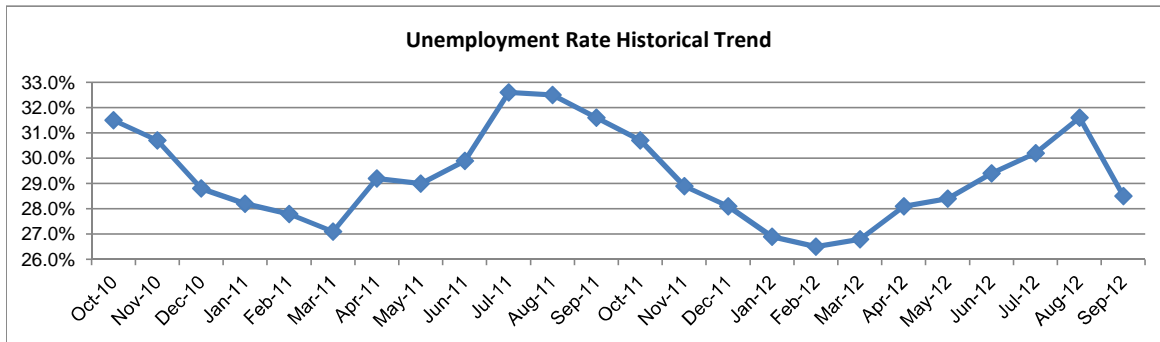


IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
 EL CENTRO METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA (MSA)  
**(Imperial County)**

The unemployment rate in the Imperial County was 28.5 percent in September 2012, down from a revised 31.6 percent in August 2012, and below the year-ago estimate of 31.6 percent. This compares with an unadjusted unemployment rate of 9.7 percent for California and 7.6 percent for the nation during the same period.



Industry	Aug-2012	Sep-2012	Change		Sep-2011	Sep-2012	Change
	Revised	Prelim				Prelim	
Total, All Industries	52,100	52,700	600		52,500	52,700	200
Total Farm	8,400	8,600	200		8,500	8,600	100
Total Nonfarm	43,700	44,100	400		44,000	44,100	100
Mining, Logging, and Construction	1,500	1,500	0		1,300	1,500	200
Manufacturing	2,400	2,400	0		2,600	2,400	(200)
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	10,500	10,600	100		10,500	10,600	100
Information	400	400	0		400	400	0
Financial Activities	1,300	1,300	0		1,300	1,300	0
Professional & Business Services	2,400	2,400	0		2,400	2,400	0
Educational & Health Services	3,800	3,800	0		3,600	3,800	200
Leisure & Hospitality	3,500	3,500	0		3,400	3,500	100
Other Services	800	800	0		800	800	0
Government	17,100	17,400	300		17,700	17,400	(300)

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)

Data Not Seasonally Adjusted

	Sep 11	Jul 12	Aug 12 Revised	Sep 12 Prelim	Percent Change	
					Month	Year
Civilian Labor Force (1)	79,000	75,500	78,700	76,000	-3.4%	-3.8%
Civilian Employment	54,000	52,700	53,800	54,300	0.9%	0.6%
Civilian Unemployment	25,000	22,800	24,900	21,700	-12.9%	-13.2%
Civilian Unemployment Rate	31.6%	30.2%	31.6%	28.5%		
(CA Unemployment Rate)	11.5%	10.9%	10.4%	9.7%		
(U.S. Unemployment Rate)	8.8%	8.6%	8.2%	7.6%		

Total, All Industries (2)	52,500	51,500	52,100	52,700	1.2%	0.4%
Total Farm	8,500	9,000	8,400	8,600	2.4%	1.2%
Total Nonfarm	44,000	42,500	43,700	44,100	0.9%	0.2%
Total Private	26,300	26,200	26,600	26,700	0.4%	1.5%
Goods Producing	3,900	4,000	3,900	3,900	0.0%	0.0%
Mining, Logging, and Construction	1,300	1,500	1,500	1,500	0.0%	15.4%
Manufacturing	2,600	2,500	2,400	2,400	0.0%	-7.7%
Service Providing	40,100	38,500	39,800	40,200	1.0%	0.2%
Private Service Producing	22,400	22,200	22,700	22,800	0.4%	1.8%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	10,500	10,300	10,500	10,600	1.0%	1.0%
Wholesale Trade	1,700	1,700	1,800	1,800	0.0%	5.9%
Retail Trade	6,900	6,700	6,800	6,900	1.5%	0.0%
Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities	1,900	1,900	1,900	1,900	0.0%	0.0%
Information	400	400	400	400	0.0%	0.0%
Financial Activities	1,300	1,300	1,300	1,300	0.0%	0.0%
Professional & Business Services	2,400	2,300	2,400	2,400	0.0%	0.0%
Educational & Health Services	3,600	3,700	3,800	3,800	0.0%	5.6%
Leisure & Hospitality	3,400	3,400	3,500	3,500	0.0%	2.9%
Other Services	800	800	800	800	0.0%	0.0%
Government	17,700	16,300	17,100	17,400	1.8%	-1.7%
Federal Government	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500	0.0%	0.0%
State & Local Government	15,200	13,800	14,600	14,900	2.1%	-2.0%
State Government	2,800	2,800	2,700	2,700	0.0%	-3.6%
Local Government	12,400	11,000	11,900	12,200	2.5%	-1.6%
Special Districts plus Indian Tribes	3,100	2,900	2,900	2,900	0.0%	-6.5%

**Notes:**

(1) Civilian labor force data are by place of residence; include self-employed individuals, unpaid family workers, household domestic workers, & workers on strike. Data may not add due to rounding. The unemployment rate is calculated using unrounded data.

(2) Industry employment is by place of work; excludes self-employed individuals, unpaid family workers, household domestic workers, & workers on strike. Data may not add due to rounding.

These data are produced by the Labor Market Information Division of the California Employment Development Department (EDD). Questions should be directed to: Joe Briceno 760/639-3760 or Ann Marshall 949/341-8051

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