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**SAN JOSE-SUNNYVALE-SANTA CLARA METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA (MSA)  
(SAN BENITO AND SANTA CLARA COUNTIES)**  
**Information sector slashed 7,700 positions over the year**

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**Between January 2024 and February 2024**, total employment in the San Jose-Sunnyvale-Santa Clara MSA, which also includes San Benito County, increased by 2,900 jobs to reach 1,154,200.

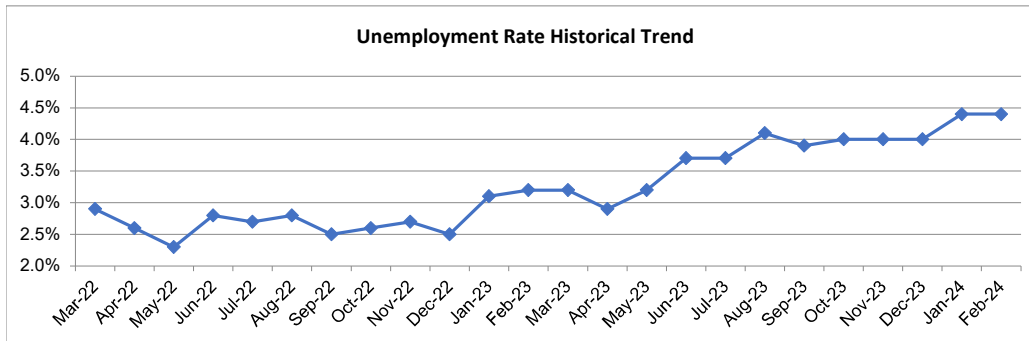
- Private education and health services clocked the largest gain over the month, adding 4,200 jobs. Most of the uptick was due to private educational services (up 2,300 jobs).
- Professional and business services expanded by 1,800 positions; 1,200 of those jobs were added in professional, scientific, and technical services.
- On the downside, cuts in the information sector (down 1,600 jobs) were largely due to losses in publishing industries (down 1,200).
- Manufacturing (down 1,200 jobs) also took a downturn. Cutbacks in durable goods (down 1,300) were offset by a slight increase in non-durable goods (up 100).

**Between February 2023 and February 2024**, combined employment in the South Bay counties of San Benito and Santa Clara, decreased by 6,300 jobs, or 0.5 percent.

- Private education and health services (up 11,600 jobs) continued to show the largest year-over improvement. In detail, health care and social assistance gained 9,300 jobs and private educational services increased by 2,300 positions.
- Government jobs increased payrolls by 2,600 jobs. Local government (up 2,500 jobs) accounted for about 96 percent of the expansion.
- Employment in information declined significantly, slashing 7,700 jobs.
- Professional and business services also took a downturn, losing 5,000 positions from the previous year. Professional, scientific, and technical services had a net decrease of 5,800 jobs.
- Other notable losses included: manufacturing (down 3,700 jobs), construction (down 2,900), and trade, transportation, and utilities (down 1,900).

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Industry	Jan-2024	Feb-2024	Change		Feb-2023	Feb-2024	Change
	Revised	Prelim				Prelim	
Total Wage and Salary	1,151,300	1,154,200	2,900		1,160,500	1,154,200	(6,300)
Total Farm	3,700	3,900	200		3,900	3,900	0
Total Nonfarm	1,147,600	1,150,300	2,700		1,156,600	1,150,300	(6,300)
Mining, Logging and Construction	51,400	50,600	(800)		53,500	50,600	(2,900)
Mining and Logging	200	200	0		200	200	0
Construction	51,200	50,400	(800)		53,300	50,400	(2,900)
Manufacturing	176,900	175,700	(1,200)		179,400	175,700	(3,700)
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	119,900	119,400	(500)		121,300	119,400	(1,900)
Information	94,400	92,800	(1,600)		100,500	92,800	(7,700)
Financial Activities	37,700	37,600	(100)		37,600	37,600	0
Professional and Business Services	242,600	244,400	1,800		249,400	244,400	(5,000)
Private Education and Health Services	200,800	205,000	4,200		193,400	205,000	11,600
Leisure and Hospitality	98,800	99,400	600		98,200	99,400	1,200
Other Services	25,700	25,700	0		26,200	25,700	(500)
Government	99,400	99,700	300		97,100	99,700	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)

