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**SAN DIEGO-CARLSBAD METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA  
(SAN DIEGO COUNTY)**

**Nonfarm payrolls up 6,000 over the month; up 14,000 over the year**

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**Between March 2024 and April 2024**, total nonfarm employment increased from 1,556,700 to 1,562,700, a gain of 6,000 jobs. Agricultural employment added 600 jobs.

- Leisure and hospitality led month-over employment gains and recorded an increase of 2,600 jobs. The majority of this increase was seen in accommodation and food services, which bolstered its employment by 2,200. Arts, entertainment, and recreation rose by 400 jobs.
- Five additional sectors saw improvements in employment. Private education and health services increased by 1,800 jobs, with nearly 89 percent of the swell from health care and social assistance (up 1,600). Government also added 1,800 jobs, with local government alone contributing 1,300. Construction, financial activities, and trade, transportation, and utilities saw a combined increase of 1,300 jobs.
- Contrarily, three industry sectors saw month-over losses, contracting by a total of 1,500 jobs. Manufacturing saw the largest drop, falling by 800 jobs. Professional and business services declined by 500 jobs. The loss was recorded in administrative and support and waste management and remediation services (down 1,000), but was offset by a combined gain of 500 jobs in professional, scientific, and technical services and management of companies and enterprises. Information edged down by 200 jobs.

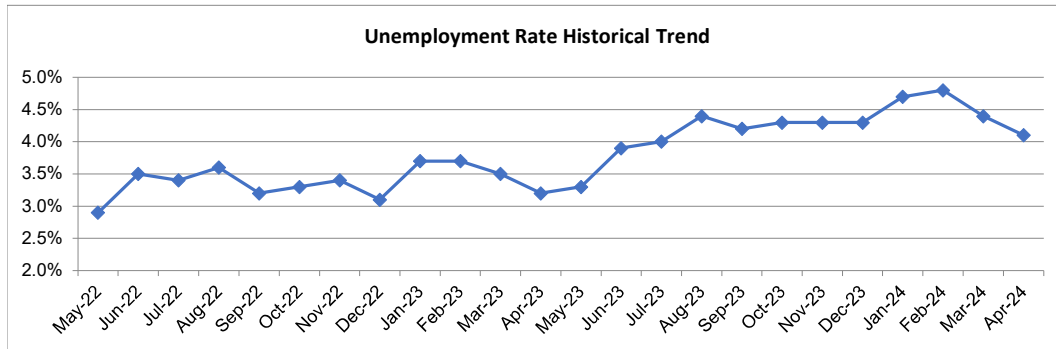
**Between April 2023 and April 2024**, total nonfarm employment increased by 14,000 and agricultural employment grew by 100.

- Leading the year-over advancements, private education and health services boosted its employment by 15,600 jobs. Health care and social assistance ramped up its employment by 13,700 jobs, contributing almost 88 percent of the growth in this sector. Private educational services also saw improvements, further strengthening employment by 1,900.
- Six other sectors also reported an upswing in employment, for a combined total of 15,300 jobs. The bulk of that employment was produced by leisure and hospitality (up 5,400) and government (up 5,200). The remaining 4,700 jobs came from construction, other services, trade, transportation, and utilities, and mining and logging.
- On the other hand, four sectors slowed the year-over growth by a total of 16,900 jobs. The majority of the losses were contributed by professional and business services (down 9,500), followed by manufacturing (down 4,100), financial activities (down 2,000), and information (down 1,300).

