

**LOS ANGELES-LONG BEACH-GLENDALE METROPOLITAN DIVISION  
(LOS ANGELES COUNTY)**

**Job levels are down 8,100 over the year but up 5,400 over the month**

The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in Los Angeles County increased over the month to 5.5 percent in April 2026 from a revised rate of 5.4 in March 2026 and was below the rate of 5.7 percent a year ago. Civilian employment decreased by 19,000 to 4,815,000 in April 2026, while unemployment increased by 1,000 over the month to 280,000. The civilian labor force decreased by 19,000 over the month to 5,094,000 in April 2026. All the above figures are seasonally adjusted. The unadjusted unemployment rate for the county was 5.2 percent in April 2026.

The California seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 5.3 percent in April 2026, 5.3 percent in March 2026, and 5.4 percent a year ago in April 2025. The comparable estimates for the nation were 4.3 percent in April 2026, 4.3 percent in March 2026, and 4.2 percent a year ago.

**Between March 2026 and April 2026**, total nonfarm employment in Los Angeles County increased by 5,400 to reach 4,605,300.

- Leisure and hospitality, an industry that has added jobs in 4 of the last five months, posted the largest month-over job advance (up 4,700). The bulk of the gains were in accommodation and food services (up 4,400) and centered on food services and drinking places (up 4,200). Outdoor activity along with the spring break drove up demand in restaurants and eating places adding 3,600 jobs.
- Private educational and health services added 3,200 jobs over the month. The gains were divided between health care and social assistance (up 1,900), which includes common occupations such as registered nurses and medical assistants, and private educational services sector (up 1,300), which includes post-secondary teachers and education administrators.
- Government payrolls were extended by 1,300. The increase was led by an addition of 1,000 jobs in state government, followed by an increase of 500 jobs in local government. Federal government lost 200 jobs over the month.
- Information registered the largest month-over job decline amounting to 4,200 jobs. This industry has reported losses in 8 of the last 12 months. Motion pictures and sound recordings industries accounted for most of the drop with a decline of 4,000 jobs.

**Between April 2025 and April 2026**, Los Angeles County total nonfarm employment decreased by 8,100 or 0.2 percent.

- Private educational and health services (up 27,100) reported the largest year-over industry job expansion. The healthcare demands of an aging population continued to drive up industry growth, with health care and social assistance (up 26,700) accounting for more than ninety-eight percent of the increase. Private educational services further augmented industry gains with an advance of 400 jobs.
- Manufacturing (down 8,800) continues its long-term employment downturn and registered the largest year-over losses. Non-durable goods manufacturing (down 7,600) made up the bulk of the reduction that was further augmented by a decline of 1,200 jobs in durable goods manufacturing. Aerospace manufacturing offset the decrease with an addition of 1,000 jobs.

- Trade, Transportation, and utilities saw payrolls diminish by 7,900. Most of the lost jobs were in transportation and warehousing (down 4,100), particularly in support activities for transportation (down 1,800), an employment sector that includes occupations such as heavy and light truck drivers, dispatchers, and freight, stock, and material movers.
- Employment in government (down 7,100) dipped over the year, driven in part by a reduction of 6,600 jobs in state government. Steep reductions in state government educational services (down 4,600) made up most of the decline. Federal government (down 2,500) further contributed to the overall job losses, while local government (up 2,000) added jobs over the year.
- Other industries that reported year-over job declines include construction (down 5,000), professional and business services (down 4,600), information (down 3,600), and financial activities (down 2,700).

