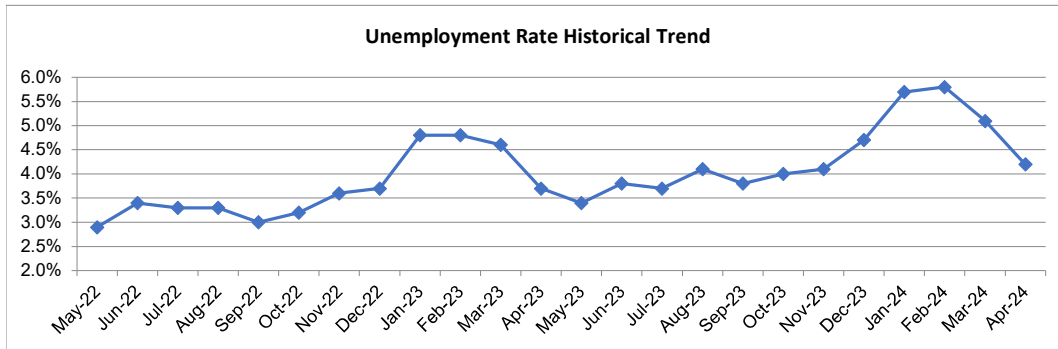


IMMEDIATE RELEASE
 SANTA MARIA-SANTA BARBARA METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA (MSA)
(Santa Barbara County)

The unemployment rate in Santa Barbara County was 4.2 percent in April 2024, down from a revised 5.1 percent in March 2024, and above the year-ago estimate of 3.7 percent. This compares with an unadjusted unemployment rate of 4.8 percent for California and 3.5 percent for the nation during the same period.



Industry	Mar-2024	Apr-2024	Change		Apr-2023	Apr-2024	Change
	Revised	Prelim				Prelim	
Total, All Industries	217,500	223,800	6,300		218,100	223,800	5,700
Total Farm	26,100	31,500	5,400		27,400	31,500	4,100
Total Nonfarm	191,400	192,300	900		190,700	192,300	1,600
Mining, Logging and Construction	10,500	10,500	0		10,300	10,500	200
Mining and Logging	600	600	0		600	600	0
Construction	9,900	9,900	0		9,700	9,900	200
Manufacturing	12,400	12,400	0		12,700	12,400	(300)
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	26,500	26,600	100		26,800	26,600	(200)
Information	4,300	4,300	0		4,500	4,300	(200)
Financial Activities	7,000	7,000	0		7,000	7,000	0
Professional and Business Services	27,600	27,800	200		26,800	27,800	1,000
Private Education and Health Services	31,900	32,100	200		30,900	32,100	1,200
Leisure and Hospitality	28,000	28,300	300		29,200	28,300	(900)
Other Services	6,800	6,800	0		6,700	6,800	100
Government	36,400	36,500	100		35,800	36,500	700

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

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	Apr 23	Feb 24	Mar 24 Revised	Apr 24 Prelim	Percent Change	
					Month	Year
Civilian Labor Force (1)	217,700	217,100	219,100	220,000	0.4%	1.1%
Civilian Employment	209,600	204,400	207,900	210,700	1.3%	0.5%
Civilian Unemployment	8,100	12,600	11,200	9,300	-17.0%	14.8%
Civilian Unemployment Rate (CA Unemployment Rate)	3.7%	5.8%	5.1%	4.2%		
(U.S. Unemployment Rate)	4.1%	5.6%	5.4%	4.8%		
	3.1%	4.2%	3.9%	3.5%		