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Industry	Mar-2024	Apr-2024	Change		Apr-2023	Apr-2024	Change
	Revised	Prelim				Prelim	
Total, All Industries	1,565,800	1,572,400	6,600		1,558,300	1,572,400	14,100
Total Farm	9,100	9,700	600		9,600	9,700	100
Total Nonfarm	1,556,700	1,562,700	6,000		1,548,700	1,562,700	14,000
Mining, Logging, and Construction	90,800	91,800	1,000		88,700	91,800	3,100
Mining and Logging	400	400	0		300	400	100
Construction	90,400	91,400	1,000		88,400	91,400	3,000
Manufacturing	112,000	111,200	(800)		115,300	111,200	(4,100)
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	220,300	220,400	100		220,000	220,400	400
Information	21,000	20,800	(200)		22,100	20,800	(1,300)
Financial Activities	71,000	71,200	200		73,200	71,200	(2,000)
Professional and Business Services	270,600	270,100	(500)		279,600	270,100	(9,500)
Private Education and Health Services	254,300	256,100	1,800		240,500	256,100	15,600
Leisure and Hospitality	201,400	204,000	2,600		198,600	204,000	5,400
Other Services	57,800	57,800	0		56,600	57,800	1,200
Government	257,500	259,300	1,800		254,100	259,300	5,200

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](http://www.labormarketinfo.edd.ca.gov)

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Industry Employment & Labor Force  
 March 2023 Benchmark

Data Not Seasonally Adjusted

	Apr 23	Feb 24	Mar 24 Revised	Apr 24 Prelim	Percent Change	
					Month	Year
Civilian Labor Force (1)	1,587,900	1,603,300	1,603,900	1,588,000	-1.0%	0.0%
Civilian Employment	1,537,700	1,526,800	1,532,900	1,522,700	-0.7%	-1.0%
Civilian Unemployment	50,200	76,500	71,000	65,200	-8.2%	29.9%
Civilian Unemployment Rate	3.2%	4.8%	4.4%	4.1%		
(CA Unemployment Rate)	4.1%	5.6%	5.4%	4.8%		
(U.S. Unemployment Rate)	3.1%	4.2%	3.9%	3.5%		
<b>Total, All Industries (2)</b>	<b>1,558,300</b>	<b>1,561,900</b>	<b>1,565,800</b>	<b>1,572,400</b>	<b>0.4%</b>	<b>0.9%</b>
Total Farm	9,600	9,100	9,100	9,700	6.6%	1.0%
Total Nonfarm	1,548,700	1,552,800	1,556,700	1,562,700	0.4%	0.9%
Total Private	1,294,600	1,297,300	1,299,200	1,303,400	0.3%	0.7%
Goods Producing	204,000	201,800	202,800	203,000	0.1%	-0.5%
Mining, Logging, and Construction	88,700	89,500	90,800	91,800	1.1%	3.5%
Mining and Logging	300	400	400	400	0.0%	33.3%
Construction	88,400	89,100	90,400	91,400	1.1%	3.4%
Construction of Buildings	21,300	21,800	22,100	22,700	2.7%	6.6%
Heavy and Civil Engineering Construction	7,400	7,800	8,000	8,000	0.0%	8.1%
Specialty Trade Contractors	59,700	59,500	60,300	60,700	0.7%	1.7%
Foundation, Structure, and Building Exterior C	11,100	11,200	11,400	11,400	0.0%	2.7%
Building Equipment Contractors	26,700	26,600	26,800	27,100	1.1%	1.5%
