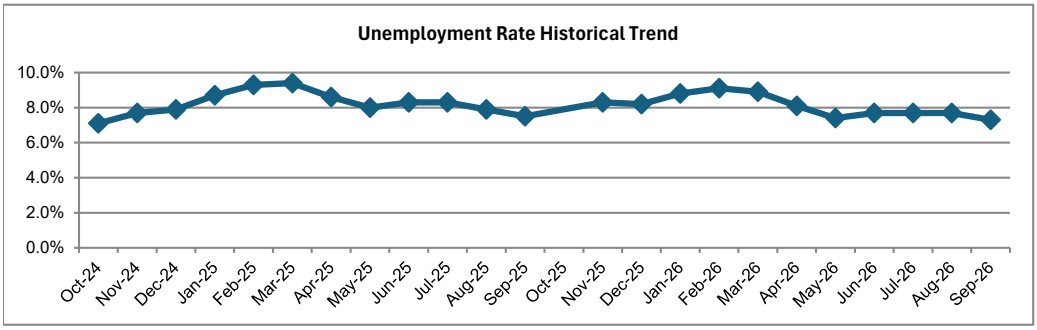
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IMMEDIATE RELEASE
FRESNO METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA (MSA)
(Fresno and Madera Counties)

The unemployment rate in the Fresno MSA was 7.3 percent in September 2026, down from a revised 7.7 percent in August 2026, and below the year-ago estimate of 7.5 percent. This compares with an unadjusted unemployment rate of 5.1 percent for California and 4.0 percent for the nation during the same period. The unemployment rate was 7.4 percent in Fresno County, and 7.0 percent in Madera County.



Industry	Aug-2026 Revised	Sep-2026 Prelim	Change		Sep-2025	Sep-2026 Prelim	Change
Total, All Industries	512,100	513,200	1,100		505,000	513,200	8,200
Total Farm	61,300	59,200	(2,100)		59,300	59,200	(100)
Total Nonfarm	450,800	454,000	3,200		445,700	454,000	8,300
Mining, Logging, and Construction	25,200	25,000	(200)		25,300	25,000	(300)
Mining and Logging	300	300	0		300	300	0
Construction	24,900	24,700	(200)		25,000	24,700	(300)
Manufacturing	29,400	29,200	(200)		29,700	29,200	(500)
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	82,600	83,000	400		81,900	83,000	1,100
Information	2,600	2,500	(100)		2,600	2,500	(100)
Financial Activities	12,100	12,000	(100)		12,500	12,000	(500)
Professional and Business Services	36,500	36,500	0		36,900	36,500	(400)
Private Education and Health Services	112,800	113,600	800		106,600	113,600	7,000
Leisure and Hospitality	45,400	44,200	(1,200)		43,300	44,200	900
Other Services	15,300	15,300	0		14,900	15,300	400
Government	88,900	92,700	3,800		92,000	92,700	700

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

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Industry Employment & Labor Force

