

ECONOMIC SNAPSHOT



EMPLOYMENT

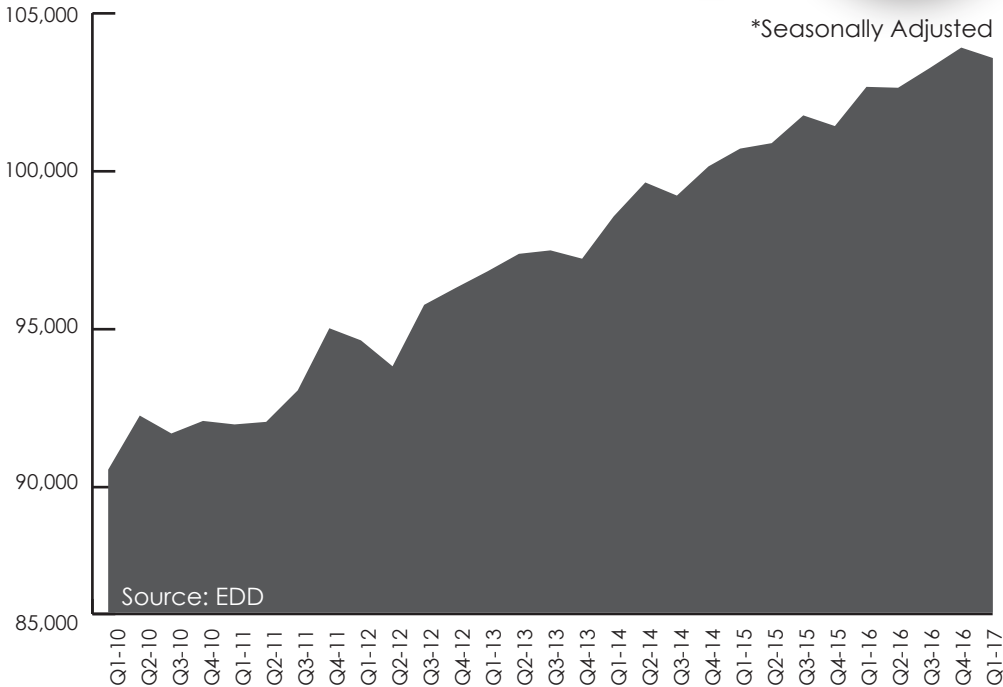
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.3%

Q4 2016
112.9

Q1 2017
112.6

EMPLOYMENT AT A GLANCE...



There were 103,350 Merced County residents employed in Q1 17, down .3% or 277 jobs from the previous quarter.

Employment is up .7% from a year ago with 765 more residents currently employed.

Current employment is up 12.9% with 11,563 more residents employed when compared to the base year of Q1 10.

Employment has increased five out of the past eight quarters.

Farm employment decreased 3% from the previous quarter, while Service Providing increased 2% and Goods Producing increased 1%.

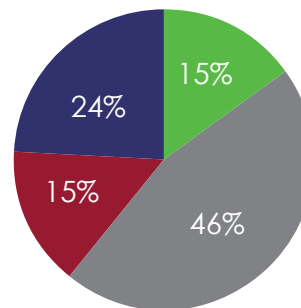
1ST QUARTER TREND

There were over 103k Merced County residents employed in Q1 17, down just .3% from the previous quarter. This is the first time since 2013 that there has been a decrease in the first quarter.

Minor fluctuations between quarters is common due to seasonal changes in employment and is nothing of major concern at this time. When looking back to 2010, employment has maintained a strong and steady upward trend. Since 2010, the average yearly employment has consistently increased ever year through 2016. There are currently over 11k more Merced County residents employed when compared back to the base year of Q1 10.

Overall the industry breakdown has stayed fairly consistent over the past year, with minimal movement between quarters. Employment in Merced County is expected to continue its current performance, with a strong upward trend over the coming quarters.

INDUSTRY OVERVIEW



- Goods Producing
- Service Providing
- Farm
- Government