Building Finishing Contractors	15,300	15,100	15,400	15,500	0.6%	1.3%
Other Specialty Trade Contractors	6,600	6,600	6,700	6,700	0.0%	1.5%
Manufacturing	115,300	112,300	112,000	111,200	-0.7%	-3.6%
Durable Goods	84,200	82,000	81,800	81,100	-0.9%	-3.7%
Computer and Electronic Product Manufacturin	31,100	30,300	30,300	30,100	-0.7%	-3.2%
Transportation Equipment Manufacturing	19,400	18,700	18,500	18,400	-0.5%	-5.2%
Aerospace Product and Parts Manufacturing	11,000	10,800	10,700	10,600	-0.9%	-3.6%
Ship and Boat Building	7,100	6,800	6,600	6,600	0.0%	-7.0%
Non-Durable Goods	31,100	30,300	30,200	30,100	-0.3%	-3.2%
Service-Providing	1,344,700	1,351,000	1,353,900	1,359,700	0.4%	1.1%
Private Service Providing	1,090,600	1,095,500	1,096,400	1,100,400	0.4%	0.9%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	220,000	220,800	220,300	220,400	0.0%	0.2%
Wholesale Trade	43,600	42,100	41,900	42,100	0.5%	-3.4%
Merchant Wholesalers, Durable Goods	23,100	22,700	22,700	22,700	0.0%	-1.7%
Merchant Wholesalers, Nondurable Goods	17,300	16,600	16,600	16,700	0.6%	-3.5%
Retail Trade	136,400	138,200	138,000	138,100	0.1%	1.2%
Motor Vehicle and Parts Dealers	16,000	15,800	15,800	16,000	1.3%	0.0%
Building Material and Garden Equipment and S	10,400	10,200	10,300	10,500	1.9%	1.0%
Food and Beverage Retailers	32,600	33,200	33,000	32,900	-0.3%	0.9%
Grocery and Convenience Retailers	28,100	28,300	28,100	28,000	-0.4%	-0.4%
General Merchandise Retailers	25,400	26,100	26,100	26,200	0.4%	3.1%
Department Stores	9,700	10,000	9,900	9,900	0.0%	2.1%
Warehouse Clubs, Supercenters, and Other	15,700	16,100	16,200	16,300	0.6%	3.8%
Health and Personal Care Retailers	8,800	9,000	8,900	8,800	-1.1%	0.0%
Clothing, Clothing Accessories, Shoe, and Jew	13,900	14,300	14,100	14,100	0.0%	1.4%
Clothing and Clothing Accessories Retailers	10,400	10,900	10,800	10,700	-0.9%	2.9%
Shoe Retailers	2,100	2,200	2,200	2,200	0.0%	4.8%
Sporting Goods, Hobby, Musical Instrument, B	15,100	15,100	15,100	15,100	0.0%	0.0%
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	40,000	40,500	40,400	40,200	-0.5%	0.5%
Utilities	5,900	6,100	6,100	6,000	-1.6%	1.7%
Transportation and Warehousing	34,100	34,400	34,300	34,200	-0.3%	0.3%
Warehousing and Storage	5,300	5,200	5,200	5,200	0.0%	-1.9%
Information	22,100	21,000	21,000	20,800	-1.0%	-5.9%
Publishing Industries	7,600	7,100	7,100	7,100	0.0%	-6.6%
Newspaper, Periodical, Book, and Directory P	1,500	1,400	1,400	1,400	0.0%	-6.7%
Software Publishers	6,000	5,700	5,700	5,700	0.0%	-5.0%
Broadcasting and Content Providers	2,700	2,500	2,500	2,500	0.0%	-7.4%
Telecommunications	5,400	5,200	5,200	5,100	-1.9%	-5.6%