March 2025 Benchmark

Data Not Seasonally Adjusted

	Sep 25	Jul 26	Aug 26 Revised	Sep 26 Prelim	Percent Change Month	Year
Civilian Labor Force (1)	554,000	541,800	545,900	549,600	0.7%	-0.8%
Civilian Employment	512,600	500,000	503,800	509,400	1.1%	-0.6%
Civilian Unemployment	41,500	41,800	42,200	40,200	-4.7%	-3.1%
Civilian Unemployment Rate	7.5%	7.7%	7.7%	7.3%		
(CA Unemployment Rate)	5.6%	5.3%	5.4%	5.1%		
(U.S. Unemployment Rate)	4.3%	4.4%	4.3%	4.0%		
Total, All Industries (2)	505,000	506,700	512,100	513,200	0.2%	1.6%
Total Farm	59,300	59,300	61,300	59,200	-3.4%	-0.2%
Total Nonfarm	445,700	447,400	450,800	454,000	0.7%	1.9%
Total Private	353,700	360,400	361,900	361,300	-0.2%	2.1%
Goods Producing	55,000	53,700	54,600	54,200	-0.7%	-1.5%
Mining, Logging, and Construction	25,300	25,200	25,200	25,000	-0.8%	-1.2%
Mining and Logging	300	300	300	300	0.0%	0.0%
Construction	25,000	24,900	24,900	24,700	-0.8%	-1.2%
Manufacturing	29,700	28,500	29,400	29,200	-0.7%	-1.7%
Durable Goods	9,600	9,700	9,800	9,700	-1.0%	1.0%
Non-Durable Goods	20,100	18,800	19,600	19,500	-0.5%	-3.0%
Service-Providing	390,700	393,700	396,200	399,800	0.9%	2.3%
Private Service Providing	298,700	306,700	307,300	307,100	-0.1%	2.8%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	81,900	82,700	82,600	83,000	0.5%	1.3%
Wholesale Trade	17,400	17,600	16,900	17,100	1.2%	-1.7%
Retail Trade	42,700	43,500	43,400	43,200	-0.5%	1.2%
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	21,800	21,600	22,300	22,700	1.8%	4.1%
Transportation and Warehousing	18,500	18,100	18,700	19,000	1.6%	2.7%
Information	2,600	2,600	2,600	2,500	-3.8%	-3.8%
Financial Activities	12,500	12,100	12,100	12,000	-0.8%	-4.0%
Finance and Insurance	7,000	6,700	6,700	6,700	0.0%	-4.3%
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	5,500	5,400	5,400	5,300	-1.9%	-3.6%
Professional and Business Services	36,900	36,700	36,500	36,500	0.0%	-1.1%
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	12,800	13,100	12,800	12,600	-1.6%	-1.6%
Management of Companies and Enterprises	3,200	3,200	3,200	3,200	0.0%	0.0%
Administrative and Support and Waste and Rem	20,900	20,400	20,500	20,700	1.0%	-1.0%
Administrative and Support Services	19,100	18,500	18,600	18,800	1.1%	-1.6%
Waste Management and Remediation Service	1,800	1,900	1,900	1,900	0.0%	5.6%
Private Education and Health Services	106,600	111,600	112,800	113,600	0.7%	6.6%
Private Educational Services	5,700	5,400	6,200	6,900	11.3%	21.1%
Health Care and Social Assistance	100,900	106,200	106,600	106,700	0.1%	5.7%
Ambulatory Health Care Services	28,500	29,800	29,900	29,900	0.0%	4.9%
Hospitals	20,000	21,000	21,100	21,200	0.5%	6.0%
Nursing and Residential Care Facilities	9,000	9,400	9,400	9,400	0.0%	4.4%
Social Assistance	43,400	46,000	46,200	46,200	0.0%	6.5%
Leisure and Hospitality	43,300	45,700	45,400	44,200	-2.6%	2.1%
Accommodation and Food Services	37,600	38,500	38,600	38,500	-0.3%	2.4%
Food Services and Drinking Places	34,200	35,300	35,400	35,400	0.0%	3.5%
Other Services	14,900	15,300	15,300	15,300	0.0%	2.7%
Government	92,000	87,000	88,900	92,700	4.3%	0.8%
Federal Government	9,700	9,500	9,600	9,600	0.0%	-1.0%
Total State and Local Government	82,300	77,500	79,300	83,100	4.8%	1.0%
State Government	15,000	14,700	14,700	15,100	2.7%	0.7%
State Government Educational Services	2,900	2,600	2,600	2,900	11.5%	0.0%
Local Government	67,300	62,800	64,600	68,000	5.3%	1.0%
Local Government Educational Services	45,300	41,100	43,100	46,200	7.2%	2.0%
Local Government excluding Educational Serv	22,000	21,700	21,500	21,800	1.4%	-0.9%
County Government	10,000	9,500	9,600	9,800	2.1%	-2.0%
City Government	7,000	7,300	7,100	7,200	1.4%	2.9%
Special Districts plus Tribes	5,000	4,900	4,800	4,800	0.0%	-4.0%

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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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