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**ANAHEIM-SANTA ANA-IRVINE METROPOLITAN DIVISION  
(ORANGE COUNTY)**  
**Nonfarm jobs up 4,100 over the month and 42,700 over the year**

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**Between July 2023 and August 2023**, total nonfarm employment rose from 1,703,300 to 1,707,400, an increase of 4,100 jobs.

- Private education and health services reported the largest growth of any sector with an increase of 3,000 jobs. Seventy percent of the expansion was in health care and social assistance (up 2,100 jobs). Private educational services added the remaining 900 jobs.
- Four other sectors grew over the month: government (up 1,700 jobs), manufacturing (up 1,000 jobs), trade, transportation, and utilities (up 300 jobs), and professional and business services (up 200 jobs).
- Two sectors led month-over declines: construction (down 900 jobs) and leisure and hospitality (down 900 jobs). Payrolls also declined in other services (down 200 jobs) and financial activities (down 100 jobs).
- Information and mining and logging had no employment changes over the month.

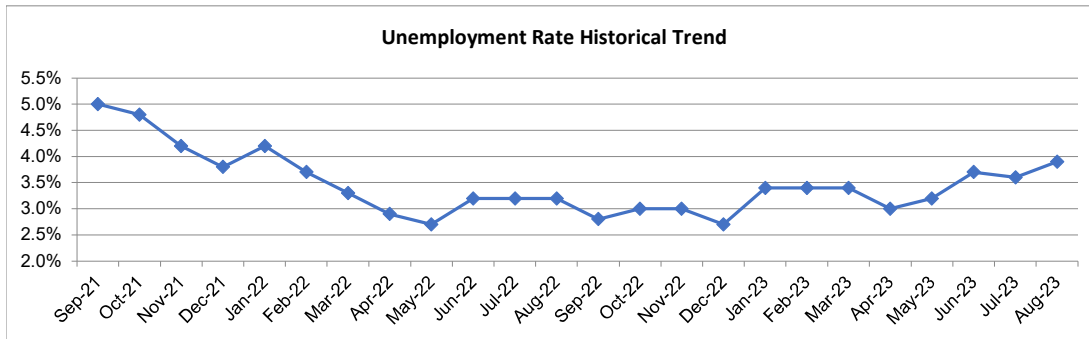
**Between August 2022 and August 2023**, total nonfarm employment increased by 42,700 jobs, or 2.6 percent.

- Two sectors combined, contributed half of the total year-over nonfarm increase: private education and health services (up 11,200 jobs) and leisure and hospitality (up 10,200 jobs).
- Within private education and health services, sector gains were driven by increases in health care and social assistance (up 10,800 jobs) and private educational services (up 400 jobs).
- In the leisure and hospitality sector, payroll gains were led by increases in arts, entertainment, and recreation (up 6,000 jobs) and accommodation and food services (up 4,200 jobs).
- Eight other sectors expanded, adding a total of 21,300 jobs.
- Mining and logging remained the same.

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**(Orange County)**

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Industry	Jul-2023	Aug-2023	Change		Aug-2022	Aug-2023	Change
	Revised	Prelim				Prelim	
Total, All Industries	1,704,700	1,708,900	4,200		1,666,200	1,708,900	42,700
Total Farm	1,400	1,500	100		1,500	1,500	0
Total Nonfarm	1,703,300	1,707,400	4,100		1,664,700	1,707,400	42,700
Mining, Logging and Construction	110,700	109,800	(900)		107,700	109,800	2,100
Mining and Logging	300	300	0		300	300	0
Construction	110,400	109,500	(900)		107,400	109,500	2,100
Manufacturing	157,700	158,700	1,000		156,800	158,700	1,900
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	261,100	261,400	300		256,200	261,400	5,200
Information	25,300	25,300	0		24,800	25,300	500
Financial Activities	113,800	113,700	(100)		112,200	113,700	1,500
Professional and Business Services	339,300	339,500	200		333,300	339,500	6,200
Private Education and Health Services	257,100	260,100	3,000		248,900	260,100	11,200
Leisure and Hospitality	233,400	232,500	(900)		222,300	232,500	10,200
Other Services	55,000	54,800	(200)		53,500	54,800	1,300
Government	149,900	151,600	1,700		149,000	151,600	2,600

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)

