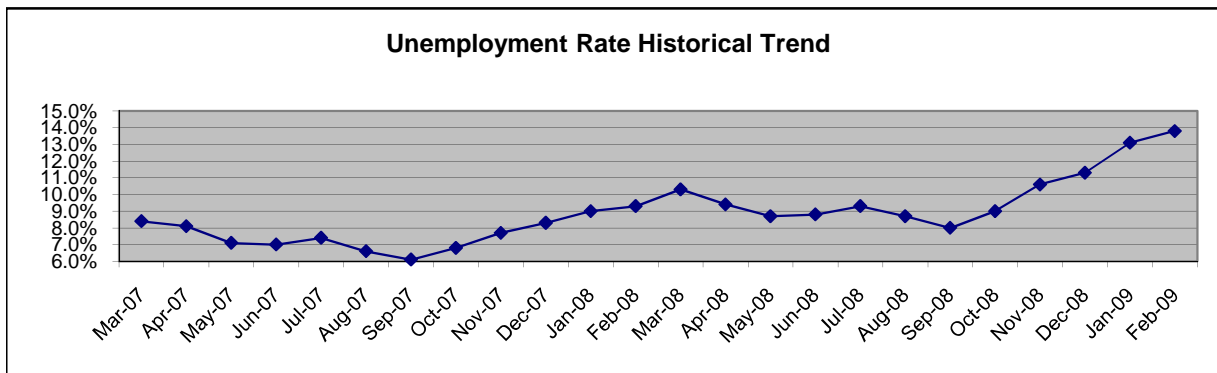


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 MADERA-CHOWCHILLA METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA (MSA)  
 (Madera County)

The unemployment rate in the Madera County was 13.8 percent in February 2009, up from a revised 13.1 percent in January 2009, and above the year-ago estimate of 9.3 percent. This compares with an unadjusted unemployment rate of 10.9 percent for California and 8.9 percent for the nation during the same period.



Industry	Jan-2009	Feb-2009	Change		Feb-2008	Feb-2009	Change
	Revised	Prelim				Prelim	
Total, All Industries	46,200	46,100	(100)		44,600	46,100	1,500
Total Farm	11,700	11,600	(100)		9,500	11,600	2,100
Total Nonfarm	34,500	34,500	0		35,100	34,500	(600)
Natural Resources, Mining & Construction	1,500	1,600	100		2,100	1,600	(500)
Manufacturing	3,900	3,800	(100)		3,400	3,800	400
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	5,300	5,200	(100)		5,100	5,200	100
Information	500	500	0		500	500	0
Financial Activities	800	800	0		800	800	0
Professional & Business Services	2,500	2,500	0		2,900	2,500	(400)
Educational & Health Services	5,800	5,700	(100)		5,900	5,700	(200)
Leisure & Hospitality	3,000	3,000	0		2,500	3,000	500
Other Services	800	800	0		800	800	0
Government	10,400	10,600	200		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](http://www.labormarketinfo.edd.ca.gov)