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Financial Activities	73,200	71,200	71,000	71,200	0.3%	-2.7%
Finance and Insurance	43,200	41,300	41,300	41,300	0.0%	-4.4%
Credit Intermediation and Related Activities inc	16,600	15,300	15,300	15,300	0.0%	-7.8%
Financial Investments and Related Activities in	10,400	10,200	10,200	10,200	0.0%	-1.9%
Insurance Carriers and Related Activities	16,200	15,800	15,800	15,800	0.0%	-2.5%
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	30,000	29,900	29,700	29,900	0.7%	-0.3%
Real Estate	24,000	24,100	23,900	24,000	0.4%	0.0%
Professional and Business Services	279,600	272,000	270,600	270,100	-0.2%	-3.4%
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	159,000	154,800	153,300	153,700	0.3%	-3.3%
Legal Services	13,900	13,800	13,800	13,800	0.0%	-0.7%
Architectural, Engineering, and Related Servi	25,900	26,000	25,900	25,800	-0.4%	-0.4%
Scientific Research and Development Service	44,600	42,900	42,400	42,400	0.0%	-4.9%
Management of Companies and Enterprises	22,600	21,500	21,600	21,700	0.5%	-4.0%
Administrative and Support and Waste Manage	98,000	95,700	95,700	94,700	-1.0%	-3.4%
Administrative and Support Services	93,500	91,200	91,100	90,100	-1.1%	-3.6%
Employment Services	39,300	36,700	36,800	36,100	-1.9%	-8.1%
Services to Buildings and Dwellings	25,300	25,800	25,900	26,100	0.8%	3.2%
Waste Management and Remediation Service	4,500	4,500	4,600	4,600	0.0%	2.2%
Private Education and Health Services	240,500	253,000	254,300	256,100	0.7%	6.5%
Private Educational Services	29,200	30,700	30,900	31,100	0.6%	6.5%
Private Colleges, Universities, and Professio	8,900	9,200	9,200	9,300	1.1%	4.5%
Health Care and Social Assistance	211,300	222,300	223,400	225,000	0.7%	6.5%
Ambulatory Health Care Services	93,700	96,300	96,000	97,000	1.0%	3.5%
Hospitals	23,800	25,000	25,200	25,300	0.4%	6.3%
Nursing and Residential Care Facilities	28,600	30,400	30,900	31,000	0.3%	8.4%
Social Assistance	65,200	70,600	71,300	71,700	0.6%	10.0%
Leisure and Hospitality	198,600	200,200	201,400	204,000	1.3%	2.7%
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	29,600	30,800	31,500	31,900	1.3%	7.8%
Amusement, Gambling, and Recreation Indust	19,200	19,600	19,900	20,200	1.5%	5.2%
Accommodation and Food Services	169,000	169,400	169,900	172,100	1.3%	1.8%
Accommodation	29,000	29,400	29,600	30,200	2.0%	4.1%
Food Services and Drinking Places	140,000	140,000	140,300	141,900	1.1%	1.4%
Restaurants and Other Eating Places	128,400	127,900	128,100	129,600	1.2%	0.9%
Other Services	56,600	57,300	57,800	57,800	0.0%	2.1%
Repair and Maintenance	12,700	12,700	12,900	12,900	0.0%	1.6%
Personal and Laundry Services	21,800	22,000	22,100	22,200	0.5%	1.8%
Religious, Grantmaking, Civic, Professional, a	22,100	22,600	22,800	22,700	-0.4%	2.7%
Government	254,100	255,500	257,500	259,300	0.7%	2.0%
Federal Government	47,500	47,000	47,100	47,100	0.0%	-0.8%
Federal Government excluding Department of	24,700	23,900	24,000	24,000	0.0%	-2.8%
Department of Defense	22,800	23,100	23,100	23,100	0.0%	1.3%
Total State and Local Government	206,600	208,500	210,400	212,200	0.9%	2.7%
State Government	58,400	59,300	60,200	60,700	0.8%	3.9%
State Government Educational Services	36,600	38,100	38,800	39,100	0.8%	6.8%
State Government Excluding Education	21,800	21,200	21,400	21,600	0.9%	-0.9%
Local Government	148,200	149,200	150,200	151,500	0.9%	2.2%
Local Government Educational Services	81,100	80,500	81,300	82,600	1.6%	1.8%
Local Government excluding Educational Serv	67,100	68,700	68,900	68,900	0.0%	2.7%
County Government	20,400	21,600	21,800	21,700	-0.5%	6.4%
City Government	19,500	19,400	19,500	19,600	0.5%	0.5%
Special Districts plus Tribes	27,200	27,700	27,600	27,600	0.0%	1.5%

**Notes:**

(1) Civilian labor force data are by place of residence; include self-employed individuals, unpaid family workers, household domestic workers, & workers on strike. Data may not add due to rounding. The unemployment rate is calculated using unrounded data.

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These data are produced by the Labor Market Information Division of the California Employment Development Department (EDD). Questions should be directed to:  
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