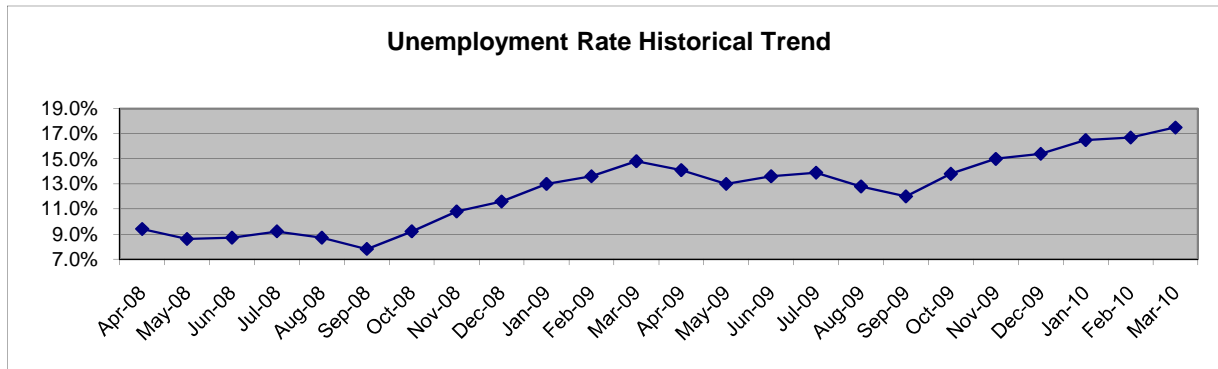


IMMEDIATE RELEASE
 MADERA-CHOWCHILLA METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA (MSA)
 (Madera County)

The unemployment rate in the Madera County was 17.5 percent in March 2010, up from a revised 16.7 percent in February 2010, and above the year-ago estimate of 14.8 percent. This compares with an unadjusted unemployment rate of 13.0 percent for California and 10.2 percent for the nation during the same period.



Industry	Feb-2010	Mar-2010	Change		Mar-2009	Mar-2010	Change
	Revised	Prelim				Prelim	
Total, All Industries	42,500	40,800	(1,700)		41,300	40,800	(500)
Total Farm	9,000	7,100	(1,900)		7,700	7,100	(600)
Total Nonfarm	33,500	33,700	200		33,600	33,700	100
Mining, Logging, and Construction	1,300	1,300	0		1,500	1,300	(200)
Manufacturing	3,000	3,100	100		2,900	3,100	200
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	5,000	5,000	0		5,000	5,000	0
Information	400	400	0		400	400	0
Financial Activities	800	800	0		800	800	0
Professional & Business Services	2,700	2,800	100		2,700	2,800	100
Educational & Health Services	6,100	6,100	0		6,100	6,100	0
Leisure & Hospitality	2,500	2,500	0		2,400	2,500	100
Other Services	800	800	0		800	800	0
Government	10,900	10,900	0		11,000	10,900	(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