

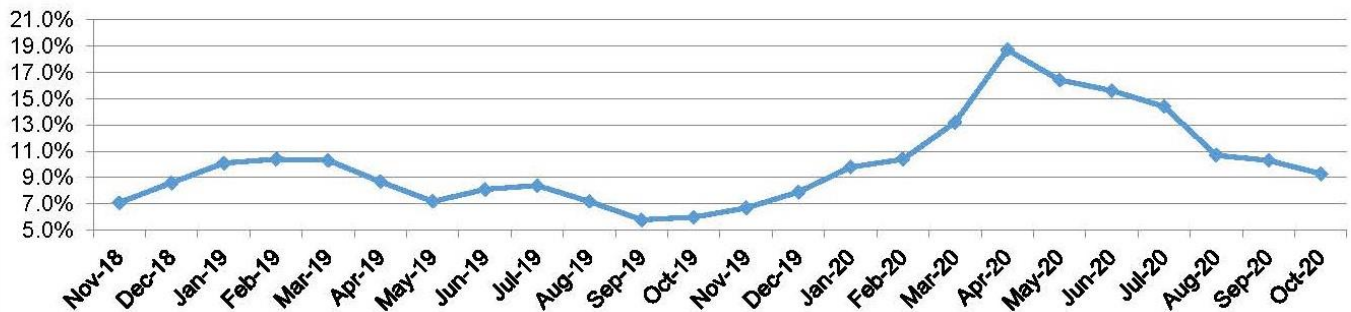


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To: The Honorable Mayor and City Council
From: Stephanie R. Dietz, City Manager
Date: November 20, 2020
Re: City Council Information Report

Unemployment Rate Historical Trend



UNEMPLOYMENT RATE DROPS TO 9.3% IN OCTOBER

The unemployment rate in Merced County was 9.3 percent in October 2020, down from a revised 10.3 percent in September 2020, and above the year-ago estimate of 6.0 percent.

This compares with an unadjusted unemployment rate of 9.0 percent for California and 6.6 percent for the nation during the same period. More Labor Market Information is attached.

LEAGUE WILL DELIVER HOLIDAY DINNER

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This year's Holiday Meeting/Dinner Dec. 10 will be like everything else this year, very different. Our annual holiday meeting is always a festive way to ring in the holiday season. Unfortunately instead of gathering with our fellow mayors, council members and staff, we'll be meeting virtually via Zoom. What won't change is the opportunity to enjoy a nice holiday dinner together.



Yes, I said a nice holiday dinner. Thanks to Mark Kindelberger and Schneider Electric, we are planning to have dinners delivered to City Halls where participants can either choose to take them home and enjoy them in the comfort of their own home, or meet as a group and dine while they join us for our meeting.

Do to planning difficulties, the **HARD** deadline to RSVP will be Dec. 4 at 5 p.m.

This is a unique and exciting opportunity to not let COVID-19 interrupt our holiday spirit. We anticipate having the dinners delivered to City Halls (for those who have RSVP'd) around 4-5 p.m. Dec. 10 and the meeting beginning at 6 p.m. We will have breakout rooms for those who would like to meet and talk before the meeting begins. Complete details will follow prior to the meeting. Please be sure to RSVP early to help make the planning process that much easier.

Thank you and Happy Thanksgiving!

ENGINEERING UPDATE

R Street Rehabilitation – Loughborough Drive to Buena Vista Drive

United Pavement Maintenance, Inc. crews are removing ADA ramps and sidewalks in the project area. This project is 5% complete.



Brimmer Water Main

The Mid Cal Pipeline & Utilities, Inc., crew is installing new water services along Brimmer Road. This project is 25% complete.



Water Well site #20

The Clark Bros., Inc., crew is working on the pump and discharge lines. This project is approximately 85% complete.



Cooper Lift Station

The Phase 1 Construction crew is working on the fence surrounding the project site. This project is approximately 90% complete.



M Street Resurfacing 8th Street to 13th Street

The MVC Enterprises, Inc., crew is demolishing the handicap ramps along M Street. This project is approximately 5% complete.



