



# THE WEEKLY COUNCIL INFORMATION REPORT

September 15, 2023

## COFFEE WITH A COP

The Merced Police Department had this year's first Community Coffee with a Cop on Tuesday, September 12th, from 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. at The Sensory Lab by ASIP. Coffee with A Cop events allow people to meet and visit with officers. The original concept for this program started in the US in 2011 to foster communication between police and their local community. The Merced Police Department understands community policing and engagement is vital to connecting with community members they serve. If you know a business that would like to host an event with the Merced Police Department, please contact Community Liaison Rosa Alcaraz at (209) 385-6297 or [alcarazr@cityofmerced.org](mailto:alcarazr@cityofmerced.org).



### Enrique “KiKi” Camarena Memorial Golf Tournament

Lieutenant Tony Aponte, Field Training Officer Timothy Farmer, Sergeant Jose Barajas, and Lieutenant Joseph Perez recently participated in the 37th Annual Enrique "KiKi" Camarena Memorial Golf Tournament. Congratulations to the group for their second-place win.

Aside from the fun, this was also a time to remember Kiki Camarena. Camarena was a DEA agent killed in the line of duty in the 80s. This tournament was organized by the California Narcotic Officers' Association, Region VII. These tournaments raise funds to support fallen officers' families.



## LANCE EBER

### AWARD FOR CRIME ANALYSIS

THE MERCED POLICE DEPARTMENT IS PROUD TO ANNOUNCE THAT OUR CRIME ANALYST, LANCE EBER WAS THE RECIPIENT OF THIS YEAR'S AWARD FOR CREATIVITY AND EXCELLENCE IN THE FIELD OF CRIME ANALYSIS. HE WAS PRESENTED WITH THIS AWARD AT THE CALIFORNIA CRIME AND INTELLIGENCE ANALYSTS ASSOCIATION'S ANNUAL CONFERENCE. HE RECEIVED THIS AWARD FOR HIS WORK IN MAKING ANALYSIS AND CRIME DATA AVAILABLE THROUGH AUTOMATED DASHBOARDS.

THANK YOU, LANCE, FOR ALL YOUR HARD WORK! PLEASE JOIN US IN CONGRATULATING HIM!

# CRIME ANALYST

## SPOTLIGHT





MERCED POLICE DEPARTMENT

# BIKE RIDE

FREE FOR ALL AGES!

¡LET'S CYCLE AROUND THE CITY TOGETHER! OPEN TO ALL AGES, NO COMPETITION LET'S JUST HAVE SOME FUN!!

**SATURDAY  
SEPTEMBER 16TH, 2023  
9AM-11AM**

THE RIDE WILL START AND END AT APPLEGATE PARK.



FREE HELMET INSPECTION

## Saturday Bike Ride with Merced PD

Join the community for a bike ride this Saturday, September 16<sup>th</sup> from 9 to 11 am. The ride starts and ends at Applegate Park.

Scenes from Merced PD's recent bike rodeo at the South Merced Station.



What's new at the Zoo!

This week, the Zoo welcomed two new poison dart frogs! These brightly colored frogs use their coloration to warn predators that they are toxic! Not to worry, though, their poison comes from what they eat in the wild, which means that the dart frogs at the Zoo are not poisonous and proudly show off their beautiful colors.



**SAVE THE DATE** SUNDAY **NOV. 19** 7:30 AM

10K route includes out-and-back along Bear Creek Bike Path

Start and Finish near Bob Hart Square

5K ROUTE

Kiddieland

MERCED COUNTY Office of Education  
Shere M. Torgas, M.Ed.  
County Superintendent of Schools

MERCED

PARKS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

Kiwanis Club of Greater Merced

CULTIVA-SALUD

**What's new at Applegate Zoo**

Join us Weekly for:  
**Bear Talks @ 10:15am**

Saturdays and Sundays!

Join one of our Zookeepers as they explain what enrichment the bears are getting for the day and what their morning diet will be, then watch as the bears come out on exhibit and have some fun!

**Coming Soon**

Docent Carts  
Come visit one of our carts for a fun interactive time. Touch items such as pelts, skulls, and feathers while learning more about the featured animals!

