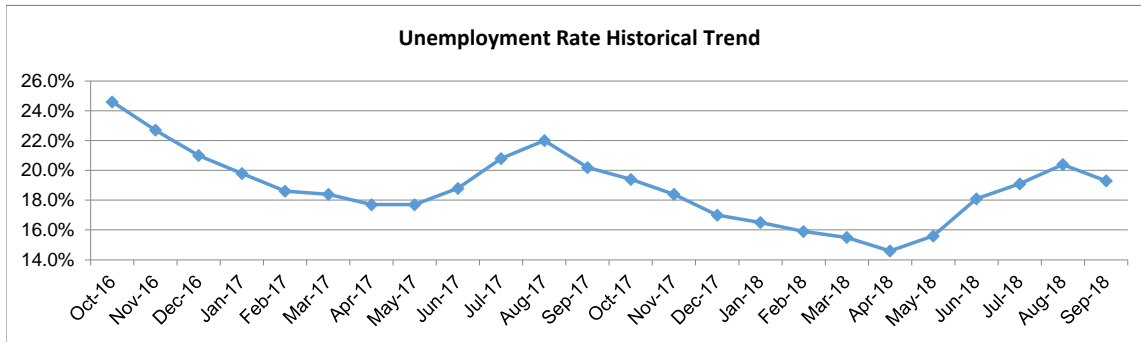


IMMEDIATE RELEASE
 EL CENTRO METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA (MSA)
 (Imperial County)

The unemployment rate in the Imperial County was 19.3 percent in September 2018, down from a revised 20.4 percent in August 2018, and below the year-ago estimate of 20.2 percent. This compares with an unadjusted unemployment rate of 3.9 percent for California and 3.6 percent for the nation during the same period.



Industry	Aug-2018	Sep-2018	Change		Sep-2017	Sep-2018	Change
	Revised	Prelim				Prelim	
Total, All Industries	63,800	65,000	1,200		63,100	65,000	1,900
Total Farm	10,600	12,200	1,600		10,900	12,200	1,300
Total Nonfarm	53,200	52,800	(400)		52,200	52,800	600
Mining, Logging, and Construction	2,000	2,000	0		1,800	2,000	200
Manufacturing	1,400	1,200	(200)		1,300	1,200	(100)
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	12,200	11,800	(400)		12,000	11,800	(200)
Information	300	300	0		300	300	0
Financial Activities	1,200	1,200	0		1,300	1,200	(100)
Professional & Business Services	2,600	2,600	0		2,500	2,600	100
Educational & Health Services	10,000	10,000	0		9,600	10,000	400
Leisure & Hospitality	4,200	4,200	0		4,200	4,200	0
Other Services	1,000	1,000	0		1,000	1,000	0
Government	18,300	18,500	200		18,200	18,500	300

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

	Sep 17	Jul 18	Aug 18 Revised	Sep 18 Prelim	Percent Change	
					Month	Year
Civilian Labor Force (1)	74,000	72,000	73,900	74,500	0.8%	0.7%
Civilian Employment	59,000	58,300	58,800	60,100	2.2%	1.9%
Civilian Unemployment	15,000	13,700	15,100	14,400	-4.6%	-4.0%
Civilian Unemployment Rate (CA Unemployment Rate)	20.2%	19.1%	20.4%	19.3%		
(U.S. Unemployment Rate)	4.3%	4.4%	4.3%	3.9%		
	4.1%	4.1%	3.9%	3.6%		

