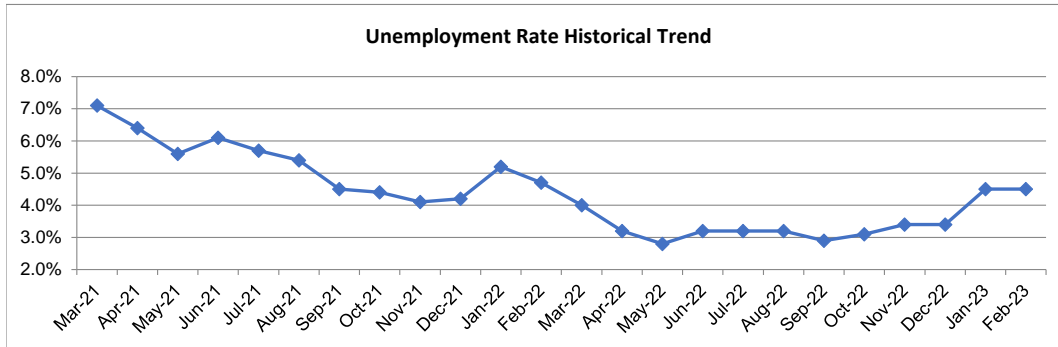


IMMEDIATE RELEASE
 SANTA MARIA-SANTA BARBARA METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA (MSA)
(Santa Barbara County)

The unemployment rate in the Santa Barbara County was 4.5 percent in February 2023, unchanged from a revised 4.5 percent in January 2023, and below the year-ago estimate of 4.7 percent. This compares with an unadjusted unemployment rate of 4.8 percent for California and 3.9 percent for the nation during the same period.



Industry	Jan-2023	Feb-2023	Change		Feb-2022	Feb-2023	Change
	Revised	Prelim				Prelim	
Total, All Industries	218,000	222,600	4,600		212,300	222,600	10,300
Total Farm	22,600	25,400	2,800		20,500	25,400	4,900
Total Nonfarm	195,400	197,200	1,800		191,800	197,200	5,400
Mining, Logging and Construction	10,100	10,400	300		10,300	10,400	100
Mining and Logging	600	600	0		600	600	0
Construction	9,500	9,800	300		9,700	9,800	100
Manufacturing	12,000	12,300	300		12,100	12,300	200
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	27,200	27,000	(200)		27,400	27,000	(400)
Information	4,500	4,500	0		4,400	4,500	100
Financial Activities	7,100	7,100	0		7,100	7,100	0
Professional and Business Services	35,200	35,000	(200)		34,200	35,000	800
Private Education and Health Services	30,000	30,100	100		29,200	30,100	900
Leisure and Hospitality	28,000	29,100	1,100		26,800	29,100	2,300
Other Services	6,500	6,500	0		6,300	6,500	200
Government	34,800	35,200	400		34,000	35,200	1,200

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

Data Not Seasonally Adjusted

	Feb 22	Dec 22	Jan 23	Feb 23	Percent Change	
			Revised	Prelim	Month	Year
Civilian Labor Force (1)	218,500	221,300	220,800	225,200	2.0%	3.1%
Civilian Employment	208,300	213,700	210,800	215,000	2.0%	3.2%
Civilian Unemployment	10,300	7,600	10,000	10,200	2.0%	-1.0%
Civilian Unemployment Rate	4.7%	3.4%	4.5%	4.5%		
(CA Unemployment Rate)	5.0%	3.9%	4.6%	4.8%		
(U.S. Unemployment Rate)	4.1%	3.3%	3.9%	3.9%		