**UPcoming:**

◆ **OCTOBER** **ZooBoo!**  
October 28, and 29 5:30-8:30pm

**Trunk or Treat Car Show**  
October 28th 10am - 2pm  
611 W. 22nd St. Merced

◆ **DECEMBER** **Lights Before Christmas**  
December 16 and 17 from 5:30-8:30pm

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[Merced Zoo](#)

All Proceeds to benefit Zoo!

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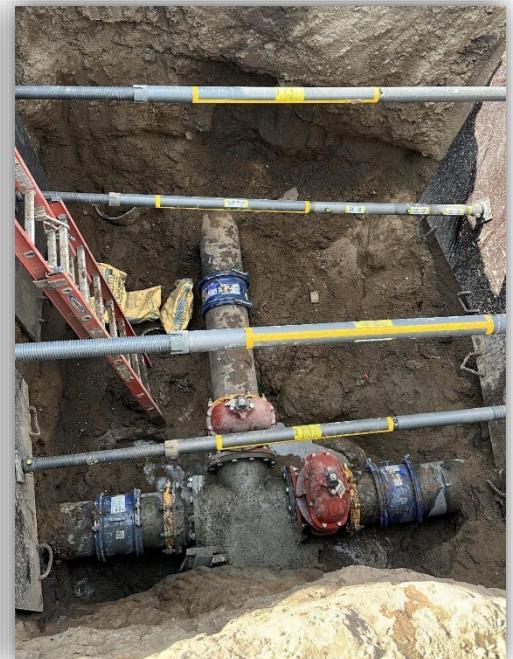
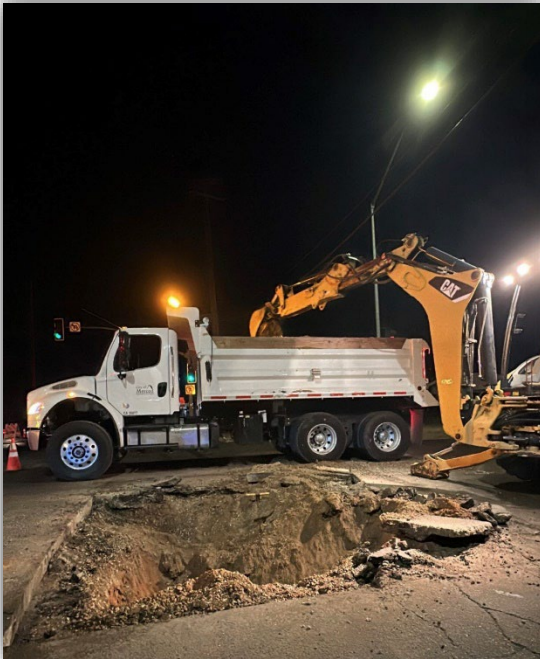
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### Public Works Crews in Action

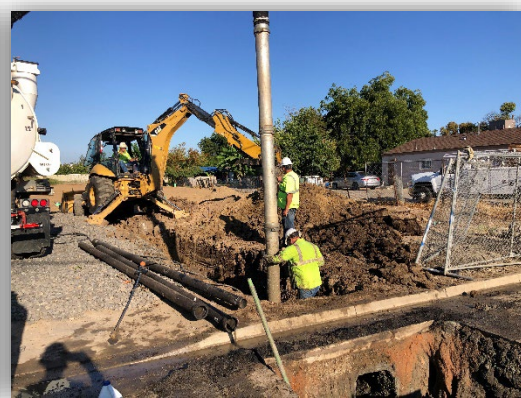
Water Department Crew received training on new equipment used to flush water main lines.



Water Department Crew replaced a broken 12” water main line valve at Childs Ave and Hwy 59.



New water services were installed at V St and at South R



### **Tribute to Caleb Rasmussen**

Caleb Rasmussen unexpectedly passed away on Saturday, September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Caleb was a Sewer/Storm Drain Worker at Public Works for a little over 3 years. Caleb was always smiling, always happy, and will be missed by his fellow employees.

