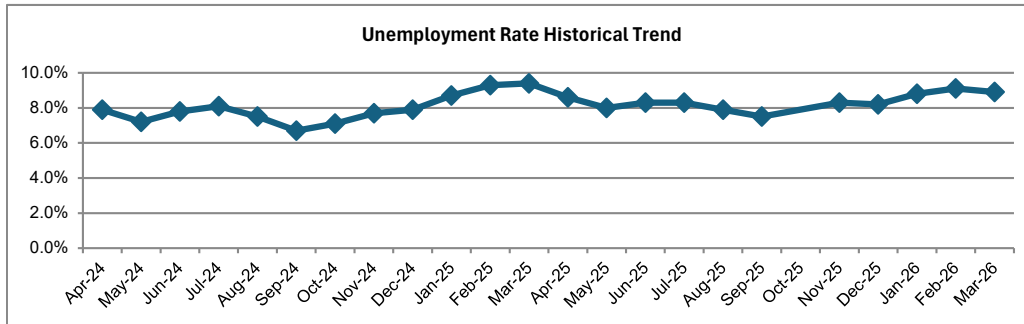


IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
 FRESNO METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA (MSA)  
 (Fresno and Madera Counties)

The unemployment rate in Fresno MSA was 8.9 percent in March 2026, down from a revised 9.1 percent in February 2026, and below the year-ago estimate of 9.4 percent. This compares with an unadjusted unemployment rate of 5.2 percent for California and 4.3 percent for the nation during the same period. The unemployment rate was 9.0 percent in Fresno County, and 8.5 percent in Madera County.



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

Total, All Industries	495,100	492,300	(2,800)		481,300	492,300	11,000
Total Farm	47,900	44,300	(3,600)		42,600	44,300	1,700
Total Nonfarm	447,200	448,000	800		438,700	448,000	9,300
Mining, Logging, and Construction	24,200	24,300	100		24,200	24,300	100
Mining and Logging	300	300	0		300	300	0
Construction	23,900	24,000	100		23,900	24,000	100
Manufacturing	28,000	27,800	(200)		28,000	27,800	(200)
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	81,500	81,400	(100)		80,100	81,400	1,300
Information	2,600	2,600	0		2,500	2,600	100
Financial Activities	12,200	12,300	100		12,600	12,300	(300)
Professional and Business Services	35,600	35,800	200		35,200	35,800	600
Private Education and Health Services	109,600	110,100	500		104,400	110,100	5,700
Leisure and Hospitality	44,100	44,300	200		42,000	44,300	2,300
Other Services	15,100	15,100	0		14,900	15,100	200
Government	94,300	94,300	0		94,800	94,300	(500)

