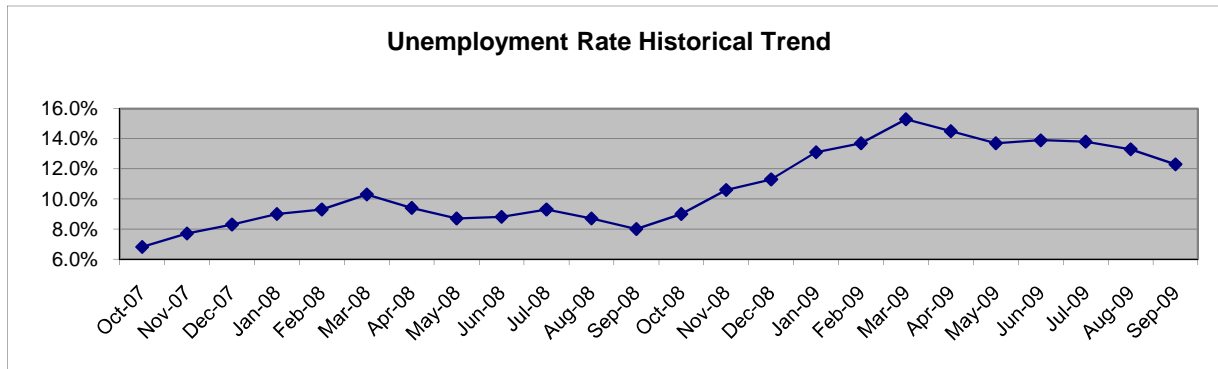


IMMEDIATE RELEASE
 MADERA-CHOWCHILLA METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA (MSA)
 (Madera County)

The unemployment rate in the Madera County was 12.3 percent in September 2009, down from a revised 13.3 percent in August 2009, and above the year-ago estimate of 8.0 percent. This compares with an unadjusted unemployment rate of 12.0 percent for California and 9.5 percent for the nation during the same period.



Industry	Aug-2009	Sep-2009	Change		Sep-2008	Sep-2009	Change
	Revised	Prelim				Prelim	
Total, All Industries	45,900	48,900	3,000		50,100	48,900	(1,200)
Total Farm	11,500	14,300	2,800		15,300	14,300	(1,000)
Total Nonfarm	34,400	34,500	100		34,800	34,500	(300)
Mining, Logging, and Construction	1,600	1,600	0		1,900	1,600	(300)
Manufacturing	3,700	3,700	0		3,200	3,700	500
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	5,200	5,300	100		5,500	5,300	(200)
Information	500	500	0		500	500	0
Financial Activities	800	800	0		800	800	0
Professional & Business Services	2,700	2,700	0		2,700	2,700	0
Educational & Health Services	5,700	5,700	0		6,000	5,700	(300)
Leisure & Hospitality	3,000	2,900	(100)		2,800	2,900	100
Other Services	800	800	0		800	800	0
Government	10,400	10,500	100		10,600	10,500	(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