**San Jose Sunnyvale Santa Clara MSA**  
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Industry Employment & Labor Force  
March 2023 Benchmark

Data Not Seasonally Adjusted

	Feb 23	Dec 23	Jan 24 Revised	Feb 24 Prelim	Percent Month	Change Year
Civilian Labor Force (1)	1,077,100	1,063,700	1,066,900	1,066,400	0.0%	-1.0%
Civilian Employment	1,042,600	1,021,300	1,019,600	1,019,100	0.0%	-2.3%
Civilian Unemployment	34,400	42,400	47,400	47,300	-0.2%	37.5%
Civilian Unemployment Rate	3.2%	4.0%	4.4%	4.4%		
(CA Unemployment Rate)	4.8%	5.1%	5.7%	5.6%		
(U.S. Unemployment Rate)	3.9%	3.5%	4.1%	4.2%		
Total Wage and Salary (2)	1,160,500	1,171,900	1,151,300	1,154,200	0.3%	-0.5%
Total Farm	3,900	4,100	3,700	3,900	5.4%	0.0%
Total Nonfarm	1,156,600	1,167,800	1,147,600	1,150,300	0.2%	-0.5%
Total Private	1,059,500	1,067,400	1,048,200	1,050,600	0.2%	-0.8%
Goods Producing	232,900	232,300	228,300	226,300	-0.9%	-2.8%
Mining, Logging and Construction	53,500	53,500	51,400	50,600	-1.6%	-5.4%
Mining and Logging	200	200	200	200	0.0%	0.0%
Construction	53,300	53,300	51,200	50,400	-1.6%	-5.4%
Specialty Trade Contractors	38,600	39,300	37,700	37,100	-1.6%	-3.9%
Building Equipment Contractors	20,000	20,200	19,700	19,400	-1.5%	-3.0%
Manufacturing	179,400	178,800	176,900	175,700	-0.7%	-2.1%
Durable Goods	169,300	168,200	166,400	165,100	-0.8%	-2.5%
Machinery Manufacturing	10,800	10,800	10,700	10,700	0.0%	-0.9%
Computer and Electronic Product Manufactur	128,400	128,800	127,500	126,700	-0.6%	-1.3%
Computer and Peripheral Equipment Manuf	61,000	62,400	62,200	61,900	-0.5%	1.5%
Electronic Computer Manufacturing	58,500	60,000	59,800	59,600	-0.3%	1.9%
Semiconductor and Other Electronic Compo	41,100	41,200	40,700	40,400	-0.7%	-1.7%
Bare Printed Circuit Board Manufacturing	3,600	3,600	3,500	3,500	0.0%	-2.8%
Semiconductor and Related Device Manu	29,500	29,700	29,400	29,200	-0.7%	-1.0%
Navigational, Measuring, Electromedical, and	19,400	18,800	18,500	18,400	-0.5%	-5.2%
Transportation Equipment Manufacturing	6,300	6,300	6,300	6,200	-1.6%	-1.6%
Aerospace Product and Parts Manufacturing	5,500	5,600	5,500	5,500	0.0%	0.0%
Non-Durable Goods	10,100	10,600	10,500	10,600	1.0%	5.0%
Service-Providing	923,700	935,500	919,300	924,000	0.5%	0.0%
Private Service Providing	826,600	835,100	819,900	824,300	0.5%	-0.3%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	121,300	124,500	119,900	119,400	-0.4%	-1.6%
Wholesale Trade	29,300	28,500	28,200	28,600	1.4%	-2.4%
Merchant Wholesalers, Durable Goods	21,700	21,100	20,900	21,200	1.4%	-2.3%
Retail Trade	73,200	76,800	73,500	72,900	-0.8%	-0.4%
Building Material and Garden Equipment and	5,700	5,700	5,500	5,500	0.0%	-3.5%
Food and Beverage Retailers	17,600	18,000	17,500	17,500	0.0%	-0.6%
Furniture, Home Furnishings, Electronics, and	4,800	4,800	4,600	4,500	-2.2%	-6.3%
General Merchandise Retailers	16,100	17,900	16,500	16,300	-1.2%	1.2%
Health and Personal Care Retailers	4,400	4,500	4,200	4,300	2.4%	-2.3%
Clothing, Clothing Accessories, Shoe, and Je	8,000	9,200	8,400	8,000	-4.8%	0.0%
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	18,800	19,200	18,200	17,900	-1.6%	-4.8%
Transportation and Warehousing	17,100	17,400	16,500	16,200	-1.8%	-5.3%
Couriers and Messengers	6,800	7,500	6,400	6,100	-4.7%	-10.3%
Information	100,500	95,900	94,400	92,800	-1.7%	-7.7%
Publishing Industries	36,500	35,300	34,700	33,500	-3.5%	-8.2%
Telecommunications	5,400	5,000	4,900	4,900	0.0%	-9.3%
Financial Activities	37,600	38,000	37,700	37,600	-0.3%	0.0%
Finance and Insurance	22,100	21,700	21,700	21,600	-0.5%	-2.3%
Credit Intermediation and Related Activities in	12,800	12,300	12,300	12,300	0.0%	-3.9%
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	15,500	16,300	16,000	16,000	0.0%	3.2%
Real Estate	13,300	13,800	13,400	13,400	0.0%	0.8%
Professional and Business Services	249,400	245,700	242,600	244,400	0.7%	-2.0%
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Service	172,800	168,400	165,800	167,000	0.7%	-3.4%
Architectural, Engineering, and Related Ser	18,500	18,500	18,300	18,400	0.5%	-0.5%
Computer Systems Design and Related Ser	91,100	89,000	86,100	87,600	1.7%	-3.8%
Scientific Research and Development Servi	27,100	27,300	27,100	27,200	0.4%	0.4%