Total, All Industries (2)	218,100	213,300	217,500	223,800	2.9%	2.6%
Total Farm	27,400	23,000	26,100	31,500	20.7%	15.0%
Total Nonfarm	190,700	190,300	191,400	192,300	0.5%	0.8%
Total Private	154,900	154,500	155,000	155,800	0.5%	0.6%
Goods Producing	23,000	22,900	22,900	22,900	0.0%	-0.4%
Mining, Logging and Construction	10,300	10,400	10,500	10,500	0.0%	1.9%
Mining and Logging	600	600	600	600	0.0%	0.0%
Construction	9,700	9,800	9,900	9,900	0.0%	2.1%
Manufacturing	12,700	12,500	12,400	12,400	0.0%	-2.4%
Durable Goods	8,300	8,300	8,300	8,300	0.0%	0.0%
Service-Providing	167,700	167,400	168,500	169,400	0.5%	1.0%
Private Service Providing	131,900	131,600	132,100	132,900	0.6%	0.8%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	26,800	26,400	26,500	26,600	0.4%	-0.7%
Wholesale Trade	4,900	4,700	4,700	4,800	2.1%	-2.0%
Retail Trade	18,400	18,400	18,500	18,500	0.0%	0.5%
Food and Beverage Retailers	5,500	5,500	5,500	5,500	0.0%	0.0%
Clothing, Clothing Accessories, Shoe, and Jew	1,600	1,600	1,600	1,600	0.0%	0.0%
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	3,500	3,300	3,300	3,300	0.0%	-5.7%
Information	4,500	4,300	4,300	4,300	0.0%	-4.4%
Financial Activities	7,000	7,000	7,000	7,000	0.0%	0.0%
Finance and Insurance	3,500	3,500	3,500	3,500	0.0%	0.0%
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	3,500	3,500	3,500	3,500	0.0%	0.0%
Professional and Business Services	26,800	27,600	27,600	27,800	0.7%	3.7%
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	12,400	12,400	12,300	12,300	0.0%	-0.8%
Management of Companies and Enterprises	2,900	2,900	2,900	2,900	0.0%	0.0%
Administrative and Support and Waste Manage	11,500	12,300	12,400	12,600	1.6%	9.6%
Private Education and Health Services	30,900	31,800	31,900	32,100	0.6%	3.9%
Private Educational Services	3,200	3,300	3,300	3,300	0.0%	3.1%
Health Care and Social Assistance	27,700	28,500	28,600	28,800	0.7%	4.0%
Leisure and Hospitality	29,200	27,800	28,000	28,300	1.1%	-3.1%
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	4,300	3,800	3,800	4,000	5.3%	-7.0%
Accommodation and Food Services	24,900	24,000	24,200	24,300	0.4%	-2.4%
Accommodation	5,100	4,800	4,900	4,900	0.0%	-3.9%
Food Services and Drinking Places	19,800	19,200	19,300	19,400	0.5%	-2.0%
Other Services	6,700	6,700	6,800	6,800	0.0%	1.5%
Government	35,800	35,800	36,400	36,500	0.3%	2.0%
Federal Government	3,900	4,000	4,100	4,100	0.0%	5.1%
Total State and Local Government	31,900	31,800	32,300	32,400	0.3%	1.6%
State Government	7,800	8,000	8,100	8,200	1.2%	5.1%
State Government Educational Services	7,200	7,400	7,500	7,600	1.3%	5.6%
State Government Excluding Education	600	600	600	600	0.0%	0.0%
Local Government	24,100	23,800	24,200	24,200	0.0%	0.4%
Local Government Educational Services	12,900	12,200	12,500	12,500	0.0%	-3.1%
Local Government Excluding Educational Se	11,200	11,600	11,700	11,700	0.0%	4.5%
County Government	4,600	4,700	4,800	4,800	0.0%	4.3%
City Government	2,800	2,900	2,900	2,900	0.0%	3.6%
Special Districts plus Tribes	3,800	4,000	4,000	4,000	0.0%	5.3%

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(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.

(2) Industry employment is by place of work; excludes self-employed individuals, unpaid family workers, household domestic workers, & workers on strike. Data may not add due to rounding.

These data are produced by the Labor Market Information Division of the California Employment Development Department (EDD). Questions should be directed to: Andriy Moskalyk 916-897-3763 or Robert Lee 916-796-7758

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