Data Not Seasonally Adjusted

	Aug 22	Jun 23	Jul 23 Revised	Aug 23 Prelim	Percent Change	
					Month	Year
Civilian Labor Force (1)	1,588,200	1,584,100	1,596,700	1,592,500	-0.3%	0.3%
Civilian Employment	1,537,000	1,525,600	1,539,200	1,529,900	-0.6%	-0.5%
Civilian Unemployment	51,200	58,500	57,500	62,600	8.9%	22.3%
Civilian Unemployment Rate (CA Unemployment Rate)	3.2%	3.7%	3.6%	3.9%		
(U.S. Unemployment Rate)	4.1%	4.9%	4.8%	5.1%		
	3.8%	3.8%	3.8%	3.9%		
<b>Total, All Industries (2)</b>	<b>1,666,200</b>	<b>1,715,800</b>	<b>1,704,700</b>	<b>1,708,900</b>	<b>0.2%</b>	<b>2.6%</b>
Total Farm	1,500	1,500	1,400	1,500	7.1%	0.0%
Total Nonfarm	1,664,700	1,714,300	1,703,300	1,707,400	0.2%	2.6%
Total Private	1,515,700	1,548,900	1,553,400	1,555,800	0.2%	2.6%
Goods Producing	264,500	269,000	268,400	268,500	0.0%	1.5%
Mining, Logging and Construction	107,700	111,200	110,700	109,800	-0.8%	1.9%
Mining and Logging	300	300	300	300	0.0%	0.0%
Construction	107,400	110,900	110,400	109,500	-0.8%	2.0%
Construction of Buildings	23,900	25,100	25,100	25,100	0.0%	5.0%
Heavy and Civil Engineering Construction	9,300	9,400	9,400	9,400	0.0%	1.1%
Specialty Trade Contractors	74,200	76,400	75,900	75,000	-1.2%	1.1%
Manufacturing	156,800	157,800	157,700	158,700	0.6%	1.2%
Durable Goods	117,300	117,200	117,600	118,500	0.8%	1.0%
Fabricated Metal Product Manufacturing	19,500	19,800	19,800	19,900	0.5%	2.1%
Machinery Manufacturing	7,600	7,500	7,600	7,700	1.3%	1.3%
Computer and Electronic Product Manufacturing	33,700	33,300	33,600	33,500	-0.3%	-0.6%
Semiconductor and Other Electronic Component Manufacturing	13,000	12,600	12,700	12,600	-0.8%	-3.1%
Navigational, Measuring, Electromedical, and Imaging Equipment Manufacturing	13,800	13,600	13,700	13,700	0.0%	-0.7%
Transportation Equipment Manufacturing	17,600	17,700	17,800	18,000	1.1%	2.3%
Non-Durable Goods	39,500	40,600	40,100	40,200	0.2%	1.8%
Service Providing	1,400,200	1,445,300	1,434,900	1,438,900	0.3%	2.8%
Private Service Providing	1,251,200	1,279,900	1,285,000	1,287,300	0.2%	2.9%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	256,200	259,900	261,100	261,400	0.1%	2.0%
Wholesale Trade	76,900	76,800	77,200	77,700	0.6%	1.0%
Merchant Wholesalers, Durable Goods	46,800	47,500	47,800	48,100	0.6%	2.8%
Merchant Wholesalers, Nondurable Goods	24,600	23,900	24,000	24,100	0.4%	-2.0%
Wholesale Trade Agents and Brokers	5,500	5,400	5,400	5,500	1.9%	0.0%
Retail Trade	145,500	148,100	148,900	148,500	-0.3%	2.1%
Motor Vehicle and Parts Dealers	17,400	17,600	17,600	17,700	0.6%	1.7%
Building Material and Garden Equipment and Supplies Dealers	11,800	11,600	11,600	11,500	-0.9%	-2.5%
Food and Beverage Retailers	30,200	31,200	31,200	31,400	0.6%	4.0%
Grocery and Convenience Retailers	27,100	28,100	28,100	28,200	0.4%	4.1%
General Merchandise Retailers	27,300	27,100	27,400	27,200	-0.7%	-0.4%
Health and Personal Care Retailers	13,200	13,400	13,400	13,300	-0.7%	0.8%
Clothing, Clothing Accessories, Shoe, and Jewelry Retailers	14,700	14,100	14,200	14,300	0.7%	-2.7%
Sporting Goods, Hobby, Musical Instrument, Book, and General Merchandise Retailers	15,400	15,500	15,500	15,500	0.0%	0.6%
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	33,800	35,000	35,000	35,200	0.6%	4.1%
Transportation and Warehousing	30,700	32,100	32,000	32,200	0.6%	4.9%
Couriers and Messengers	9,000	9,400	9,400	9,400	0.0%	4.4%
Warehousing and Storage	5,900	6,500	6,500	6,400	-1.5%	8.5%
Information	24,800	25,600	25,300	25,300	0.0%	2.0%
Publishing Industries	10,200	10,300	10,300	10,200	-1.0%	0.0%
Telecommunications	5,700	5,800	5,800	5,800	0.0%	1.8%
Financial Activities	112,200	113,200	113,800	113,700	-0.1%	1.3%
Finance and Insurance	72,100	73,500	73,900	73,500	-0.5%	1.9%
Credit Intermediation and Related Activities including Indirect Lending	37,200	38,900	39,100	38,700	-1.0%	4.0%
Depository Credit Intermediation including Mortgage Lending	15,900	16,800	16,900	16,900	0.0%	6.3%
Nondepository Credit Intermediation	13,600	13,400	13,400	13,400	0.0%	-1.5%
Insurance Carriers and Related Activities	22,200	22,100	22,300	22,200	-0.4%	0.0%
Insurance Carriers	8,000	7,900	8,000	8,000	0.0%	0.0%
Agencies, Brokerages, and Other Insurance Activities	14,200	14,200	14,300	14,200	-0.7%	0.0%