Total, All Industries (2)	63,100	62,900	63,800	65,000	1.9%	3.0%
Total Farm	10,900	11,100	10,600	12,200	15.1%	11.9%
Total Nonfarm	52,200	51,800	53,200	52,800	-0.8%	1.1%
Total Private	34,000	34,600	34,900	34,300	-1.7%	0.9%
Goods Producing	3,100	3,400	3,400	3,200	-5.9%	3.2%
Mining, Logging, and Construction	1,800	2,000	2,000	2,000	0.0%	11.1%
Manufacturing	1,300	1,400	1,400	1,200	-14.3%	-7.7%
Durable Goods	500	500	500	500	0.0%	0.0%
Nondurable Goods	800	900	900	700	-22.2%	-12.5%
Service Providing	49,100	48,400	49,800	49,600	-0.4%	1.0%
Private Service Providing	30,900	31,200	31,500	31,100	-1.3%	0.6%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	12,000	12,000	12,200	11,800	-3.3%	-1.7%
Wholesale Trade	2,000	2,100	2,200	2,100	-4.5%	5.0%
Retail Trade	7,800	7,800	7,900	7,700	-2.5%	-1.3%
Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities	2,200	2,100	2,100	2,000	-4.8%	-9.1%
Information	300	300	300	300	0.0%	0.0%
Financial Activities	1,300	1,200	1,200	1,200	0.0%	-7.7%
Professional & Business Services	2,500	2,600	2,600	2,600	0.0%	4.0%
Educational & Health Services	9,600	9,800	10,000	10,000	0.0%	4.2%
Leisure & Hospitality	4,200	4,300	4,200	4,200	0.0%	0.0%
Other Services	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	0.0%	0.0%
Government	18,200	17,200	18,300	18,500	1.1%	1.6%
Federal Government	2,100	2,100	2,100	2,100	0.0%	0.0%
State & Local Government	16,100	15,100	16,200	16,400	1.2%	1.9%
State Government	2,700	2,700	2,700	2,800	3.7%	3.7%
Local Government	13,400	12,400	13,500	13,600	0.7%	1.5%
Local Government Excluding Education	7,100	7,600	7,500	7,400	-1.3%	4.2%
Special Districts plus Indian Tribes	3,000	3,200	3,200	3,100	-3.1%	3.3%

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: Maritza Gamboa 714-687-4816 or Emerson Figueroa 909-481-6214

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 Cities and Census Designated Places (CDP)
 September 2018 - Preliminary
 Data Not Seasonally Adjusted**

Area Name	Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment Number	Unemployment Rate	Census Ratios Emp	Census Ratios Unemp
Imperial County	74,500	60,100	14,400	19.3%	1.000000	1.000000
Brawley city	10,600	8,900	1,600	15.4%	N/A	N/A
Calexico city	19,400	13,200	6,200	32.1%	N/A	N/A
Calipatria city	1,300	1,000	300	19.7%	0.016997	0.017404
El Centro city	19,300	16,500	2,800	14.5%	N/A	N/A
Heber CDP	1,900	1,400	400	23.2%	0.023847	0.030129
Holtville city	2,300	1,900	400	15.5%	0.032283	0.024642
Imperial city	8,200	6,800	1,300	16.0%	0.113998	0.090761
Westmorland city	700	600	100	16.5%	0.010292	0.008458

CDP is "Census Designated Place" - a recognized community that was unincorporated at the time of the 2011-2015 5-Year American Community Survey (ACS).

Notes:

- 1) Data may not add due to rounding. All unemployment rates shown are calculated on unrounded data.
- 2) These data are not seasonally adjusted.
- 3) N/A = Estimate created by Bureau of Labor Statistics

Methodology:

Monthly city labor force data are derived by multiplying current estimates of county employment and unemployment by the relative employment and unemployment shares (ratios) of each city at the time of the 2009-2013 American Community Survey. Ratios for cities were developed from special tabulations based on ACS employment, unemployment, and population and Census population from the Bureau of Labor Statistics. For smaller cities and CDPs, ratios were calculated from published census data.

Monthly CDP's labor force data are derived by multiplying current estimates of county employment and unemployment by the relative employment and unemployment shares (ratios) of each CDP at the time of the 2011-2015 ACS survey. Ratios for CDPs' were developed from special tabulations based on ACS employment and unemployment from the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

This method assumes that the rates of change in employment and unemployment since the 2009-2013/2011-2015 American Community Survey are exactly the same in each city and CDP as at county level (i.e., that the shares are still accurate). If this assumption is not true for a specific city or CDP, then the estimates for that area may not represent the current economic conditions. Since this assumption is untested, caution should be employed when using these data.

