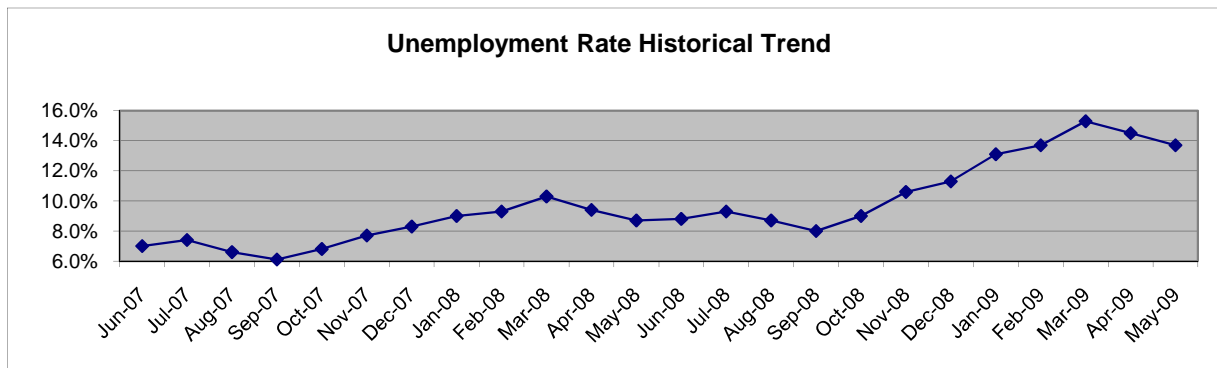


IMMEDIATE RELEASE
 MADERA-CHOWCHILLA METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA (MSA)
 (Madera County)

The unemployment rate in the Madera County was 13.7 percent in May 2009, down from a revised 14.5 percent in April 2009, and above the year-ago estimate of 8.7 percent. This compares with an unadjusted unemployment rate of 11.2 percent for California and 9.1 percent for the nation during the same period.



Industry	Apr-2009	May-2009	Change		May-2008	May-2009	Change
	Revised	Prelim				Prelim	
Total, All Industries	43,400	45,800	2,400		46,500	45,800	(700)
Total Farm	8,700	11,300	2,600		11,300	11,300	0
Total Nonfarm	34,700	34,500	(200)		35,200	34,500	(700)
Mining, Logging, and Construction	1,600	1,700	100		2,000	1,700	(300)
Manufacturing	3,800	3,700	(100)		3,200	3,700	500
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	5,200	5,300	100		5,100	5,300	200
Information	500	500	0		500	500	0
Financial Activities	800	800	0		900	800	(100)
Professional & Business Services	2,700	2,700	0		2,800	2,700	(100)
Educational & Health Services	5,700	5,700	0		5,900	5,700	(200)
Leisure & Hospitality	2,900	2,700	(200)		2,900	2,700	(200)
Other Services	800	800	0		800	800	0
Government	10,700	10,600	(100)		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