### **Celebration of Life Service**

Saturday, September 30, 2023, 10 to 11 am

Christian Life Center

650 East Olive Ave, Merced

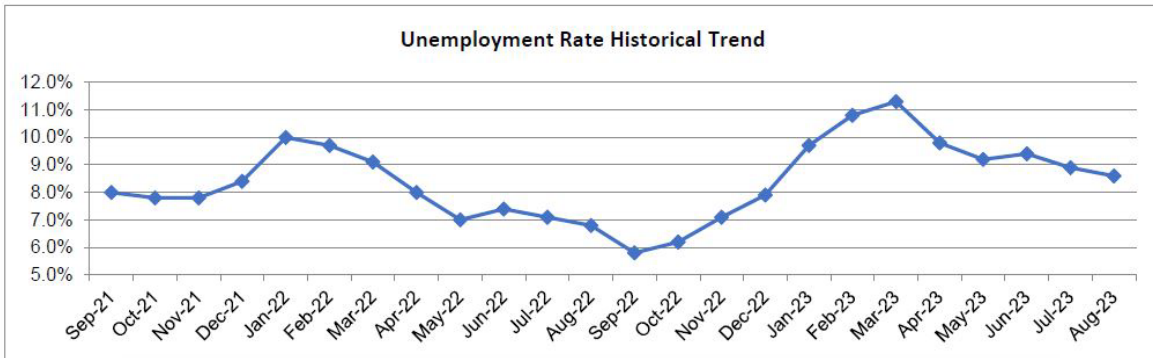
<https://www.dignitymemorial.com/obituaries/merced-ca/caleb-rasmussen-11457892>



Caleb and Governor Newsom

## Labor Market Information, Merced County for August 2023

The unemployment rate in the Merced County was 8.6 percent in August 2023, down from a revised 8.9 percent in July 2023, and above the year-ago estimate of 6.8 percent. This compares with an unadjusted unemployment rate of 5.1 percent for California and 3.9 percent for the nation during the same period. A copy of the August 2023 Labor Market Report is attached for review.



**MERCED REGIONAL MULTI-JURISDICTION HOUSING ELEMENT**  
 ELEMENTO DE VIVIENDA REGIONAL DE JURISDICCION MÚLTIPLE DE MERCED

**JOIN US FOR A COMMUNITY MEETING ON HOUSING!**  
**¡ACOMPÁÑANOS A LA JUNTA COMUNITARIA DE VIVIENDA!**

You are invited to attend a community meeting on the Regional Multi-Jurisdiction Housing Element. Your input will help create a housing plan for the region for the next eight years.

*Está invitado a asistir a una junta comunitaria sobre el Elemento de Vivienda Regional de Jurisdicción Múltiple. Su aporte ayudará a crear un plan de vivienda en la región para los próximos ocho años.*

**ABOUT THE HOUSING ELEMENT**

The Housing Element is a plan to support housing for people at all income levels and needs. This Housing Element includes the cities of Atwater, Dos Palos, Gustine, Livingston, Los Banos, Merced, and Merced County. The Housing Element directs locations for new housing and includes policies to support:

- New housing development
- Preservation and rehabilitation of existing housing
- Affordable housing
- Homeownership opportunities
- Emergency shelters and supportive/transitional housing
- Housing for seniors, students, farmworkers, and people with disabilities

*El Elemento de Vivienda es un plan para apoyar la vivienda para personas de todos los niveles de ingresos y necesidades. Este elemento de vivienda incluye las ciudades de Atwater, Dos Palos, Gustine, Livingston, Los Banos, Merced, y el condado de Merced. El Elemento de Vivienda dirige las ubicaciones para nuevas viviendas e incluye regulaciones para apoyar:*

- Nuevo desarrollo de viviendas
- Conservación y mantenimiento de viviendas existentes
- Vivienda económica
- Oportunidades para ser propietario de vivienda
- Refugios de emergencia y viviendas de apoyo/transición
- Vivienda para personas mayores, estudiantes, trabajadores agrícolas y personas con discapacidades

