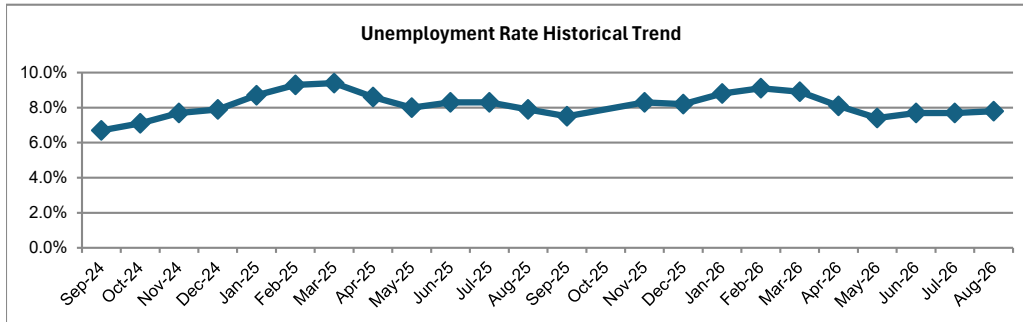


IMMEDIATE RELEASE
FRESNO METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA (MSA)
(Fresno and Madera Counties)

The unemployment rate in the Fresno MSA was 7.8 percent in August 2026, up from a revised 7.7 percent in July 2026, and below the year-ago estimate of 7.9 percent. This compares with an unadjusted unemployment rate of 5.4 percent for California and 4.3 percent for the nation during the same period. The unemployment rate was 7.8 percent in Fresno County, and 7.4 percent in Madera County.



Industry	Jul-2026	Aug-2026	Change		Aug-2025	Aug-2026	Change
	Revised	Prelim				Prelim	
Total, All Industries	506,700	508,300	1,600		505,400	508,300	2,900
Total Farm	59,300	61,300	2,000		61,900	61,300	(600)
Total Nonfarm	447,400	447,000	(400)		443,500	447,000	3,500
Mining, Logging, and Construction	25,200	25,300	100		25,600	25,300	(300)
Mining and Logging	300	300	0		300	300	0
Construction	24,900	25,000	100		25,300	25,000	(300)
Manufacturing	28,500	29,200	700		29,600	29,200	(400)
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	82,700	82,200	(500)		82,200	82,200	0
Information	2,600	2,600	0		2,700	2,600	(100)
Financial Activities	12,100	12,100	0		12,700	12,100	(600)
Professional and Business Services	36,700	36,200	(500)		36,900	36,200	(700)
Private Education and Health Services	111,600	112,700	1,100		107,300	112,700	5,400
Leisure and Hospitality	45,700	45,200	(500)		44,100	45,200	1,100
Other Services	15,300	15,400	100		15,100	15,400	300
Government	87,000	86,100	(900)		87,300	86,100	(1,200)

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

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Fresno MSA

(Fresno and Madera Counties)

