



Workforce Quarterly Advisory

WINTER 2019

3 Things To Know

FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S CORNER



Outreach to the Government Sector

After agriculture, the government sector provides the most employment opportunities in Fresno County. In order to take advantage of the immense opportunities afforded by Fresno area's government sector, the FRWDB has developed a robust training and placement pipeline for our clients. In many instances, it's not a lack of skills which disqualifies potential applicants; they are instead discouraged by cumbersome government application processes. Outreach efforts have been



Gearing up for SB 1

For the first time, the State of California has created a sustainable state training fund for multi-craft pre-apprenticeship programs with the Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017 (SB 1). While the bulk of funds raised by SB 1 go towards road maintenance and public infrastructure projects, \$5 million a year is devoted towards preparing California workers for the jobs related to the maintenance and infrastructure activity. Working in partnership with our colleagues in the building and construction trades'



Clean Slate Program

FRWDB recently expanded its "Clean Slate" program run in partnership with the County of Fresno Public Defender's Office. Unemployed and underemployed clients with legal issues impeding their job search are given access to qualified legal counsel to clear up such problems. Three main focus areas are - amortization of child support payments that are in arrears, expungement of non-serious crimes from a person's record, and clearing of legal holds on driver's license renewals (in

increased to more effectively match our unemployed and underemployed clients with career opportunities in the government sector and to assist them in the application process.

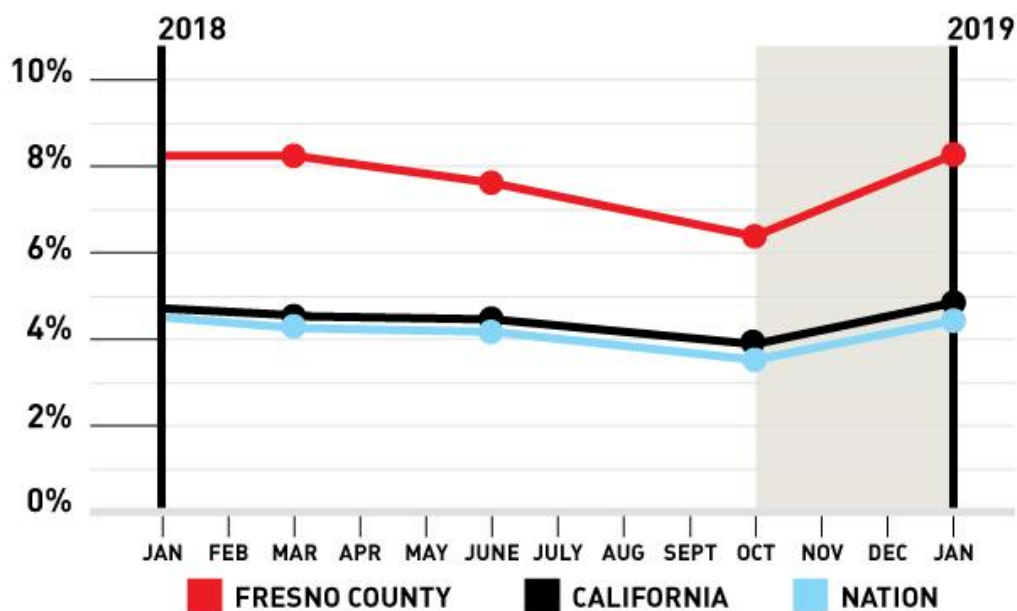
councils, FRWDB will act as fiscal and administrative agent on a valley-wide proposal to access SB 1 training funds for our local residents. Our proposal centers on our existing Multi-Craft Core Curriculum (MC3) Pre-Apprenticeship Training Program.

many instances unpaid tickets). The program was initially undertaken as a pilot, but proved so popular with our clients that it has been extended.

COMMUNITY PULSE - CRITICAL EMPLOYMENT TRENDS

Latest Data Ending January 31, 2019

ONE YEAR UNEMPLOYMENT TRAJECTORY



The unemployment rate in Fresno County was 8.9 percent in January 2019, up from a revised 7.4 percent in December 2018 and above the year-ago estimate of 8.7 percent.

This compares with an unadjusted unemployment rate of 4.8 percent for California and 4.4 percent for the nation during the same period.

NOTE: Labor Force and Industry data contained in this release differ from previous information due to the U. S. Department of Labor's annual revision process.



Between December 2018 and January 2019:

- Total industry employment decreased by 1,300 jobs (down 0.3 percent) to total 390,000
- Non-farm employment rose by 1,600 jobs (down 0.5 percent)
- While farm employment declined by 300 jobs (up 0.8 percent)
- Government posted the largest month-over gain with the addition of 900 jobs
- Gains in federal government (up 1,000 jobs), and state government (up 200 jobs) offset a decline of 300 jobs in local government

CONNECTING FOR SUCCESS!

