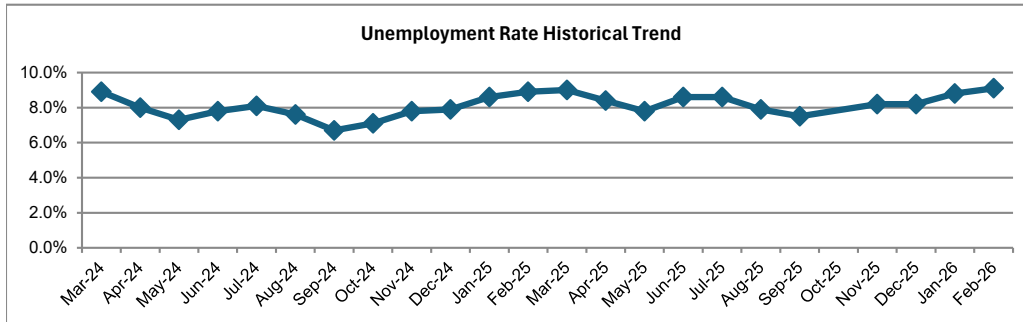


IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
 FRESNO METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA (MSA)  
 (Fresno and Madera Counties)

The unemployment rate in the Fresno MSA was 9.1 percent in February 2026, up from a revised 8.8 percent in January 2026, and above the year-ago estimate of 8.9 percent. This compares with an unadjusted unemployment rate of 5.5 percent for California and 4.7 percent for the nation during the same period. The unemployment rate was 9.1 percent in Fresno County, and 8.6 percent in Madera County.



Industry	Jan-2026	Feb-2026	Change		Feb-2025	Feb-2026	Change
	Revised	Prelim				Prelim	

Total, All Industries	490,600	495,100	4,500		483,700	495,100	11,400
Total Farm	47,400	47,900	500		45,400	47,900	2,500
Total Nonfarm	443,200	447,200	4,000		438,300	447,200	8,900
Mining, Logging, and Construction	24,300	24,200	(100)		24,400	24,200	(200)
Mining and Logging	300	300	0		300	300	0
Construction	24,000	23,900	(100)		24,100	23,900	(200)
Manufacturing	28,000	28,000	0		27,900	28,000	100
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	82,100	81,500	(600)		80,400	81,500	1,100
Information	2,600	2,600	0		2,600	2,600	0
Financial Activities	12,200	12,200	0		12,500	12,200	(300)
Professional and Business Services	35,400	35,600	200		35,600	35,600	0
Private Education and Health Services	108,300	109,600	1,300		104,200	109,600	5,400
Leisure and Hospitality	43,200	44,100	900		41,300	44,100	2,800
Other Services	15,100	15,100	0		14,900	15,100	200
Government	92,000	94,300	2,300		94,500	94,300	(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](http://www.labormarketinfo.edd.ca.gov)

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**Fresno MSA**  
**(Fresno and Madera Counties)**  
 Industry Employment & Labor Force  
 March 2025 Benchmark

Data Not Seasonally Adjusted

	Feb 25	Dec 25	Jan 26 Revised	Feb 26 Prelim	Percent Change	
					Month	Year
Civilian Labor Force (1)	552,000	548,000	543,000	553,100	1.9%	0.2%
Civilian Employment	502,700	503,300	495,100	502,900	1.6%	0.0%
Civilian Unemployment	49,200	44,700	47,900	50,100	4.6%	1.8%
Civilian Unemployment Rate (CA Unemployment Rate)	8.9%	8.2%	8.8%	9.1%		
(U.S. Unemployment Rate)	5.6%	5.1%	5.5%	5.5%		
	4.5%	4.1%	4.7%	4.7%		