**Tuesday, September 26, 2023**  
**Martes, 26 de Septiembre 2023**

**6 pm - 8 pm**

Merced County Board Chambers  
 2222 M Street  
 Merced, CA

**FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE VISIT:**

Para más información por favor visite:  
<https://mercedrjhe.com/>

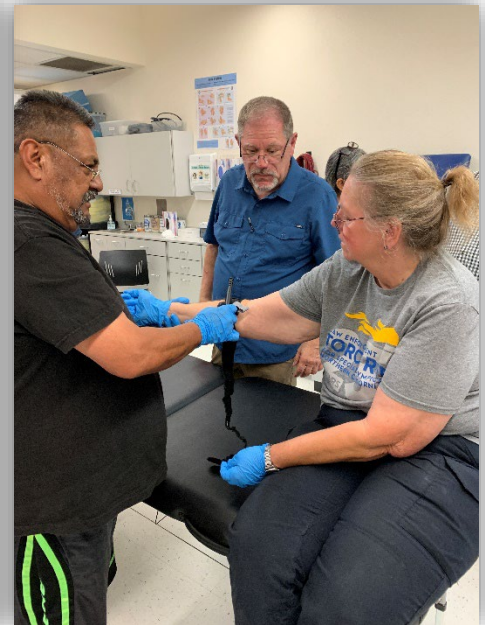
Can't attend? Check the website for a list of additional in-person and virtual meetings. If you need assistance, please contact Tiffany Ho or Steve Massey at [Tiffany.Ho@countyofmerced.com](mailto:Tiffany.Ho@countyofmerced.com) or [Steve.Massey@countyofmerced.com](mailto:Steve.Massey@countyofmerced.com)

¿No puedes asistir? Visite el sitio web para obtener una lista de juntas presenciales y virtuales. Si necesita ayuda, comuníquese con Tiffany Ho o Steve Massey por correo electrónico [Tiffany.Ho@countyofmerced.com](mailto:Tiffany.Ho@countyofmerced.com) or [Steve.Massey@countyofmerced.com](mailto:Steve.Massey@countyofmerced.com)

## Scenes from the Second Week of CERT Training

Each lesson emphasizes skills that will be practiced during hands-on demonstrations and exercise sessions. Sessions include disaster awareness, CERT organization and management, fire safety and utility control, medical information, search and rescue, disaster psychology, CERT communications, terrorism and refresh, and skills development and application. Classes are at Fire Station 51 and Golden Valley High School.

The department aims to train 150 community volunteers over the next six months. For more information about upcoming training sessions, contact Firefighter Diego Basulto at [basultod@cityofmerced.org](mailto:basultod@cityofmerced.org).





YOU ARE INVITED TO OUR  
**3RD ANNUAL COPS FOR CRITTERS**

# TRUNK or TREAT CAR SHOW

Eventbrite

SPACE IS LIMITED,  
REGISTER NOW!



ALL PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT APPLEGATE PARK AND ZOO  
Saturday, Oct 28th • 10AM-2PM  
611 W. 22ND St. Merced CA 95340

vehicle Registration  
\$25 until 10/16  
after deadline \$30

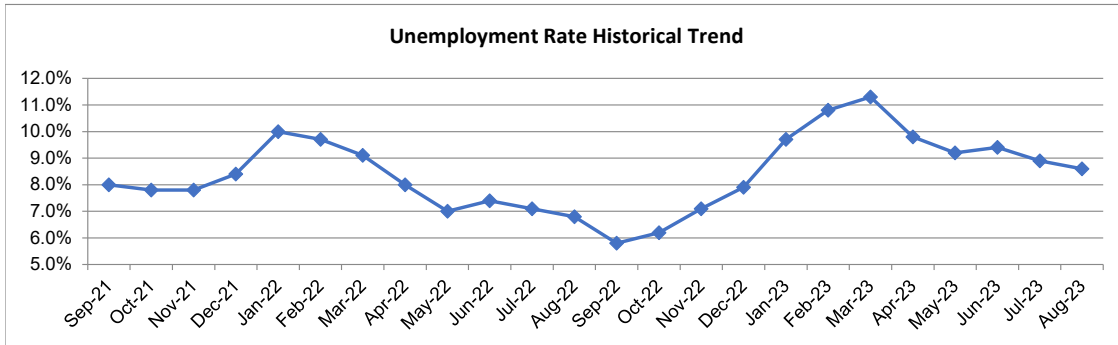
Adult & Child Costumes welcome  
CANDY-GAMES-MUSIC-FOOD VENDORS  
&MORE!

