

MERCED COUNTY WORKFORCE FACTS 2023

Fact Sheet provided by the Merced County Workforce Development Board.
For data sources, visit worknetmerced.com.

WORKERS
116,100
290,014 residents

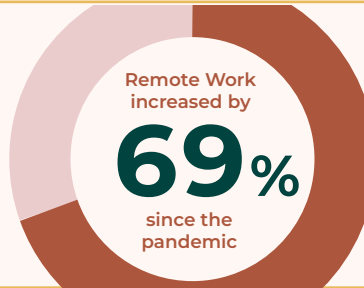
52.9% Speak a language other than English

2 Worknet Job Centers
3rd opening January 2024

30.2 min. Most commuting to Stanislaus County
Average commute time

20+ organizations providing workforce services

OPEN **3,340**
business establishments in Merced County



More than **20,000** undocumented workers/residents

Top industries

- Government
- Healthcare
- Agriculture
- Manufacturing

Business Owners

- 1,146** Women
- 774** Minority
- 128** Veteran

Population Jobs & Median Wages

- Computer & Mathematical: **754** jobs, **\$39.97** median wage
- Legal Occupations: **313** jobs, **\$40.94** median wage
- Architecture & Engineering: **444** jobs, **\$43.39** median wage
- Healthcare Practitioners: **847** jobs, **\$47.75** median wage

70.4%
High School Diploma

9.5%
Bachelor's Degree

4.2%
Graduate Degree

Largest private employer:
Foster Farms
(2,563)

Largest public employer:
UC Merced
(2,613)



Top Export:
Dairy Products



5TH biggest Ag County in the U.S.

Castle Commerce Center Intermodal Facility

\$49.6 million

State investment in 2023

Annual High School Graduates:
4,240

91.5%
Graduation rate

58.8%
College-going rate

UC Merced

9.1k Students
17k+ total undergraduate (BS/BA) and graduate degrees awarded since 2005
67% of students are first-generation

Inaugural BS-to-MD cohort launched Fall 2023

Merced College

16k Students
▲ 6.8% increase

39% of students are first-generation

New Raj Kahlon Agriculture and Industrial Technology Building

Annual College Graduates:

Merced College
2,930

UC Merced
2,074

Merced Adult School

227
Students with High School Diplomas Served

161
Students Served in Career & Technical Education Courses

Merced County Office of Education

200+
out of school youth trained annually

93.4%
Employed after receiving employment related training

Barriers to Fix

21.9% residents live below the Federal Poverty Level

31.8% financially impacted by the pandemic

100% healthcare worker shortage area

423 new educators urgently needed to meet Early Education demand in Merced County

29.6% of adults over 25 lack a High School Diploma

Disproportionately low number of Minority and Veteran owned business owners