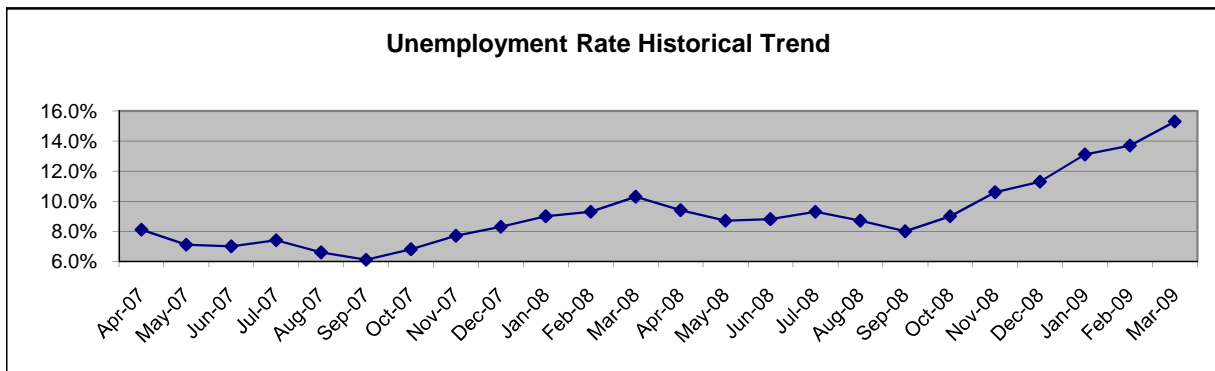


IMMEDIATE RELEASE
 MADERA-CHOWCHILLA METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA (MSA)
 (Madera County)

The unemployment rate in the Madera County was 15.3 percent in March 2009, up from a revised 13.7 percent in February 2009, and above the year-ago estimate of 10.3 percent. This compares with an unadjusted unemployment rate of 11.5 percent for California and 9.0 percent for the nation during the same period.



Industry	Feb-2009	Mar-2009	Change		Mar-2008	Mar-2009	Change
	Revised	Prelim				Prelim	
Total, All Industries	46,100	43,800	(2,300)		41,600	43,800	2,200
Total Farm	11,600	9,100	(2,500)		6,800	9,100	2,300
Total Nonfarm	34,500	34,700	200		34,800	34,700	(100)
Natural Resources, Mining & Construction	1,600	1,600	0		2,000	1,600	(400)
Manufacturing	3,800	3,800	0		3,200	3,800	600
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	5,200	5,200	0		5,000	5,200	200
Information	500	500	0		500	500	0
Financial Activities	800	800	0		800	800	0
Professional & Business Services	2,500	2,700	200		2,900	2,700	(200)
Educational & Health Services	5,700	5,700	0		5,900	5,700	(200)
Leisure & Hospitality	3,000	3,000	0		2,600	3,000	400
Other Services	800	800	0		800	800	0
Government	10,600	10,600	0		11,100	10,600	(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