Vendor Registration \$25



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

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Industry	Jul-2023	Aug-2023	Change		Aug-2022	Aug-2023	Change
	Revised	Prelim				Prelim	
Total, All Industries	85,600	88,100	2,500		87,100	88,100	1,000
Total Farm	14,500	15,100	600		15,200	15,100	(100)
Total Nonfarm	71,100	73,000	1,900		71,900	73,000	1,100
Mining, Logging and Construction	3,300	3,400	100		3,300	3,400	100
Manufacturing	10,800	11,200	400		11,000	11,200	200
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	13,200	13,200	0		14,300	13,200	(1,100)
Information	200	200	0		300	200	(100)
Financial Activities	1,900	1,900	0		1,900	1,900	0
Professional and Business Services	3,900	3,900	0		4,000	3,900	(100)
Private Education and Health Services	11,600	11,600	0		11,100	11,600	500
Leisure and Hospitality	7,500	7,500	0		7,100	7,500	400
Other Services	1,800	1,800	0		1,700	1,800	100
Government	16,900	18,300	1,400		17,200	18,300	1,100

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

	Aug 22	Jun 23	Jul 23	Aug 23	Percent Change	
			Revised	Prelim	Month	Year
Civilian Labor Force (1)	115,500	116,900	114,700	116,100	1.2%	0.5%
Civilian Employment	107,700	105,900	104,500	106,100	1.5%	-1.5%
Civilian Unemployment	7,900	11,000	10,200	10,000	-2.0%	26.6%
Civilian Unemployment Rate	6.8%	9.4%	8.9%	8.6%		
(CA Unemployment Rate)	4.1%	4.9%	4.8%	5.1%		
(U.S. Unemployment Rate)	3.8%	3.8%	3.8%	3.9%		

Total, All Industries (2)	87,100	88,100	85,600	88,100	2.9%	1.1%
Total Farm	15,200	14,600	14,500	15,100	4.1%	-0.7%
Total Nonfarm	71,900	73,500	71,100	73,000	2.7%	1.5%
Total Private	54,700	53,600	54,200	54,700	0.9%	0.0%
Goods Producing	14,300	13,800	14,100	14,600	3.5%	2.1%
Mining, Logging and Construction	3,300	3,300	3,300	3,400	3.0%	3.0%
Manufacturing	11,000	10,500	10,800	11,200	3.7%	1.8%
Non-Durable Goods	9,200	8,700	9,100	9,500	4.4%	3.3%
Service-Providing	57,600	59,700	57,000	58,400	2.5%	1.4%
Private Service Providing	40,400	39,800	40,100	40,100	0.0%	-0.7%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	14,300	13,100	13,200	13,200	0.0%	-7.7%
Wholesale Trade	2,100	1,600	1,600	1,600	0.0%	-23.8%
Retail Trade	8,800	8,200	8,300	8,300	0.0%	-5.7%
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	3,400	3,300	3,300	3,300	0.0%	-2.9%
Information	300	200	200	200	0.0%	-33.3%
Financial Activities	1,900	1,900	1,900	1,900	0.0%	0.0%
Professional and Business Services	4,000	3,900	3,900	3,900	0.0%	-2.5%
Private Education and Health Services	11,100	11,500	11,600	11,600	0.0%	4.5%
Leisure and Hospitality	7,100	7,400	7,500	7,500	0.0%	5.6%
Other Services	1,700	1,800	1,800	1,800	0.0%	5.9%
Government	17,200	19,900	16,900	18,300	8.3%	6.4%
Federal Government	700	700	700	700	0.0%	0.0%
Total State and Local Government	16,500	19,200	16,200	17,600	8.6%	6.7%
State Government	2,900	2,800	3,100	3,200	3.2%	10.3%
State Government Educational Services	2,200	2,100	2,400	2,500	4.2%	13.6%
State Government Excluding Education	700	700	700	700	0.0%	0.0%
Local Government	13,600	16,400	13,100	14,400	9.9%	5.9%
Local Government excluding Educational Serv	4,000	4,400	4,100	4,100	0.0%	2.5%
Special Districts plus Tribes	600	700	700	700	0.0%	16.7%

**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 916-907-4593 or N/A 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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**REPORT 400 C**  
**Monthly Labor Force Data for Counties**  
**August 2023 - Preliminary**  
 Data Not Seasonally Adjusted