Total, All Industries (2)	483,700	498,300	490,600	495,100	0.9%	2.4%
Total Farm	45,400	49,100	47,400	47,900	1.1%	5.5%
Total Nonfarm	438,300	449,200	443,200	447,200	0.9%	2.0%
Total Private	343,800	355,400	351,200	352,900	0.5%	2.6%
Goods Producing	52,300	52,800	52,300	52,200	-0.2%	-0.2%
Mining, Logging, and Construction	24,400	24,500	24,300	24,200	-0.4%	-0.8%
Mining and Logging	300	300	300	300	0.0%	0.0%
Construction	24,100	24,200	24,000	23,900	-0.4%	-0.8%
Manufacturing	27,900	28,300	28,000	28,000	0.0%	0.4%
Durable Goods	9,800	9,600	9,500	9,600	1.1%	-2.0%
Non-Durable Goods	18,100	18,700	18,500	18,400	-0.5%	1.7%
Service-Providing	386,000	396,400	390,900	395,000	1.0%	2.3%
Private Service Providing	291,500	302,600	298,900	300,700	0.6%	3.2%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	80,400	84,300	82,100	81,500	-0.7%	1.4%
Wholesale Trade	17,000	17,300	17,200	17,200	0.0%	1.2%
Retail Trade	42,900	44,500	43,100	42,900	-0.5%	0.0%
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	20,500	22,500	21,800	21,400	-1.8%	4.4%
Transportation and Warehousing	17,300	19,000	18,200	17,800	-2.2%	2.9%
Information	2,600	2,700	2,600	2,600	0.0%	0.0%
Financial Activities	12,500	12,400	12,200	12,200	0.0%	-2.4%
Finance and Insurance	7,100	6,900	6,800	6,800	0.0%	-4.2%
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	5,400	5,500	5,400	5,400	0.0%	0.0%
Professional and Business Services	35,600	36,100	35,400	35,600	0.6%	0.0%
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	13,000	12,700	12,600	12,800	1.6%	-1.5%
Management of Companies and Enterprises	3,400	3,200	3,200	3,200	0.0%	-5.9%
Administrative and Support and Waste and Re	19,200	20,200	19,600	19,600	0.0%	2.1%
Administrative and Support Services	17,400	18,300	17,800	17,800	0.0%	2.3%
Waste Management and Remediation Service	1,800	1,900	1,800	1,800	0.0%	0.0%
Private Education and Health Services	104,200	108,500	108,300	109,600	1.2%	5.2%
Private Educational Services	6,000	6,000	5,800	5,900	1.7%	-1.7%
Health Care and Social Assistance	98,200	102,500	102,500	103,700	1.2%	5.6%
Ambulatory Health Care Services	27,900	28,900	28,800	29,100	1.0%	4.3%
Hospitals	20,000	20,300	20,300	20,500	1.0%	2.5%
Nursing and Residential Care Facilities	8,900	9,100	9,100	9,200	1.1%	3.4%
Social Assistance	41,400	44,200	44,300	44,900	1.4%	8.5%
Leisure and Hospitality	41,300	43,500	43,200	44,100	2.1%	6.8%
Accommodation and Food Services	36,000	37,900	37,800	38,500	1.9%	6.9%
Food Services and Drinking Places	32,700	34,300	34,200	34,900	2.0%	6.7%
Other Services	14,900	15,100	15,100	15,100	0.0%	1.3%
Government	94,500	93,800	92,000	94,300	2.5%	-0.2%
Federal Government	10,000	9,600	9,400	9,400	0.0%	-6.0%
Total State and Local Government	84,500	84,200	82,600	84,900	2.8%	0.5%
State Government	15,800	15,000	15,000	14,900	-0.7%	-5.7%
State Government Educational Services	3,700	3,000	3,000	2,900	-3.3%	-21.6%
Local Government	68,700	69,200	67,600	70,000	3.6%	1.9%
Local Government Educational Services	46,900	47,500	46,000	48,500	5.4%	3.4%
Local Government excluding Educational Serv	21,800	21,700	21,600	21,500	-0.5%	-1.4%
County Government	9,900	9,800	9,700	9,700	0.0%	-2.0%
City Government	7,000	7,000	7,000	6,900	-1.4%	-1.4%
Special Districts plus Tribes	4,900	4,900	4,900	4,900	0.0%	0.0%

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**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:  
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