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Management of Companies and Enterprises	13,300	14,200	14,200	14,200	0.0%	6.8%
Administrative and Support and Waste Manag	63,300	63,100	62,600	63,200	1.0%	-0.2%
Administrative and Support Services	59,700	59,200	59,000	59,600	1.0%	-0.2%
Employment Services	21,900	21,000	20,600	20,800	1.0%	-5.0%
Private Education and Health Services	193,400	203,000	200,800	205,000	2.1%	6.0%
Private Educational Services	49,800	51,200	49,800	52,100	4.6%	4.6%
Private Colleges, Universities, and Professi	31,700	33,400	31,800	33,800	6.3%	6.6%
Health Care and Social Assistance	143,600	151,800	151,000	152,900	1.3%	6.5%
Ambulatory Health Care Services	48,900	51,100	49,900	51,000	2.2%	4.3%
Hospitals	33,700	35,400	35,500	35,700	0.6%	5.9%
Nursing and Residential Care Facilities	13,000	13,800	13,900	14,000	0.7%	7.7%
Social Assistance	48,000	51,500	51,700	52,200	1.0%	8.8%
Leisure and Hospitality	98,200	101,600	98,800	99,400	0.6%	1.2%
Accommodation and Food Services	82,100	83,800	81,900	82,500	0.7%	0.5%
Accommodation	7,300	7,800	7,700	7,700	0.0%	5.5%
Food Services and Drinking Places	74,800	76,000	74,200	74,800	0.8%	0.0%
Restaurants and Other Eating Places	64,800	65,200	63,700	64,200	0.8%	-0.9%
Other Services	26,200	26,400	25,700	25,700	0.0%	-1.9%
Government	97,100	100,400	99,400	99,700	0.3%	2.7%
Federal Government	10,100	10,100	10,000	10,100	1.0%	0.0%
Department of Defense	600	600	600	600	0.0%	0.0%
Total State and Local Government	87,000	90,300	89,400	89,600	0.2%	3.0%
State Government	6,600	7,300	7,000	6,700	-4.3%	1.5%
State Government Educational Services	4,800	5,500	5,200	4,900	-5.8%	2.1%
State Government Excluding Education	1,800	1,800	1,800	1,800	0.0%	0.0%
Local Government	80,400	83,000	82,400	82,900	0.6%	3.1%
Local Government Educational Services	39,300	40,100	39,500	40,100	1.5%	2.0%
Local Government excluding Educational Ser	41,100	42,900	42,900	42,800	-0.2%	4.1%
County Government	23,000	23,900	24,000	24,000	0.0%	4.3%
City Government	13,400	14,100	14,000	14,000	0.0%	4.5%
Special Districts plus Tribes	4,700	4,900	4,900	4,800	-2.0%	2.1%

**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.

These data are produced by the Labor Market Information Division of the California Employment Development Department (EDD). Questions should be directed to: Nicolle Stone 916-530-1755 or Juliet Moeur 916-940-9664

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