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Monthly Labor Force Data for Counties
September 2018 - Preliminary
 Data Not Seasonally Adjusted

COUNTY	RANK BY RATE	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYMENT	UNEMPLOYMENT	RATE
STATE TOTAL	---	19,552,500	18,783,600	768,900	3.9%
ALAMEDA	8	860,300	836,100	24,100	2.8%
ALPINE	43	470	450	20	4.9%
AMADOR	18	14,960	14,450	510	3.4%
BUTTE	34	105,700	101,400	4,300	4.1%
CALAVERAS	20	21,860	21,090	770	3.5%
COLUSA	56	11,210	10,410	800	7.1%
CONTRA COSTA	10	571,900	555,100	16,800	2.9%
DEL NORTE	41	10,110	9,630	480	4.8%
EL DORADO	13	90,700	87,800	2,900	3.2%
FRESNO	52	455,400	428,600	26,800	5.9%
GLENN	46	13,110	12,420	700	5.3%
HUMBOLDT	12	63,800	61,800	2,000	3.1%
IMPERIAL	58	74,500	60,100	14,400	19.3%
INYO	16	8,900	8,610	290	3.3%
KERN	55	388,200	362,600	25,700	6.6%
KINGS	54	57,500	54,100	3,500	6.0%
LAKE	35	30,370	29,050	1,310	4.3%
LASSEN	27	10,250	9,860	390	3.8%
LOS ANGELES	41	5,168,400	4,920,700	247,800	4.8%
MADERA	48	62,200	58,800	3,400	5.4%
MARIN	2	144,700	141,400	3,200	2.2%
MARIPOSA	27	8,170	7,860	310	3.8%
MENDOCINO	18	40,530	39,160	1,370	3.4%
MERCED	52	120,200	113,100	7,200	5.9%
MODOC	48	3,170	3,000	170	5.4%
MONO	20	8,920	8,610	310	3.5%
MONTEREY	30	230,500	221,600	8,900	3.9%
NAPA	6	75,100	73,200	1,900	2.5%
NEVADA	13	48,640	47,080	1,560	3.2%
ORANGE	8	1,627,700	1,582,000	45,600	2.8%
PLACER	11	183,700	178,300	5,500	3.0%
PLUMAS	38	8,100	7,720	380	4.7%
RIVERSIDE	37	1,091,000	1,043,600	47,500	4.4%
SACRAMENTO	25	706,800	681,400	25,300	3.6%
SAN BENITO	32	30,700	29,400	1,200	4.0%
SAN BERNARDINO	27	966,200	929,400	36,800	3.8%
SAN DIEGO	13	1,601,800	1,551,300	50,500	3.2%
SAN FRANCISCO	2	577,500	564,700	12,800	2.2%
SAN JOAQUIN	45	332,400	315,700	16,700	5.0%
SAN LUIS OBISPO	7	142,400	138,500	3,900	2.7%
SAN MATEO	1	459,700	450,200	9,600	2.1%
SANTA BARBARA	16	217,300	210,200	7,100	3.3%
SANTA CLARA	4	1,067,700	1,041,900	25,800	2.4%
SANTA CRUZ	20	145,100	140,100	5,000	3.5%
SHASTA	35	75,700	72,500	3,200	4.3%
SIERRA	38	1,350	1,290	60	4.7%
SISKIYOU	43	18,380	17,480	910	4.9%
SOLANO	20	211,600	204,200	7,500	3.5%
SONOMA	4	271,200	264,600	6,600	2.4%
STANISLAUS	46	246,000	233,100	12,900	5.3%
SUTTER	48	45,700	43,300	2,500	5.4%
TEHAMA	38	26,800	25,540	1,260	4.7%
TRINITY	32	5,180	4,980	210	4.0%
TULARE	57	208,000	191,500	16,400	7.9%
TUOLUMNE	30	21,800	20,950	850	3.9%
VENTURA	26	426,400	410,800	15,600	3.7%
YOLO	20	107,500	103,700	3,700	3.5%
YUBA	51	28,800	27,200	1,600	5.5%

Notes

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- 2) Labor force data for all geographic areas now reflect the March 2017 benchmark and Census 2010 population controls at the state level.