Construction Projects

- 117020 – Gerard Ave. Sewer Main Hwy. 99 to Kibby Road
- 119006 – Alpine Drive – G St. to Wainwright Ave. Improvements
- 119003 – R St. Rehabilitation Loughborough Dr. to Buena Vista Dr.
- 120008 – Crack Filling Phase 1 (16th, G St, Olive Ave)

Projects in Design

- Highway 59 Widening
- Highway 59 and 16th Street Signal and Channelization (90%)
- Motel Drive Multi-Use Path (100%)
- V Street, 16th to 18th Streets, Road Improvement (90%)
- N Street, 16th to 18th Streets, Roadway Improvement (100%) Submitted to CTC
- R Street, 16th to 18th (40%)
- B Street Improvements (30%)
- G Street Improvements Childs to 13th St. (100%) Submitted to CTC
- Orchard Avenue Sewer (40%)

TREE PRUNING AND REMOVAL CONTRACT

West Coast Arborists continued tree pruning this week in Las Brisas. It is part of their contract to prune 5,155 trees, as well as remove 147 trees and 70 stumps at various Maintenance Districts and Community Facilities Districts throughout Merced under the supervision of the Public Works Department.



SEWER CREWS IN ACTION

Public Works Sewer crews repaired a broken/offset 6 inch sewer main in the alley at W. 18th Street and Main Street, repaired another offset 6 inch sewer main in the alley at Robinson Drive and 10th Avenue, as well as repaired a broken 8 inch sewer main near G Street and Alpine Drive this week.

ALLEY AT ROBINSON DR. & 10TH AVE:



ALLEY AT 18TH & MAIN ST:



G ST & ALPINE DR:



COMMUNITY PERSPECTIVES



On Nov. 13, the newest Merced Police officers completed the classroom training portion with the community engagement block. As of August 2020, all new officers participate in the community perspectives presentation. The purpose of this section is to learn more about the people we serve. Invited to this session were Katalina Zambrano with the Merced LGBTQ+ Alliance, Allen Brooks with the NAACP, and Bouasvanh Lor with the Hmong Culture Camp. Officers and community participants have said they really enjoy this very interactive component of the classroom curriculum.

DART TEAM ADDITION

Jessica Lopez-Jimenez is a mental health specialist with Merced County. She will be working closely with DART to provide much needed care to the homeless in our community.

WELCOME!



JESSICA LOPEZ-JIMENEZ

NEW ASSIGNMENTS



Jose Barajas



Ray Valadez



Jennifer Shaw

As a result of the recruiting efforts, the Police Department has been able to fill vacancies that have allowed us to improve staffing in specialty units. Each of the candidates for the specialty units went through a series of interviews, and work performance evaluations before being selected for their new assignment.

Effective Nov. 30:

- Officer Jose Barajas will be moving from the Gang Violence Suppression Unit to the Detective Division.
- Field Training Officer Ray Valadez will be assigned to the Gang Violence Suppression Unit to fill the vacancy left by Officer Barajas.
- Officer Jennifer Shaw will be assigned to the Disruptive Area Response Team filling the vacancy created by the promotion of Sgt. Brian Rinder.

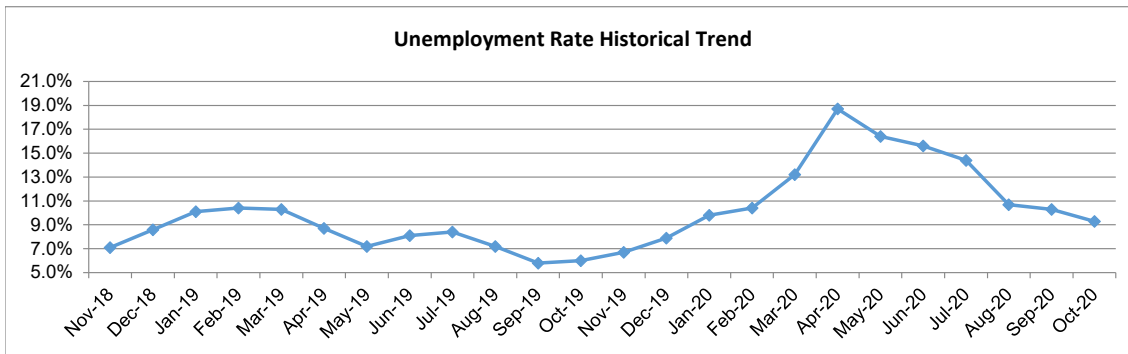
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1. Labor Market Information report

