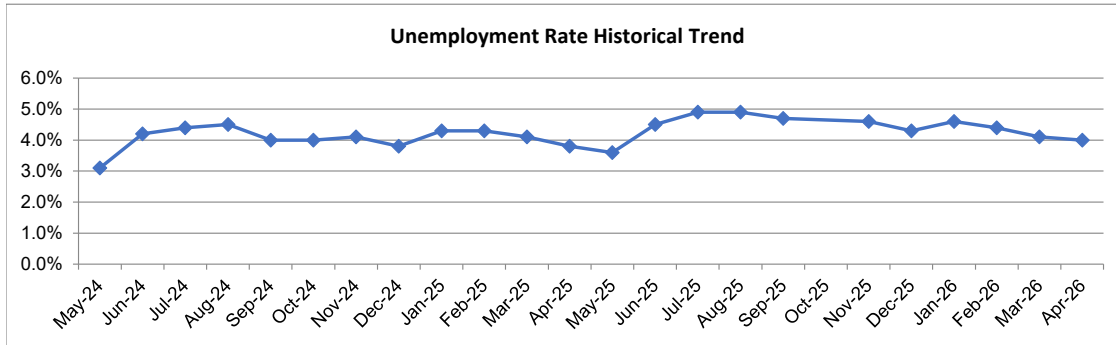


IMMEDIATE RELEASE
 SAN LUIS OBISPO-PASO ROBLES METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA (MSA)
 (San Luis Obispo County)

The unemployment rate in San Luis Obispo County was 4.0 percent in April 2026, down from a revised 4.1 percent in March 2026, and above the year-ago estimate of 3.8 percent. This compares with an unadjusted unemployment rate of 5.0 percent for California and 4.0 percent for the nation during the same period.



Industry	Mar-2026	Apr-2026	Change		Apr-2025	Apr-2026	Change
	Revised	Prelim				Prelim	
Total, All Industries	123,400	124,100	700		127,400	124,100	(3,300)
Total Farm	5,200	5,200	0		5,300	5,200	(100)
Total Nonfarm	118,200	118,900	700		122,100	118,900	(3,200)
Mining, Logging, and Construction	8,500	8,400	(100)		8,700	8,400	(300)
Manufacturing	7,900	7,900	0		8,200	7,900	(300)
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	19,500	19,400	(100)		20,000	19,400	(600)
Information	1,000	1,000	0		1,100	1,000	(100)
Financial Activities	3,600	3,600	0		3,700	3,600	(100)
Professional and Business Services	10,600	10,700	100		10,900	10,700	(200)
Private Education and Health Services	20,200	20,300	100		19,900	20,300	400
Leisure and Hospitality	20,000	20,400	400		20,200	20,400	200
Other Services	4,000	4,100	100		4,200	4,100	(100)
Government	22,900	23,100	200		25,200	23,100	(2,100)

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 online at www.labormarketinfo.edd.ca.gov

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San Luis Obispo-Paso Robles MSA
(San Luis Obispo County)
 Industry Employment & Labor Force
 March 2025 Benchmark

Data Not Seasonally Adjusted

	Apr 25	Feb 26	Mar 26 Revised	Apr 26 Prelim	Percent Change	
					Month	Year
Civilian Labor Force (1)	136,300	132,800	132,400	131,700	-0.5%	-3.4%
Civilian Employment	131,100	126,900	126,900	126,400	-0.4%	-3.6%
Civilian Unemployment	5,200	5,900	5,500	5,200	-5.5%	0.0%
Civilian Unemployment Rate	3.8%	4.4%	4.1%	4.0%		
(CA Unemployment Rate)	5.1%	5.5%	5.2%	5.0%		
(U.S. Unemployment Rate)	3.9%	4.7%	4.3%	4.0%		
Total, All Industries (2)	127,400	122,800	123,400	124,100	0.6%	-2.6%
Total Farm	5,300	5,100	5,200	5,200	0.0%	-1.9%
Total Nonfarm	122,100	117,700	118,200	118,900	0.6%	-2.6%
Total Private	96,900	95,000	95,300	95,800	0.5%	-1.1%
Goods Producing	16,900	16,300	16,400	16,300	-0.6%	-3.6%
Mining, Logging and Construction	8,700	8,400	8,500	8,400	-1.2%	-3.4%
Manufacturing	8,200	7,900	7,900	7,900	0.0%	-3.7%
Durable Goods	3,200	3,100	3,100	3,100	0.0%	-3.1%
Non-Durable Goods	5,000	4,800	4,800	4,800	0.0%	-4.0%
Service-Providing	105,200	101,400	101,800	102,600	0.8%	-2.5%
Private Service Providing	80,000	78,700	78,900	79,500	0.8%	-0.6%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	20,000	19,400	19,500	19,400	-0.5%	-3.0%
Wholesale Trade	2,300	2,200	2,200	2,200	0.0%	-4.3%
Retail Trade	13,300	13,100	13,200	13,100	-0.8%	-1.5%
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	4,400	4,100	4,100	4,100	0.0%	-6.8%
Information	1,100	1,000	1,000	1,000	0.0%	-9.1%
Financial Activities	3,700	3,600	3,600	3,600	0.0%	-2.7%
Finance and Insurance	1,900	1,800	1,800	1,800	0.0%	-5.3%
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	1,800	1,800	1,800	1,800	0.0%	0.0%
Professional and Business Services	10,900	10,600	10,600	10,700	0.9%	-1.8%
Private Education and Health Services	19,900	20,200	20,200	20,300	0.5%	2.0%
Leisure and Hospitality	20,200	19,900	20,000	20,400	2.0%	1.0%
Accommodation and Food Services	18,300	18,000	18,100	18,300	1.1%	0.0%
Accommodation	4,600	4,800	4,800	4,800	0.0%	4.3%
Food Services and Drinking Places	13,700	13,200	13,300	13,500	1.5%	-1.5%
Other Services	4,200	4,000	4,000	4,100	2.5%	-2.4%
Government	25,200	22,700	22,900	23,100	0.9%	-8.3%
Federal Government	600	600	600	600	0.0%	0.0%
State & Local Government	24,600	22,100	22,300	22,500	0.9%	-8.5%
State Government	11,500	9,600	9,700	9,800	1.0%	-14.8%
State Government Educational Services	6,100	4,200	4,300	4,400	2.3%	-27.9%
State Government Excluding Education	5,400	5,400	5,400	5,400	0.0%	0.0%
Local Government	13,100	12,500	12,600	12,700	0.8%	-3.1%
Local Government excluding Educational Services	5,200	5,100	5,100	5,200	2.0%	0.0%
Special Districts plus Tribes	500	500	600	500	-16.7%	0.0%

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. Data may not add due to rounding.

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