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

	Mar 25	Jan 26	Feb 26 Revised	Mar 26 Prelim	Percent Change Month	Percent Change Year
Civilian Labor Force (1)	548,300	543,000	552,600	547,900	-0.9%	-0.1%
Civilian Employment	496,900	495,100	502,500	499,000	-0.7%	0.4%
Civilian Unemployment	51,400	47,900	50,200	48,900	-2.6%	-4.9%
Civilian Unemployment Rate (CA Unemployment Rate)	9.4%	8.8%	9.1%	8.9%		
(U.S. Unemployment Rate)	5.5%	5.5%	5.5%	5.2%		
	4.2%	4.7%	4.7%	4.3%		
<b>Total, All Industries (2)</b>	<b>481,300</b>	<b>490,600</b>	<b>495,100</b>	<b>492,300</b>	<b>-0.6%</b>	<b>2.3%</b>
Total Farm	42,600	47,400	47,900	44,300	-7.5%	4.0%
Total Nonfarm	438,700	443,200	447,200	448,000	0.2%	2.1%
Total Private	343,900	351,200	352,900	353,700	0.2%	2.8%
Goods Producing	52,200	52,300	52,200	52,100	-0.2%	-0.2%
Mining, Logging, and Construction	24,200	24,300	24,200	24,300	0.4%	0.4%
Mining and Logging	300	300	300	300	0.0%	0.0%
Construction	23,900	24,000	23,900	24,000	0.4%	0.4%
Manufacturing	28,000	28,000	28,000	27,800	-0.7%	-0.7%
Durable Goods	9,800	9,500	9,600	9,600	0.0%	-2.0%
Non-Durable Goods	18,200	18,500	18,400	18,200	-1.1%	0.0%
Service-Providing	386,500	390,900	395,000	395,900	0.2%	2.4%
Private Service Providing	291,700	298,900	300,700	301,600	0.3%	3.4%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	80,100	82,100	81,500	81,400	-0.1%	1.6%
Wholesale Trade	16,900	17,200	17,200	17,200	0.0%	1.8%
Retail Trade	42,800	43,100	42,900	42,900	0.0%	0.2%
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	20,400	21,800	21,400	21,300	-0.5%	4.4%
Transportation and Warehousing	17,100	18,200	17,800	17,700	-0.6%	3.5%
Information	2,500	2,600	2,600	2,600	0.0%	4.0%
Financial Activities	12,600	12,200	12,200	12,300	0.8%	-2.4%
Finance and Insurance	7,100	6,800	6,800	6,900	1.5%	-2.8%
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	5,500	5,400	5,400	5,400	0.0%	-1.8%
Professional and Business Services	35,200	35,400	35,600	35,800	0.6%	1.7%
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	13,000	12,600	12,800	12,800	0.0%	-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 Remediation Services	18,800	19,600	19,600	19,800	1.0%	5.3%
Administrative and Support Services	17,000	17,800	17,800	18,000	1.1%	5.9%
Waste Management and Remediation Services	1,800	1,800	1,800	1,800	0.0%	0.0%
Private Education and Health Services	104,400	108,300	109,600	110,100	0.5%	5.5%
Private Educational Services	6,100	5,800	5,900	6,000	1.7%	-1.6%
Health Care and Social Assistance	98,300	102,500	103,700	104,100	0.4%	5.9%
Ambulatory Health Care Services	27,900	28,800	29,100	29,200	0.3%	4.7%
Hospitals	20,000	20,300	20,500	20,600	0.5%	3.0%
Nursing and Residential Care Facilities	8,900	9,100	9,200	9,200	0.0%	3.4%
Social Assistance	41,500	44,300	44,900	45,100	0.4%	8.7%
Leisure and Hospitality	42,000	43,200	44,100	44,300	0.5%	5.5%
Accommodation and Food Services	36,200	37,800	38,500	38,600	0.3%	6.6%
Food Services and Drinking Places	33,000	34,200	34,900	35,000	0.3%	6.1%
Other Services	14,900	15,100	15,100	15,100	0.0%	1.3%
Government	94,800	92,000	94,300	94,300	0.0%	-0.5%
Federal Government	10,000	9,400	9,400	9,400	0.0%	-6.0%
Total State and Local Government	84,800	82,600	84,900	84,900	0.0%	0.1%
State Government	15,800	15,000	14,900	14,900	0.0%	-5.7%
State Government Educational Services	3,700	3,000	2,900	2,900	0.0%	-21.6%
Local Government	69,000	67,600	70,000	70,000	0.0%	1.4%
Local Government Educational Services	47,200	46,000	48,500	48,400	-0.2%	2.5%
Local Government excluding Educational Services	21,800	21,600	21,500	21,600	0.5%	-0.9%
County Government	9,900	9,700	9,700	9,700	0.0%	-2.0%
City Government	7,000	7,000	6,900	7,000	1.4%	0.0%
Special Districts plus Tribes	4,900	4,900	4,900	4,900	0.0%	0.0%

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

Data Not Seasonally Adjusted

	Mar 25	Jan 26	Feb 26 Revised	Mar 26 Prelim	Percent Change Month      Year
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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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