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Civilian Labor Force (1)	5,105,300	5,096,200	5,072,200	5,021,900	-1.0%	-1.6%
Civilian Employment	4,839,600	4,813,400	4,815,500	4,762,800	-1.1%	-1.6%
Civilian Unemployment	265,700	282,800	256,700	259,100	0.9%	-2.5%
Civilian Unemployment Rate (CA Unemployment Rate)	5.2%	5.5%	5.1%	5.2%		
(U.S. Unemployment Rate)	3.9%	4.7%	4.3%	4.0%		
<b>Total, All Industries (2)</b>	<b>4,617,600</b>	<b>4,587,900</b>	<b>4,603,900</b>	<b>4,609,500</b>	<b>0.1%</b>	<b>-0.2%</b>
Total Farm	4,200	3,900	4,000	4,200	5.0%	0.0%
Total Nonfarm	4,613,400	4,584,000	4,599,900	4,605,300	0.1%	-0.2%
Total Private	3,997,000	3,979,900	3,991,900	3,996,000	0.1%	0.0%
Goods Producing	454,000	441,000	440,900	440,400	-0.1%	-3.0%
Mining, Logging and Construction	149,600	143,100	143,800	144,800	0.7%	-3.2%
Mining and Logging	1,600	1,800	1,800	1,800	0.0%	12.5%
Construction	148,000	141,300	142,000	143,000	0.7%	-3.4%
Construction of Buildings	36,700	35,000	35,200	35,400	0.6%	-3.5%
Residential Building Construction	22,400	21,100	21,300	21,400	0.5%	-4.5%
Nonresidential Building Construction	14,300	13,900	13,900	14,000	0.7%	-2.1%
Heavy and Civil Engineering Construction	16,200	14,900	14,900	15,100	1.3%	-6.8%
Specialty Trade Contractors	95,100	91,400	91,900	92,500	0.7%	-2.7%
Foundation, Structure, and Building Exterior Contractors	20,300	18,100	18,200	18,300	0.5%	-9.9%
Building Equipment Contractors	43,700	43,500	43,600	44,000	0.9%	0.7%
Building Finishing Contractors	21,200	20,100	20,300	20,400	0.5%	-3.8%
Other Specialty Trade Contractors	9,900	9,700	9,800	9,800	0.0%	-1.0%
Manufacturing	304,400	297,900	297,100	295,600	-0.5%	-2.9%
Durable Goods	181,900	180,600	180,900	180,700	-0.1%	-0.7%
Aerospace Product and Parts Manufacturing	51,400	52,400	52,400	52,400	0.0%	1.9%
Non-Durable Goods	122,500	117,300	116,200	114,900	-1.1%	-6.2%
Apparel Manufacturing	19,000	17,400	17,200	17,100	-0.6%	-10.0%
Cut and Sew Apparel Manufacturing	17,300	15,800	15,700	15,500	-1.3%	-10.4%
Service Providing	4,159,400	4,143,000	4,159,000	4,164,900	0.1%	0.1%
Private Service Providing	3,543,000	3,538,900	3,551,000	3,555,600	0.1%	0.4%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	795,300	789,300	786,500	787,400	0.1%	-1.0%
Wholesale Trade	190,400	187,700	187,700	188,000	0.2%	-1.3%
Merchant Wholesalers, Durable Goods	90,000	88,800	88,600	89,500	1.0%	-0.6%
Merchant Wholesalers, Nondurable Goods	91,900	90,400	90,700	90,100	-0.7%	-2.0%
Apparel, Piece Goods, and Notions Merchant Wholesalers	20,500	20,300	20,200	20,200	0.0%	-1.5%
Grocery and Related Product Merchant Wholesalers	36,600	36,500	36,600	36,400	-0.5%	-0.5%
Misc Nondurable Goods Merchant Wholesalers	11,900	11,500	11,400	11,400	0.0%	-4.2%
Wholesale Trade Agents and Brokers	8,500	8,500	8,400	8,400	0.0%	-1.2%
Retail Trade	389,700	389,300	388,500	388,800	0.1%	-0.2%

