



# Workforce Snapshot

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## Our Labor Force

Industries reporting an increase in jobs between March 2016 & March 2017



**Healthcare & Social Assistance**  
2,500 jobs  
4.20%



**Construction**  
800 jobs  
5.20%



**Manufacturing**  
700 jobs  
2.90%



**Transportation & Warehousing**  
600 jobs  
6.10%

## From the Staff at the Fresno Regional Workforce Development Board - Thank You!



Once again, congratulations to all of the recipients of our **2016 Annual Workforce Achievements and Excellence Awards!**

Also, many thanks to everyone, whether you were able to attend or not, for your continued support of the Fresno Regional Workforce Development Board. We look forward to seeing you all next year!

## Unemployment Rate Comparison to 2016

2016	March	2017
11.0%	<b>FRESNO COUNTY</b>	10.3%
5.8%	<b>CALIFORNIA</b>	5.1%
5.1%	<b>NATION</b>	4.6%



Source: EDD April 2017 release of the Fresno MSA 23420 PDS

The unemployment rate in Fresno County was 10.3 percent in March 2017, up slightly from February, but down from 11.0 percent in 2016. California's unemployment rate of 5.1 percent is down .7 percent from last year, and 4.6 percent for the nation is down .5 percent during the same period.

Industry with the largest increase in jobs  
**GOVERNMENT**



3,100 jobs  
4.30%

Industry with the largest decline in jobs  
**LEISURE & HOSPITALITY**



-800 Jobs  
-2.50%



## **Pre-Apprenticeship Training Program Graduates**

### **Pre-Apprenticeship Graduates Give Back to the Community**

[Click here for video](#)

Fifteen participants of the Construction and Trades Multi-Craft Pre-Apprenticeship Training Program, in partnership with the Fresno, Madera, Kings & Tulare Building Trades Council (BTC), geared up for graduation with a final community service project. The team headed out to a 1.3 mile stretch of Fancher Creek to clear the parkway for future planting with the guidance of Tree Fresno.

Our six (6) week program has a 96 percent graduation rate and equips participants with the skills required to compete for jobs created for planned and current projects ranging from highway construction to high speed rail. In a ceremony held March 24<sup>th</sup>, all 15 graduates received certifications in OSHA-10, CPR & First Aide and Forklift training along with certificates of completion from the following five (5) unions - plumbers, electricians, iron workers, sheet metal and painters.

## **What's Going On At The FRWDB?**

### ***Communications Technician/Field Installers Training Program***

This 18-week training program began in January 2017 and equips potential candidates with the basic knowledge to compete for available positions. Upon successful completion of the program, FRWDB staff will connect students with the employer (Comcast) for the purpose of arranging interviews for open positions within the company.

### ***Manufacturing Mechanic Program/Slingshot***

Students in this nine (9) week training program will increase their knowledge of electrical, welding and air conditioning. In addition to a certificate of completion, successful students will be assisted with job search and connections to full-time employment opportunities. This program is part of the Slingshot initiative that covers a ten (10) county region to provide employers with a skilled workforce.

### ***Careers in Manufacturing Informational Meeting***

On Tuesday, May 16<sup>th</sup>, local manufacturing employers along with Fresno City College and Workforce Connection representatives will hold an informational meeting to inform job seekers about various open positions, and will include information such as specific job duties, eligibility requirements, and training opportunities available to assist them. For more information call (559) 230-4062.

### ***Manufacturing Internship Pilot Program***

This pilot program, in partnership with Reedley College, San Joaquin Valley Manufacturing Alliance, Valley ROP, and the Fresno County Office of Education, successfully provided five (5) young adults with the opportunity to gain experience and knowledge within the manufacturing industry through enrollment in a vocational training program that included a paid internship.

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