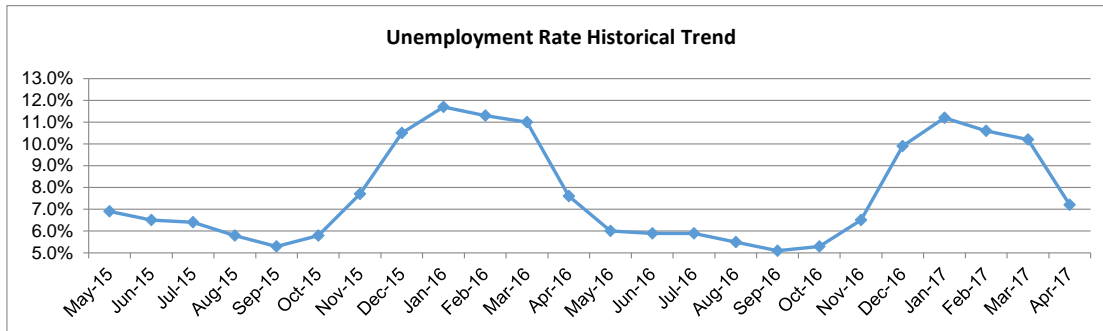


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 SALINAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA (MSA)
(Monterey County)

The unemployment rate in the Monterey County was 7.2 percent in April 2017, down from a revised 10.2 percent in March 2017, and below the year-ago estimate of 7.6 percent. This compares with an unadjusted unemployment rate of 4.5 percent for California and 4.1 percent for the nation during the same period.



Industry	Mar-2017	Apr-2017	Change		Apr-2016	Apr-2017	Change
	Revised	Prelim				Prelim	
Total, All Industries	178,700	193,700	15,000		192,300	193,700	1,400
Total Farm	41,100	56,100	15,000		56,300	56,100	(200)
Total Nonfarm	137,600	137,600	0		136,000	137,600	1,600
Mining, Logging, and Construction	6,300	6,300	0		6,100	6,300	200
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Construction	6,000	6,000	0		5,900	6,000	100
Manufacturing	5,600	5,600	0		5,400	5,600	200
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	26,100	26,000	(100)		25,700	26,000	300
Information	1,100	1,100	0		1,100	1,100	0
Financial Activities	4,200	4,200	0		4,200	4,200	0
Professional & Business Services	12,800	12,500	(300)		13,400	12,500	(900)
Educational & Health Services	19,100	19,200	100		18,700	19,200	500
Leisure & Hospitality	24,300	24,700	400		24,100	24,700	600
Other Services	5,200	5,300	100		5,100	5,300	200
Government	32,900	32,700	(200)		32,200	32,700	500

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