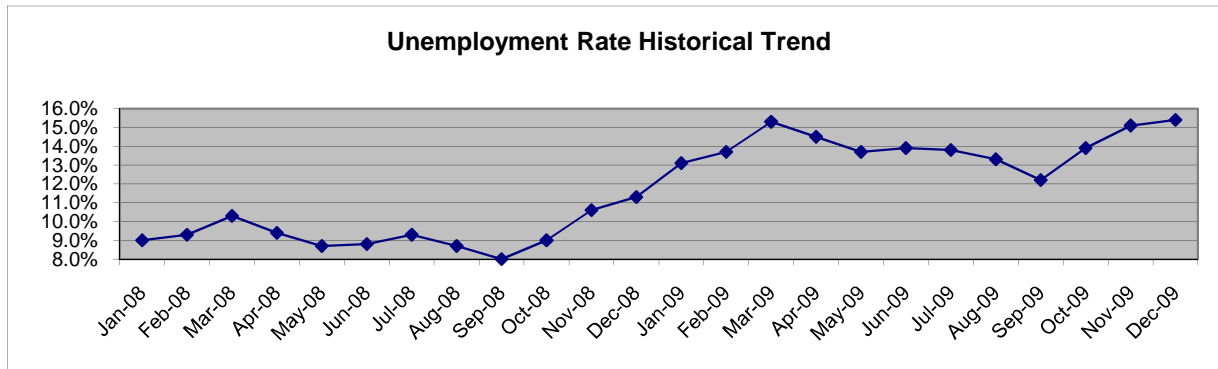


IMMEDIATE RELEASE
 MADERA-CHOWCHILLA METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA (MSA)
 (Madera County)

The unemployment rate in the Madera County was 15.4 percent in December 2009, up from a revised 15.1 percent in November 2009, and above the year-ago estimate of 11.3 percent. This compares with an unadjusted unemployment rate of 12.1 percent for California and 9.7 percent for the nation during the same period.



Industry	Nov-2009	Dec-2009	Change		Dec-2008	Dec-2009	Change
	Revised	Prelim				Prelim	
Total, All Industries	44,100	44,000	(100)		48,000	44,000	(4,000)
Total Farm	9,600	9,600	0		12,800	9,600	(3,200)
Total Nonfarm	34,500	34,400	(100)		35,200	34,400	(800)
Mining, Logging, and Construction	1,500	1,500	0		1,700	1,500	(200)
Manufacturing	3,600	3,600	0		4,000	3,600	(400)
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	5,300	5,400	100		5,300	5,400	100
Information	500	500	0		500	500	0
Financial Activities	800	800	0		800	800	0
Professional & Business Services	2,800	2,800	0		2,700	2,800	100
Educational & Health Services	5,700	5,700	0		5,900	5,700	(200)
Leisure & Hospitality	2,800	2,800	0		3,000	2,800	(200)
Other Services	800	800	0		800	800	0
Government	10,700	10,500	(200)		10,500	10,500	0

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