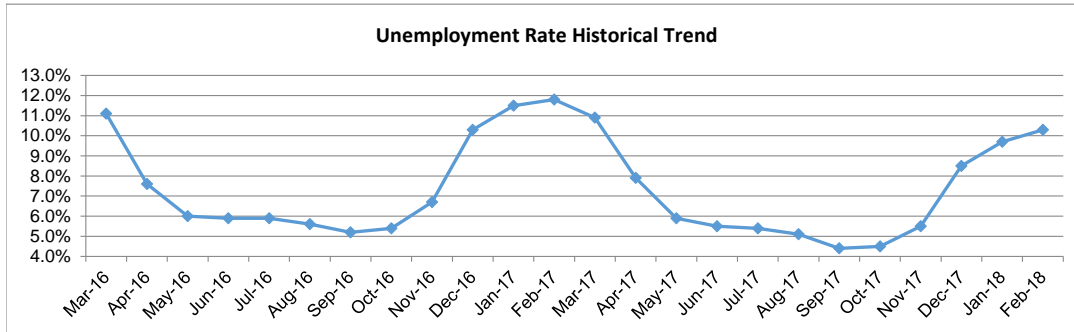


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 SALINAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA (MSA)  
 (Monterey County)

The unemployment rate in the Monterey County was 10.3 percent in February 2018, up from a revised 9.7 percent in January 2018, and below the year-ago estimate of 11.8 percent. This compares with an unadjusted unemployment rate of 4.5 percent for California and 4.4 percent for the nation during the same period.



Industry	Jan-2018	Feb-2018	Change		Feb-2017	Feb-2018	Change
	Revised	Prelim				Prelim	
Total, All Industries	169,300	171,900	2,600		167,000	171,900	4,900
Total Farm	29,600	31,100	1,500		31,500	31,100	(400)
Total Nonfarm	139,700	140,800	1,100		135,500	140,800	5,300
Mining, Logging, and Construction	6,200	6,400	200		5,800	6,400	600
Mining and Logging	200	200	0		200	200	0
Construction	6,000	6,200	200		5,600	6,200	600
Manufacturing	5,800	5,800	0		5,300	5,800	500
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	25,900	25,400	(500)		24,700	25,400	700
Information	1,000	1,000	0		1,100	1,000	(100)
Financial Activities	4,300	4,400	100		4,200	4,400	200
Professional & Business Services	13,200	13,200	0		13,000	13,200	200
Educational & Health Services	19,900	20,100	200		19,200	20,100	900
Leisure & Hospitality	24,300	25,200	900		24,600	25,200	600
Other Services	5,000	5,100	100		5,100	5,100	0
Government	34,100	34,200	100		32,500	34,200	1,700

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)