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Automobile Dealers	29,300	29,300	29,300	29,200	-0.3%	-0.3%
Other Motor Vehicle Dealers	1,700	1,600	1,600	1,700	6.3%	0.0%
Automotive Parts, Accessories, and Tire Retailers	11,300	11,000	11,000	11,000	0.0%	-2.7%
Building Material and Garden Equipment and Supplies Dealers	25,100	25,100	25,100	25,400	1.2%	1.2%
Food and Beverage Retailers	99,600	99,500	99,100	99,100	0.0%	-0.5%
Grocery and Convenience Retailers	87,200	87,300	87,200	87,100	-0.1%	-0.1%
Furniture, Home Furnishings, Electronics, and Appliance Retailers	22,000	21,600	21,600	21,500	-0.5%	-2.3%
Furniture and Home Furnishings Retailers	10,400	10,100	10,100	10,000	-1.0%	-3.8%
Electronics and Appliance Retailers	11,600	11,500	11,500	11,500	0.0%	-0.9%
General Merchandise Retailers	66,500	66,700	66,600	66,800	0.3%	0.5%
Department Stores	33,300	33,600	33,500	33,400	-0.3%	0.3%
Warehouse Clubs, Supercenters, and Other General Merchandise Retailers	33,200	33,100	33,100	33,400	0.9%	0.6%
Health and Personal Care Retailers	32,600	32,400	32,500	32,400	-0.3%	-0.6%
Gasoline Stations and Fuel Dealers	12,900	13,100	13,100	13,000	-0.8%	0.8%
Clothing, Clothing Accessories, Shoe, and Jewelry	50,600	51,100	50,900	51,000	0.2%	0.8%
Sporting Goods, Hobby, Musical Instrument, Book, and Miscellaneous Retailers	38,100	37,900	37,700	37,700	0.0%	-1.0%
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	215,200	212,300	210,300	210,600	0.1%	-2.1%
Utilities	12,100	11,800	11,700	11,600	-0.9%	-4.1%
Transportation and Warehousing	203,100	200,500	198,600	199,000	0.2%	-2.0%
Air Transportation	35,300	35,200	34,800	35,200	1.1%	-0.3%
Truck Transportation	36,100	35,400	35,000	35,300	0.9%	-2.2%
Transit and Ground Passenger Transportation	13,000	13,100	13,000	13,100	0.8%	0.8%
Support Activities for Transportation	58,000	56,100	55,900	56,200	0.5%	-3.1%
Couriers and Messengers	35,200	35,100	34,900	34,400	-1.4%	-2.3%
Warehousing and Storage	20,400	20,000	19,700	19,600	-0.5%	-3.9%
Information	175,500	178,200	176,100	171,900	-2.4%	-2.1%
Motion Picture and Sound Recording Industries	99,600	103,900	101,400	97,400	-3.9%	-2.2%
Publishing Industries	19,600	18,900	18,900	18,700	-1.1%	-4.6%
Broadcasting and Content Providers	30,200	29,300	29,300	29,000	-1.0%	-4.0%
Radio and Television Broadcasting Stations	4,900	4,700	4,700	4,600	-2.1%	-6.1%
Media Streaming Distribution Services, Social Networks, and Other Media Networks and Content Providers	25,300	24,600	24,600	24,400	-0.8%	-3.6%
Financial Activities	203,300	201,600	201,200	200,600	-0.3%	-1.3%
Finance and Insurance	116,900	116,000	116,000	115,200	-0.7%	-1.5%
Credit Intermediation and Related Activities including Monetary Authorities - Central Bank	47,000	46,600	46,600	46,300	-0.6%	-1.5%
Depository Credit Intermediation including Monetary Authorities - Central Bank	33,500	33,500	33,500	33,300	-0.6%	-0.6%
Nondepository Credit Intermediation	7,600	7,300	7,300	7,200	-1.4%	-5.3%
Financial Investments and Related Activities including Financial Vehicles	28,600	28,500	28,500	28,300	-0.7%	-1.0%
Insurance Carriers and Related Activities	41,300	40,900	40,900	40,600	-0.7%	-1.7%
Insurance Carriers	14,200	14,000	14,000	13,800	-1.4%	-2.8%
Agencies, Brokerages, and Other Insurance Related Activities	27,100	26,900	26,900	26,800	-0.4%	-1.1%
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	86,400	85,600	85,200	85,400	0.2%	-1.2%