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

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Industry	Sep-2020	Oct-2020	Change		Oct-2019	Oct-2020	Change
	Revised	Prelim				Prelim	
Total, All Industries	82,300	82,100	(200)		89,200	82,100	(7,100)
Total Farm	16,100	15,800	(300)		16,700	15,800	(900)
Total Nonfarm	66,200	66,300	100		72,500	66,300	(6,200)
Mining, Logging, and Construction	2,700	2,700	0		2,700	2,700	0
Manufacturing	9,900	9,700	(200)		10,500	9,700	(800)
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	13,700	13,900	200		14,100	13,900	(200)
Information	200	200	0		300	200	(100)
Financial Activities	1,800	1,900	100		1,900	1,900	0
Professional & Business Services	4,000	4,100	100		4,400	4,100	(300)
Educational & Health Services	10,200	10,300	100		10,800	10,300	(500)
Leisure & Hospitality	4,600	4,800	200		6,100	4,800	(1,300)
Other Services	1,400	1,400	0		1,500	1,400	(100)
Government	17,700	17,300	(400)		20,200	17,300	(2,900)

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

Data Not Seasonally Adjusted

	Oct 19	Aug 20	Sep 20	Oct 20	Percent Change	
			Revised	Prelim	Month	Year
Civilian Labor Force (1)	118,500	112,500	113,900	116,500	2.3%	-1.7%
Civilian Employment	111,400	100,400	102,200	105,700	3.4%	-5.1%
Civilian Unemployment	7,100	12,100	11,700	10,900	-6.8%	53.5%
Civilian Unemployment Rate	6.0%	10.7%	10.3%	9.3%		
(CA Unemployment Rate)	3.7%	11.3%	10.7%	9.0%		
(U.S. Unemployment Rate)	3.3%	8.5%	7.7%	6.6%		

Total, All Industries (2)	89,200	80,200	82,300	82,100	-0.2%	-8.0%
Total Farm	16,700	15,100	16,100	15,800	-1.9%	-5.4%
Total Nonfarm	72,500	65,100	66,200	66,300	0.2%	-8.6%
Total Private	52,300	48,500	48,500	49,000	1.0%	-6.3%
Goods Producing	13,200	12,600	12,600	12,400	-1.6%	-6.1%
Mining, Logging, and Construction	2,700	2,700	2,700	2,700	0.0%	0.0%
Manufacturing	10,500	9,900	9,900	9,700	-2.0%	-7.6%
Nondurable Goods	9,100	8,500	8,500	8,300	-2.4%	-8.8%
Service Providing	59,300	52,500	53,600	53,900	0.6%	-9.1%
Private Service Providing	39,100	35,900	35,900	36,600	1.9%	-6.4%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	14,100	13,600	13,700	13,900	1.5%	-1.4%
Wholesale Trade	1,800	1,400	1,400	1,400	0.0%	-22.2%
Retail Trade	8,500	9,000	9,100	9,300	2.2%	9.4%
Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities	3,800	3,200	3,200	3,200	0.0%	-15.8%
Information	300	200	200	200	0.0%	-33.3%
Financial Activities	1,900	1,800	1,800	1,900	5.6%	0.0%
Professional & Business Services	4,400	4,100	4,000	4,100	2.5%	-6.8%
Educational & Health Services	10,800	10,200	10,200	10,300	1.0%	-4.6%
Leisure & Hospitality	6,100	4,600	4,600	4,800	4.3%	-21.3%
Other Services	1,500	1,400	1,400	1,400	0.0%	-6.7%
Government	20,200	16,600	17,700	17,300	-2.3%	-14.4%
Federal Government	700	1,000	900	800	-11.1%	14.3%
State & Local Government	19,500	15,600	16,800	16,500	-1.8%	-15.4%
State Government	4,300	3,000	3,500	3,500	0.0%	-18.6%
State Government Education	3,700	2,400	2,800	2,900	3.6%	-21.6%
State Government Excluding Education	600	600	700	600	-14.3%	0.0%
Local Government	15,200	12,600	13,300	13,000	-2.3%	-14.5%
Local Government Excluding Education	4,000	3,800	3,900	3,800	-2.6%	-5.0%
Special Districts plus Indian Tribes	600	600	600	600	0.0%	0.0%

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 559-230-4102 or Frances Gines 951-955-3204

These data, as well as other labor market data, are available via the Internet at <http://www.labormarketinfo.edd.ca.gov>. If you need assistance, please call (916) 262-2162.