Pre-Apprenticeship Program Continues to Equip Graduates With Transferable Skills

Robert (second from the right) came to Workforce Connection after being laid off as a maintenance worker. He has a family and needed to get back to work right away. Robert had done maintenance work at the Manchester Center Workforce Connection and was familiar with our services. So, he decided that he needed to find a career. Workforce Connection staff informed him about the Pre-Apprentice Construction training program and he decided to pursue it. Robert completed the six-week Pre-Apprenticeship training program on November 9, 2018. With the assistance of Workforce Connection, Robert received the following certifications: OSHA 10, HAZMAT, First Aid/CPR, and Forklift Driving through the program.



**Congratulations
and Good Luck Robert!**

Immediately after training, Robert began and completed 180 hours of Transitional Job training on December 21, 2018 as a Construction Laborer with MAG Engineering. Robert's supervisor said that he did a great job during his time at MAG Engineering and he would be happy to offer him a full-time permanent position once it became available.

Robert didn't let that deter his progress. He successfully secured a full-time permanent position as a Construction Laborer with Ararat Armenian Cemetery in Fresno, earning an hourly wage of \$14 per hour.

Robert has been an exemplary participant during his time in the Workforce Connection program and an example to his fellow Pre-Apprentices.

JOB FAIR... TRAINING... AND MORE TRAINING!



Workforce Connection is gearing up for the Spring with great NO-COST training programs and events for individuals looking for careers.

For more details and to reserve your seat call (559) 230-4026!

GOVAGANZA!

What: Government Job Fair
When: Thursday, April 25, 2019
Where: Chukchansi Park in Fresno
Sign-up: @ Eventbrite.com

Take Control of your Career! Talk with representatives from the City, County, State, Federal and Educational Institutions about various open positions and hiring opportunities!

COMPUTERIZED WAREHOUSE DISTRIBUTION*

What: 13-week training program
When: Mid-April 2019
Where: Fresno City College

Learn computerized warehouse and inventory management skills required to compete for jobs at Amazon, Ulta, Gap and other local organizations!

MULTI-CRAFT CONSTRUCTION/TRADES PRE-APPRENTICESHIP TRAINING PROGRAM*

What: 6-week training program
When: May 2019
Where: Various Building Trades Unions

Learn skills and knowledge in various trades such as electrical, plumbing, pipe fitting, sheet metal, painting, cement mason and iron work. And, receive various certifications upon successful completion.

HEAVY DUTY TRUCK MECHANIC*

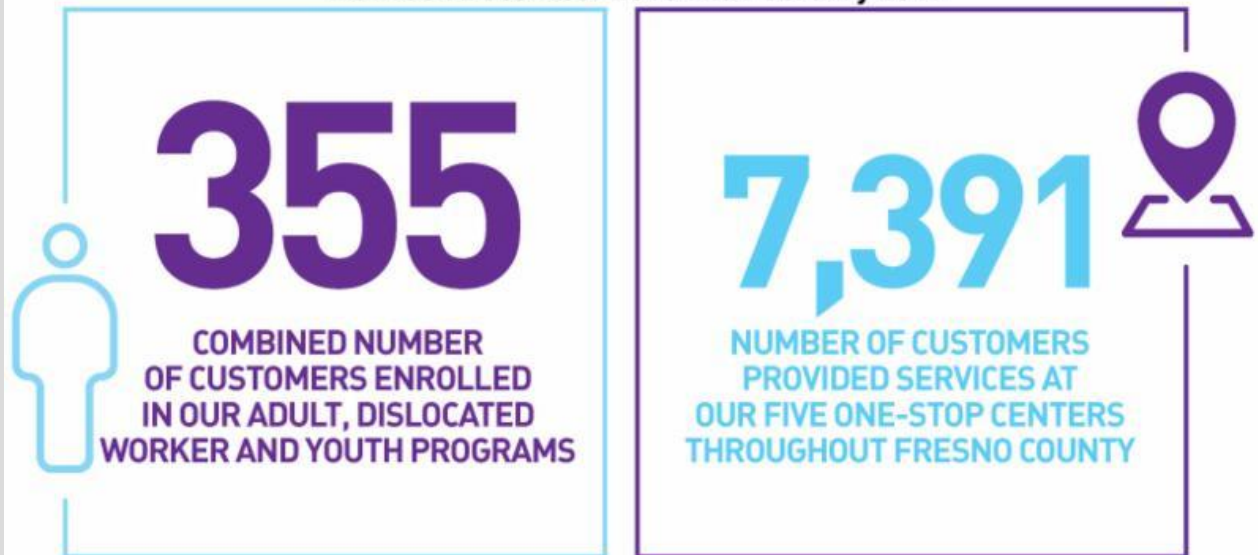
What: 5-week training program

When: August 2019
Where: Reedley College

Learn the basics about heavy duty brake systems, suspension and steering and more! Plus, receive various certifications upon successful completion.

**Workforce Connection will assist participants with job search and placement upon successful completion of the program.*

Between December 2018 and February 2019



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- Upskill training to increase employee retention
- Tax exemptions and incentives
- Marketing and business plan assistance
- Business incubation
- Trade and export opportunities
- Recruitment of pre-screened job candidates

AND MORE!

With presentations by:



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