COUNTY	RANK BY RATE	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYMENT	UNEMPLOYMENT	RATE
<b>STATE TOTAL</b>	---	<b>19,340,800</b>	<b>18,347,200</b>	<b>993,600</b>	<b>5.1%</b>
ALAMEDA	18	831,600	794,200	37,400	4.5%
ALPINE	52	510	470	40	7.5%
AMADOR	29	14,570	13,830	740	5.1%
BUTTE	36	91,100	86,200	4,900	5.3%
CALAVERAS	15	22,510	21,560	950	4.2%
COLUSA	56	10,550	9,560	1,000	9.4%
CONTRA COSTA	18	553,600	528,700	24,900	4.5%
DEL NORTE	43	9,480	8,920	560	5.9%
EL DORADO	13	93,900	90,100	3,900	4.1%
FRESNO	50	458,400	426,100	32,300	7.0%
GLENN	47	12,240	11,450	800	6.5%
HUMBOLDT	28	58,800	55,800	2,900	5.0%
IMPERIAL	58	71,900	57,700	14,200	19.7%
INYO	6	8,360	8,040	320	3.8%
KERN	54	397,400	365,300	32,000	8.1%
KINGS	53	57,500	53,100	4,400	7.7%
LAKE	38	28,160	26,590	1,570	5.6%
LASSEN	24	8,760	8,340	420	4.8%
LOS ANGELES	41	5,004,300	4,712,300	292,000	5.8%
MADERA	50	64,700	60,100	4,600	7.0%
MARIN	4	132,300	127,400	4,900	3.7%
MARIPOSA	24	7,700	7,330	370	4.8%
MENDOCINO	20	36,630	34,930	1,700	4.6%
MERCED	55	116,100	106,100	10,000	8.6%
MODOC	29	3,230	3,070	160	5.1%
MONO	8	9,160	8,810	350	3.9%
MONTEREY	26	237,300	225,700	11,700	4.9%
NAPA	2	72,000	69,400	2,600	3.6%
NEVADA	15	47,630	45,640	1,990	4.2%
ORANGE	8	1,592,500	1,529,900	62,600	3.9%
PLACER	12	195,700	187,800	7,800	4.0%
PLUMAS	40	7,520	7,090	430	5.7%
RIVERSIDE	37	1,143,100	1,081,300	61,800	5.4%
SACRAMENTO	22	734,900	700,400	34,500	4.7%
SAN BENITO	38	32,500	30,700	1,800	5.6%
SAN BERNARDINO	29	999,400	948,400	51,000	5.1%
SAN DIEGO	17	1,594,100	1,525,700	68,400	4.3%
SAN FRANCISCO	2	578,400	557,800	20,600	3.6%
SAN JOAQUIN	45	345,900	324,400	21,500	6.2%
SAN LUIS OBISPO	4	138,100	133,000	5,100	3.7%
SAN MATEO	1	457,100	441,900	15,200	3.3%
SANTA BARBARA	8	226,100	217,300	8,800	3.9%
SANTA CLARA	8	1,051,800	1,011,100	40,700	3.9%
SANTA CRUZ	29	135,800	128,900	6,900	5.1%
SHASTA	29	73,000	69,300	3,700	5.1%
SIERRA	13	1,350	1,290	60	4.1%
SISKIYOU	41	17,230	16,240	1,000	5.8%
SOLANO	26	202,000	192,100	9,900	4.9%
SONOMA	6	250,100	240,500	9,600	3.8%
STANISLAUS	47	241,200	225,500	15,700	6.5%
SUTTER	47	47,700	44,700	3,100	6.5%
TEHAMA	44	25,770	24,210	1,560	6.0%
TRINITY	35	4,650	4,410	240	5.2%
TULARE	57	209,400	188,800	20,600	9.8%
TUOLUMNE	29	20,280	19,240	1,040	5.1%
VENTURA	20	412,100	393,000	19,100	4.6%
YOLO	22	110,400	105,300	5,100	4.7%
YUBA	46	32,300	30,300	2,000	6.3%

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- 2) Labor force data for all geographic areas now reflect the March 2022 benchmark and Census Vintage 2022 population controls at the state level.