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Monthly Labor Force Data for Counties
October 2020 - Preliminary
 Data Not Seasonally Adjusted

COUNTY	RANK BY RATE	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYMENT	UNEMPLOYMENT	RATE
STATE TOTAL	---	19,341,600	17,605,300	1,736,300	9.0%
ALAMEDA	36	830,900	765,400	65,500	7.9%
ALPINE	52	470	420	50	9.7%
AMADOR	32	14,610	13,490	1,130	7.7%
BUTTE	29	96,300	89,100	7,100	7.4%
CALAVERAS	17	20,740	19,370	1,370	6.6%
COLUSA	47	10,010	9,080	930	9.3%
CONTRA COSTA	36	552,600	508,900	43,700	7.9%
DEL NORTE	38	9,420	8,670	750	8.0%
EL DORADO	14	91,900	86,000	5,900	6.4%
FRESNO	47	450,400	408,700	41,700	9.3%
GLENN	11	13,200	12,370	830	6.3%
HUMBOLDT	17	61,500	57,400	4,100	6.6%
IMPERIAL	58	68,700	55,800	13,000	18.8%
INYO	16	8,490	7,950	550	6.5%
KERN	55	380,700	340,400	40,300	10.6%
KINGS	47	56,300	51,100	5,300	9.3%
LAKE	32	29,720	27,430	2,290	7.7%
LASSEN	1	10,100	9,580	530	5.2%
LOS ANGELES	57	5,089,800	4,476,400	613,400	12.1%
MADERA	41	61,800	56,600	5,200	8.5%
MARIN	2	137,800	130,300	7,400	5.4%
MARIPOSA	26	7,690	7,130	560	7.3%
MENDOCINO	26	37,350	34,600	2,740	7.3%
MERCED	47	116,500	105,700	10,900	9.3%
MODOC	4	3,210	3,020	190	5.9%
MONO	53	7,270	6,560	720	9.9%
MONTEREY	35	195,500	180,200	15,300	7.8%
NAPA	17	73,500	68,700	4,900	6.6%
NEVADA	14	47,220	44,210	3,010	6.4%
ORANGE	30	1,625,500	1,502,800	122,700	7.5%
PLACER	6	187,500	176,400	11,200	6.0%
PLUMAS	20	7,970	7,420	550	6.9%
RIVERSIDE	43	1,122,100	1,021,000	101,100	9.0%
SACRAMENTO	40	725,400	664,700	60,700	8.4%
SAN BENITO	30	31,600	29,200	2,400	7.5%
SAN BERNARDINO	44	988,200	898,700	89,500	9.1%
SAN DIEGO	32	1,610,900	1,486,400	124,500	7.7%
SAN FRANCISCO	20	581,100	541,100	40,100	6.9%
SAN JOAQUIN	54	330,200	297,300	32,900	10.0%
SAN LUIS OBISPO	6	136,000	127,900	8,100	6.0%
SAN MATEO	6	454,700	427,600	27,100	6.0%
SANTA BARBARA	11	218,200	204,400	13,800	6.3%
SANTA CLARA	4	1,064,600	1,001,700	62,900	5.9%
SANTA CRUZ	23	131,700	122,300	9,400	7.1%
SHASTA	20	75,400	70,200	5,200	6.9%
SIERRA	3	1,330	1,260	70	5.5%
SISKIYOU	26	16,480	15,280	1,210	7.3%
SOLANO	41	208,300	190,500	17,700	8.5%
SONOMA	9	258,100	242,000	16,100	6.2%
STANISLAUS	44	240,800	219,000	21,900	9.1%
SUTTER	44	41,800	38,000	3,800	9.1%
TEHAMA	25	25,420	23,600	1,820	7.2%
TRINITY	11	4,390	4,110	280	6.3%
TULARE	56	193,800	172,600	21,200	10.9%
TUOLUMNE	39	20,200	18,530	1,670	8.3%
VENTURA	23	420,000	390,100	30,000	7.1%
YOLO	9	107,600	101,000	6,600	6.2%
YUBA	51	28,700	26,100	2,700	9.4%

Notes

- 1) Data may not add due to rounding. The unemployment rate is calculated using unrounded data.
- 2) Labor force data for all geographic areas now reflect the March 2019 benchmark and Census 2010 population controls at the state level.