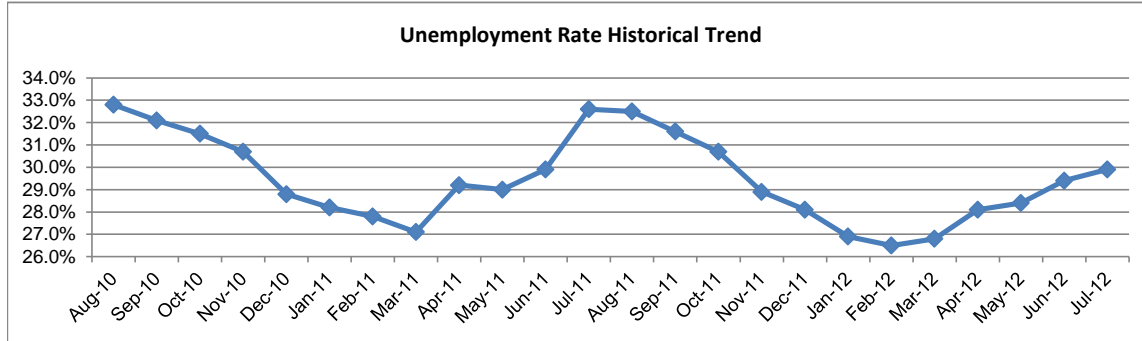


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 EL CENTRO METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA (MSA)
 (Imperial County)

The unemployment rate in the Imperial County was 29.9 percent in July 2012, up from a revised 29.4 percent in June 2012, and below the year-ago estimate of 32.6 percent. This compares with an unadjusted unemployment rate of 10.9 percent for California and 8.6 percent for the nation during the same period.



Industry	Jun-2012	Jul-2012	Change		Jul-2011	Jul-2012	Change
	Revised	Prelim				Prelim	
Total, All Industries	55,500	52,300	(3,200)		51,800	52,300	500
Total Farm	9,900	9,000	(900)		8,800	9,000	200
Total Nonfarm	45,600	43,300	(2,300)		43,000	43,300	300
Mining, Logging, and Construction	1,500	1,500	0		1,300	1,500	200
Manufacturing	2,500	2,500	0		2,600	2,500	(100)
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	10,900	10,500	(400)		10,500	10,500	0
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	4,000	3,800	(200)		3,600	3,800	200
Leisure & Hospitality	3,600	3,500	(100)		3,400	3,500	100
Other Services	800	800	0		800	800	0
Government	18,200	16,600	(1,600)		16,700	16,600	(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