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Real Estate	65,800	64,800	64,600	64,400	-0.3%	-2.1%
Lessors of Real Estate	19,300	18,900	18,800	18,800	0.0%	-2.6%
Offices of Real Estate Agents and Brokers	13,000	13,000	13,000	12,900	-0.8%	-0.8%
Activities Related to Real Estate	33,500	32,900	32,800	32,700	-0.3%	-2.4%
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing - Residual	20,600	20,800	20,600	21,000	1.9%	1.9%
Professional and Business Services	661,100	659,100	656,900	656,500	-0.1%	-0.7%
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	325,400	324,400	322,300	321,100	-0.4%	-1.3%
Legal Services	62,700	63,900	63,500	63,500	0.0%	1.3%
Accounting, Tax Preparation, Bookkeeping, and Payroll Services	59,000	57,900	56,200	55,700	-0.9%	-5.6%
Architectural, Engineering, and Related Service	35,400	35,800	35,600	35,600	0.0%	0.6%
Computer Systems Design and Related Services	32,100	31,400	31,000	30,300	-2.3%	-5.6%
Management, Scientific, and Technical Consulting Services	60,400	61,100	61,000	60,800	-0.3%	0.7%
Scientific Research and Development Services	21,600	21,300	21,200	21,200	0.0%	-1.9%
Advertising, Public Relations, and Related Services	25,600	25,000	24,800	24,700	-0.4%	-3.5%
Management of Companies and Enterprises	62,000	61,100	61,000	60,600	-0.7%	-2.3%
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	273,700	273,600	273,600	274,800	0.4%	0.4%
Administrative and Support Services	258,900	258,300	258,300	260,000	0.7%	0.4%
Employment Services	98,700	99,400	98,400	99,000	0.6%	0.3%
Investigation and Security Services	61,800	60,400	60,300	61,000	1.2%	-1.3%
Services to Buildings and Dwellings	47,600	48,400	48,600	48,800	0.4%	2.5%
Private Education and Health Services	1,012,600	1,018,900	1,036,500	1,039,700	0.3%	2.7%
Private Educational Services	155,300	153,900	154,400	155,700	0.8%	0.3%
Private Elementary and Secondary Schools	32,700	33,500	33,400	33,600	0.6%	2.8%
Private Colleges, Universities, and Professional Schools	79,100	76,100	76,400	77,100	0.9%	-2.5%
Health Care and Social Assistance	857,300	865,000	882,100	884,000	0.2%	3.1%
Ambulatory Health Care Services	285,800	279,100	292,700	291,700	-0.3%	2.1%
Hospitals	116,400	116,000	116,600	116,700	0.1%	0.3%
Nursing and Residential Care Facilities	98,600	100,500	101,300	101,200	-0.1%	2.6%
Nursing Care Facilities (Skilled Nursing Facilities)	51,000	51,600	51,800	51,800	0.0%	1.6%
Social Assistance	356,500	369,400	371,500	374,400	0.8%	5.0%
Individual and Family Services	317,500	331,200	333,200	335,600	0.7%	5.7%
Leisure and Hospitality	536,400	530,800	533,300	538,000	0.9%	0.3%
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	100,500	96,100	97,100	97,400	0.3%	-3.1%
Performing Arts, Spectator Sports, and Related Industries	49,100	45,100	45,900	45,600	-0.7%	-7.1%
Independent Artists, Writers, and Performers	13,400	13,500	13,500	13,500	0.0%	0.7%
Museums, Historical Sites, and Similar Institutions	7,000	6,900	6,900	6,900	0.0%	-1.4%
Amusement, Gambling, and Recreation Industries	44,400	44,100	44,300	44,900	1.4%	1.1%
Accommodation and Food Services	435,900	434,700	436,200	440,600	1.0%	1.1%
Accommodation	48,300	48,500	48,800	49,000	0.4%	1.4%
Food Services and Drinking Places	387,600	386,200	387,400	391,600	1.1%	1.0%
Restaurants and Other Eating Places	349,400	350,300	351,500	355,100	1.0%	1.6%

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Full-Service Restaurants	161,600	160,600	161,600	163,900	1.4%	1.4%
Limited-Service Restaurants and Other Eating Places	187,800	189,700	189,900	191,200	0.7%	1.8%
Special Food Services	29,400	27,000	27,200	27,700	1.8%	-5.8%
Other Services	158,800	161,000	160,500	161,500	0.6%	1.7%
Repair and Maintenance	35,400	35,100	34,600	34,900	0.9%	-1.4%
Personal and Laundry Services	61,000	61,700	61,600	62,200	1.0%	2.0%
Religious, Grantmaking, Civic, Professional, and Similar Organizations	62,400	64,200	64,300	64,400	0.2%	3.2%
Government	616,400	604,100	608,000	609,300	0.2%	-1.2%
Federal Government	47,100	44,900	44,800	44,600	-0.4%	-5.3%
Department of Defense	2,300	1,700	1,700	1,700	0.0%	-26.1%
Federal Government excluding Department of Defense	44,800	43,200	43,100	42,900	-0.5%	-4.2%
Total State and Local Government	569,300	559,200	563,200	564,700	0.3%	-0.8%
State Government	108,600	99,400	101,000	102,000	1.0%	-6.1%
State Government Educational Services	69,900	62,800	64,400	65,300	1.4%	-6.6%
State Government Excluding Education	38,700	36,600	36,600	36,700	0.3%	-5.2%
Local Government	460,700	459,800	462,200	462,700	0.1%	0.4%
Local Government Educational Services	235,000	231,800	234,100	232,900	-0.5%	-0.9%
Local Government excluding Educational Services	225,700	228,000	228,100	229,800	0.7%	1.8%
County Government	107,600	121,800	123,300	126,500	2.6%	17.6%
City Government	95,800	95,900	96,100	96,100	0.0%	0.3%
Special Districts plus Tribes	22,300	22,900	22,900	23,000	0.4%	3.1%

**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.

(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.

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