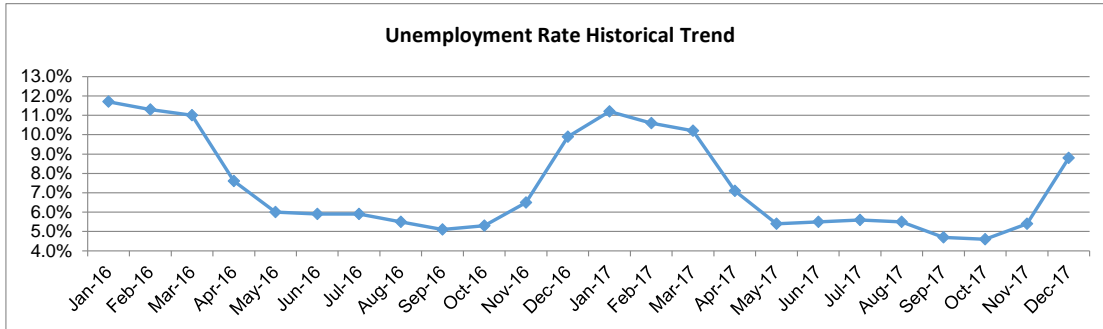


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 SALINAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA (MSA)  
**(Monterey County)**

The unemployment rate in the Monterey County was 8.8 percent in December 2017, up from a revised 5.4 percent in November 2017, and below the year-ago estimate of 9.9 percent. This compares with an unadjusted unemployment rate of 4.2 percent for California and 3.9 percent for the nation during the same period.



Industry	Nov-2017	Dec-2017	Change		Dec-2016	Dec-2017	Change
	Revised	Prelim				Prelim	
Total, All Industries	192,800	173,400	(19,400)		174,000	173,400	(600)
Total Farm	51,400	34,000	(17,400)		35,500	34,000	(1,500)
Total Nonfarm	141,400	139,400	(2,000)		138,500	139,400	900
Mining, Logging, and Construction	6,600	6,500	(100)		6,100	6,500	400
Mining and Logging	300	300	0		200	300	100
Construction	6,300	6,200	(100)		5,900	6,200	300
Manufacturing	5,200	5,300	100		5,200	5,300	100
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	27,400	26,800	(600)		27,700	26,800	(900)
Information	1,100	1,100	0		1,100	1,100	0
Financial Activities	4,300	4,300	0		4,200	4,300	100
Professional & Business Services	12,800	12,800	0		13,300	12,800	(500)
Educational & Health Services	19,600	19,600	0		18,900	19,600	700
Leisure & Hospitality	24,700	24,900	200		24,200	24,900	700
Other Services	5,400	5,300	(100)		5,200	5,300	100
Government	34,300	32,800	(1,500)		32,600	32,800	200

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)