Industry Employment & Labor Force

March 2025 Benchmark

Data Not Seasonally Adjusted

	Aug 25	Jun 26	Jul 26 Revised	Aug 26 Prelim	Percent Change Month	Year
Civilian Labor Force (1)	552,500	544,100	541,800	542,300	0.1%	-1.8%
Civilian Employment	508,700	502,200	500,000	500,200	0.0%	-1.7%
Civilian Unemployment	43,800	41,900	41,800	42,100	0.7%	-3.9%
Civilian Unemployment Rate	7.9%	7.7%	7.7%	7.8%		
(CA Unemployment Rate)	5.8%	5.2%	5.3%	5.4%		
(U.S. Unemployment Rate)	4.5%	4.4%	4.4%	4.3%		
Total, All Industries (2)	505,400	512,400	506,700	508,300	0.3%	0.6%
Total Farm	61,900	60,300	59,300	61,300	3.4%	-1.0%
Total Nonfarm	443,500	452,100	447,400	447,000	-0.1%	0.8%
Total Private	356,200	358,500	360,400	360,900	0.1%	1.3%
Goods Producing	55,200	53,500	53,700	54,500	1.5%	-1.3%
Mining, Logging, and Construction	25,600	25,300	25,200	25,300	0.4%	-1.2%
Mining and Logging	300	300	300	300	0.0%	0.0%
Construction	25,300	25,000	24,900	25,000	0.4%	-1.2%
Manufacturing	29,600	28,200	28,500	29,200	2.5%	-1.4%
Durable Goods	9,700	9,700	9,700	9,800	1.0%	1.0%
Non-Durable Goods	19,900	18,500	18,800	19,400	3.2%	-2.5%
Service-Providing	388,300	398,600	393,700	392,500	-0.3%	1.1%
Private Service Providing	301,000	305,000	306,700	306,400	-0.1%	1.8%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	82,200	82,100	82,700	82,200	-0.6%	0.0%
Wholesale Trade	17,600	17,300	17,600	16,900	-4.0%	-4.0%
Retail Trade	43,000	43,500	43,500	43,400	-0.2%	0.9%
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	21,600	21,300	21,600	21,900	1.4%	1.4%
Transportation and Warehousing	18,300	17,800	18,100	18,400	1.7%	0.5%
Information	2,700	2,600	2,600	2,600	0.0%	-3.7%
Financial Activities	12,700	12,200	12,100	12,100	0.0%	-4.7%
Finance and Insurance	7,100	6,800	6,700	6,700	0.0%	-5.6%
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	5,600	5,400	5,400	5,400	0.0%	-3.6%
Professional and Business Services	36,900	36,700	36,700	36,200	-1.4%	-1.9%
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	12,900	12,800	13,100	12,800	-2.3%	-0.8%
Management of Companies and Enterprises	3,100	3,200	3,200	3,200	0.0%	3.2%
Administrative and Support and Waste and Rep	20,900	20,700	20,400	20,200	-1.0%	-3.3%
Administrative and Support Services	19,100	18,800	18,500	18,300	-1.1%	-4.2%
Waste Management and Remediation Service	1,800	1,900	1,900	1,900	0.0%	5.6%
Private Education and Health Services	107,300	110,700	111,600	112,700	1.0%	5.0%
Private Educational Services	5,700	5,300	5,400	6,300	16.7%	10.5%
Health Care and Social Assistance	101,600	105,400	106,200	106,400	0.2%	4.7%
Ambulatory Health Care Services	28,900	29,500	29,800	29,900	0.3%	3.5%
Hospitals	20,100	20,900	21,000	21,100	0.5%	5.0%
Nursing and Residential Care Facilities	9,000	9,300	9,400	9,400	0.0%	4.4%
Social Assistance	43,600	45,700	46,000	46,000	0.0%	5.5%
Leisure and Hospitality	44,100	45,500	45,700	45,200	-1.1%	2.5%
Accommodation and Food Services	38,000	38,500	38,500	38,500	0.0%	1.3%
Food Services and Drinking Places	34,300	35,300	35,300	35,400	0.3%	3.2%
Other Services	15,100	15,200	15,300	15,400	0.7%	2.0%
Government	87,300	93,600	87,000	86,100	-1.0%	-1.4%
Federal Government	9,700	9,400	9,500	9,600	1.1%	-1.0%
Total State and Local Government	77,600	84,200	77,500	76,500	-1.3%	-1.4%
State Government	14,900	15,000	14,700	14,700	0.0%	-1.3%
State Government Educational Services	2,800	2,900	2,600	2,600	0.0%	-7.1%
Local Government	62,700	69,200	62,800	61,800	-1.6%	-1.4%
Local Government Educational Services	40,800	47,500	41,100	40,200	-2.2%	-1.5%
Local Government excluding Educational Serv	21,900	21,700	21,700	21,600	-0.5%	-1.4%
County Government	9,800	9,600	9,500	9,600	1.1%	-2.0%
City Government	7,100	7,200	7,300	7,200	-1.4%	1.4%
Special Districts plus Tribes	5,000	4,900	4,900	4,800	-2.0%	-4.0%

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(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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