Total, All Industries (2)	212,300	221,600	218,000	222,600	2.1%	4.9%
Total Farm	20,500	24,600	22,600	25,400	12.4%	23.9%
Total Nonfarm	191,800	197,000	195,400	197,200	0.9%	2.8%
Total Private	157,800	163,000	160,600	162,000	0.9%	2.7%
Goods Producing	22,400	22,500	22,100	22,700	2.7%	1.3%
Mining, Logging and Construction	10,300	10,400	10,100	10,400	3.0%	1.0%
Mining and Logging	600	600	600	600	0.0%	0.0%
Construction	9,700	9,800	9,500	9,800	3.2%	1.0%
Manufacturing	12,100	12,100	12,000	12,300	2.5%	1.7%
Durable Goods	8,300	8,500	8,300	8,200	-1.2%	-1.2%
Service-Providing	169,400	174,500	173,300	174,500	0.7%	3.0%
Private Service Providing	135,400	140,500	138,500	139,300	0.6%	2.9%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	27,400	27,900	27,200	27,000	-0.7%	-1.5%
Wholesale Trade	5,400	5,300	5,300	5,200	-1.9%	-3.7%
Retail Trade	18,200	18,500	18,000	18,000	0.0%	-1.1%
Food and Beverage Retailers	5,300	5,400	5,300	5,400	1.9%	1.9%
Clothing, Clothing Accessories, Shoe, and Jew	1,500	1,700	1,600	1,600	0.0%	6.7%
Transportation, Warehousing and Utilities	3,800	4,100	3,900	3,800	-2.6%	0.0%
Information	4,400	4,500	4,500	4,500	0.0%	2.3%
Financial Activities	7,100	7,200	7,100	7,100	0.0%	0.0%
Finance and Insurance	3,700	3,700	3,700	3,700	0.0%	0.0%
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	3,400	3,500	3,400	3,400	0.0%	0.0%
Professional and Business Services	34,200	35,800	35,200	35,000	-0.6%	2.3%
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	12,300	12,600	12,500	12,500	0.0%	1.6%
Management of Companies and Enterprises	3,300	3,300	3,300	3,300	0.0%	0.0%
Administrative and Support and Waste Manager	18,600	19,900	19,400	19,200	-1.0%	3.2%
Private Education and Health Services	29,200	30,000	30,000	30,100	0.3%	3.1%
Private Educational Services	3,200	2,900	2,900	2,900	0.0%	-9.4%
Health Care and Social Assistance	26,000	27,100	27,100	27,200	0.4%	4.6%
Leisure and Hospitality	26,800	28,600	28,000	29,100	3.9%	8.6%
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	3,400	3,900	3,900	3,900	0.0%	14.7%
Accommodation and Food Services	23,400	24,700	24,100	25,200	4.6%	7.7%
Accommodation	4,700	5,000	4,900	5,100	4.1%	8.5%
Food Services and Drinking Places	18,700	19,700	19,200	20,100	4.7%	7.5%
Other Services	6,300	6,500	6,500	6,500	0.0%	3.2%
Government	34,000	34,000	34,800	35,200	1.1%	3.5%
Federal Government	4,000	3,900	3,900	3,900	0.0%	-2.5%
State & Local Government	30,000	30,100	30,900	31,300	1.3%	4.3%
State Government	7,300	7,000	8,200	8,100	-1.2%	11.0%
State Government Educational Services	6,700	6,400	7,600	7,500	-1.3%	11.9%
State Government Excluding Education	600	600	600	600	0.0%	0.0%
Local Government	22,700	23,100	22,700	23,200	2.2%	2.2%
Local Government Education	12,000	12,000	11,600	12,000	3.4%	0.0%
Local Government Excluding Education	10,700	11,100	11,100	11,200	0.9%	4.7%
County	4,600	4,500	4,500	4,600	2.2%	0.0%
City	2,600	2,800	2,800	2,800	0.0%	7.7%
Special Districts plus Indian Tribes	3,500	3,800	3,800	3,800	0.0%	8.6%

Notes:

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Santa Maria Santa Barbara MSA
(Santa Barbara County)
 Industry Employment & Labor Force
 March 2022 Benchmark

Data Not Seasonally Adjusted

	Feb 22	Dec 22	Jan 23 Revised	Feb 23 Prelim	Percent Change Month Year
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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 805-568-1314 or Robert Lee 916-796-7758

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