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	Aug 22	Jun 23	Jul 23	Aug 23	Percent Change	
			Revised	Prelim	Month	Year
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	40,100	39,700	39,900	40,200	0.8%	0.2%
Real Estate	34,200	33,800	34,000	34,300	0.9%	0.3%
Professional and Business Services	333,300	337,300	339,300	339,500	0.1%	1.9%
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	142,300	147,400	149,600	149,100	-0.3%	4.8%
Legal Services	16,900	17,800	18,100	17,900	-1.1%	5.9%
Accounting, Tax Preparation, Bookkeeping, and Payroll Services	16,400	17,000	17,500	17,400	-0.6%	6.1%
Architectural, Engineering, and Related Services	28,300	31,100	31,700	31,600	-0.3%	11.7%
Computer Systems Design and Related Services	24,700	24,300	24,500	24,500	0.0%	-0.8%
Management, Scientific, and Technical Consulting Services	30,400	30,700	31,000	30,800	-0.6%	1.3%
Management of Companies and Enterprises	39,000	39,600	39,700	39,600	-0.3%	1.5%
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	152,000	150,300	150,000	150,800	0.5%	-0.8%
Administrative and Support Services	146,900	145,100	144,800	145,600	0.6%	-0.9%
Employment Services	73,700	71,100	70,600	71,000	0.6%	-3.7%
Investigation and Security Services	12,500	13,100	13,100	13,200	0.8%	5.6%
Services to Buildings and Dwellings	36,800	36,800	37,000	37,400	1.1%	1.6%
Waste Management and Remediation Services	5,100	5,200	5,200	5,200	0.0%	2.0%
Private Education and Health Services	248,900	257,800	257,100	260,100	1.2%	4.5%
Private Educational Services	34,400	35,800	33,900	34,800	2.7%	1.2%
Private Colleges, Universities, and Professional Schools	7,600	6,300	6,300	6,700	6.3%	-11.8%
Health Care and Social Assistance	214,500	222,000	223,200	225,300	0.9%	5.0%
Ambulatory Health Care Services	98,300	100,100	101,000	102,200	1.2%	4.0%
Hospitals	33,400	34,500	34,500	34,800	0.9%	4.2%
Nursing and Residential Care Facilities	26,200	27,600	27,800	27,900	0.4%	6.5%
Social Assistance	56,600	59,800	59,900	60,400	0.8%	6.7%
Leisure and Hospitality	222,300	231,300	233,400	232,500	-0.4%	4.6%
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	51,900	57,700	58,300	57,900	-0.7%	11.6%
Amusement, Gambling, and Recreation Industries	44,100	48,900	49,100	48,700	-0.8%	10.4%
Accommodation and Food Services	170,400	173,600	175,100	174,600	-0.3%	2.5%
Accommodation	24,000	25,300	25,700	25,000	-2.7%	4.2%
Food Services and Drinking Places	146,400	148,300	149,400	149,600	0.1%	2.2%
Restaurants and Other Eating Places	138,900	141,000	142,000	142,400	0.3%	2.5%
Full-Service Restaurants	65,800	67,000	67,700	67,600	-0.1%	2.7%
Limited-Service Restaurants and Other Eating Places	73,100	74,000	74,300	74,800	0.7%	2.3%
Other Services	53,500	54,800	55,000	54,800	-0.4%	2.4%
Government	149,000	165,400	149,900	151,600	1.1%	1.7%
Federal Government	10,700	10,700	10,700	10,700	0.0%	0.0%
Department of Defense	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	0.0%	0.0%
Federal Government excluding Department of Defense	9,700	9,700	9,700	9,700	0.0%	0.0%
State & Local Government	138,300	154,700	139,200	140,900	1.2%	1.9%
State Government	33,400	38,600	35,500	35,800	0.8%	7.2%
State Government Educational Services	20,400	24,300	21,000	21,200	1.0%	3.9%
State Government Excluding Education	13,000	14,300	14,500	14,600	0.7%	12.3%
Local Government	104,900	116,100	103,700	105,100	1.4%	0.2%
Local Government Educational Services	62,600	73,600	60,200	61,500	2.2%	-1.8%
Local Government excluding Educational Services	42,300	42,500	43,500	43,600	0.2%	3.1%
County Government	19,100	18,200	19,400	19,300	-0.5%	1.0%
City Government	15,700	16,600	16,900	16,800	-0.6%	7.0%
Special Districts plus Indian Tribes	7,500	7,700	7,700	7,800	1.3%	4.0%

**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.

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**Anaheim-Santa Ana-Irvine MD**  
**(Orange County)**  
Industry Employment & Labor Force  
March 2022 Benchmark

Data Not Seasonally Adjusted

	Aug 22	Jun 23	Jul 23 Revised	Aug 23 Prelim	Percent Change Month      Year
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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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