

Unemployment Data – National, State, Regional

National Data – May 2020

The most recent Employment Situation Summary (June 5, 2020) from the Bureau of Labor Statistics reports that total non-farm employment grew by 2.5 million in May, with the unemployment rate declining to 13.3%, down 1.4% from the previous month. These improvements in the labor market align with limited economic activity resuming after the restrictions in March and April due to COVID-19.

13.3%

National Unemployment Rate
May 2020

-1.4%

Change Since April 2020

21 Million

Number of Unemployed Persons

State Data – April 2020

California's unemployment rate increased by 10% in April to 15.5% according the California Employment Development Department (EDD).

15.5%

California's Unemployment Rate
April 2020

+10%

Change Since March 2020

2.9 Million

Number of Unemployed Persons

Regional Data – April 2020

Monthly labor force data for counties/cities from the California Employment Development Department (EDD) indicate that in the South Central Coast region (*including cities of Lancaster City, Littlerock CDP, Palmdale City, Santa Clarita City and San Luis Obispo County, Santa Barbara County, and Ventura County) unemployment is at 15.5% for April 2020. See specific breakdowns in Exhibit 1.

15.5%

Regional* Unemployment Rate
April 2020

153,400

Number of Unemployed Persons

Monthly Labor Force Data – Regional, County, City

Monthly Labor Force Data for Cities and Census Designated Places (CDP) – Data Not Seasonally Adjusted

<https://labormarketinfo.edd.ca.gov/data/labor-force-and-unemployment-for-cities-and-census-areas.html#CCD>

Exhibit 1. Monthly Labor Force Data - Regional – April 2020

Regional (County/City)	Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment	Rate
Lancaster City, Littlerock CDP, Palmdale City, Santa Clarita City	226,900	179,000	47,900	21.0%
San Luis Obispo	135,100	116,500	18,600	13.7%
Santa Barbara	215,400	185,900	29,500	13.7%
Ventura	409,300	351,900	57,400	14.0%

Exhibit 2. Monthly Labor Force Data – Regional Cities in Los Angeles County – April 2020

County	City	Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment	Rate
Los Angeles	Lancaster City	59,800	47,300	12,500	20.9%
Los Angeles	Littlerock CDP	700	400	300	36.6%
Los Angeles	Palmdale City	60,500	47,000	13,500	22.3%
Los Angeles	Santa Clarita City	105,900	84,300	21,600	20.4%

Exhibit 3. Monthly Labor Force Data – San Luis Obispo County – April 2020

County	City	Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment	Rate
San Luis Obispo		135,100	116,500	18,600	13.7%
San Luis Obispo	Arroyo Grande city	8,800	7,700	1,100	12.2%
San Luis Obispo	Atascadero city	14,700	12,800	1,900	13.1%
San Luis Obispo	Cambria CDP	2,600	2,200	500	17.3%
San Luis Obispo	Cayucos CDP	1,300	1,100	200	13.5%
San Luis Obispo	El Paso de Robles (Paso Robles) city	15,700	13,500	2,200	14.0%
San Luis Obispo	Grover Beach city	6,800	5,600	1,100	16.9%
San Luis Obispo	Lake Nacimiento CDP	1,200	1,100	100	11.8%
San Luis Obispo	Morro Bay city	5,100	4,100	1,000	20.5%
San Luis Obispo	Nipomo CDP	9,100	7,400	1,800	19.2%
San Luis Obispo	Oceano CDP	3,600	2,900	600	17.7%
San Luis Obispo	Pismo Beach city	4,100	3,800	300	8.0%
San Luis Obispo	San Luis Obispo city	24,600	21,100	3,500	14.1%
San Luis Obispo	San Miguel CDP	1,400	1,100	400	26.3%
San Luis Obispo	Shandon CDP	600	500	100	15.7%
San Luis Obispo	Templeton CDP	3,600	3,300	200	6.8%

Exhibit 4. Monthly Labor Force Data – Santa Barbara County – April 2020

County	City	Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment	Rate
Santa Barbara County		215,400	185,900	29,500	13.7%
Santa Barbara County	Buellton city	2,600	2,400	200	6.1%
Santa Barbara County	Carpinteria city	7,000	6,200	800	11.7%
Santa Barbara County	Goleta city	16,700	14,800	1,800	11.0%
Santa Barbara County	Guadalupe city	3,200	2,800	400	11.6%
Santa Barbara County	Isla Vista CDP	14,100	10,200	3,900	27.8%
Santa Barbara County	Lompoc city	17,900	14,600	3,400	18.8%
Santa Barbara County	Los Alamos CDP	900	800	100	14.1%
Santa Barbara County	Mission Canyon CDP	1,400	1,300	100	4.0%
Santa Barbara County	Mission Hills CDP	2,100	1,600	500	23.7%
Santa Barbara County	Montecito CDP	3,300	2,700	700	19.6%
Santa Barbara County	Orcutt CDP	15,100	12,900	2,200	14.7%
Santa Barbara County	Santa Barbara city	49,900	43,700	6,200	12.5%
Santa Barbara County	Santa Maria city	49,700	41,400	8,400	16.8%
Santa Barbara County	Santa Ynez CDP	2,200	1,900	300	14.6%
Santa Barbara County	Solvang city	2,900	2,600	200	8.3%
Santa Barbara County	Summerland CDP	400	300	100	14.0%
Santa Barbara County	Toro Canyon CDP	700	700	0	5.0%
Santa Barbara County	Vandenberg AFB CDP	900	700	100	16.3%
Santa Barbara County	Vandenberg Village CDP	3,600	3,200	400	10.5%

Exhibit 5. Monthly Labor Force Data – Ventura County – April 2020

County	City	Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment	Rate
Ventura County		409,300	351,900	57,400	14.0%
Ventura County	Camarillo city	33,000	28,700	4,300	13.0%
Ventura County	Casa Conejo CDP	1,700	1,400	400	21.1%
Ventura County	Channel Islands Beach CDP	1,900	1,300	600	33.0%
Ventura County	El Rio CDP	3,000	2,300	700	23.0%
Ventura County	Fillmore city	7,000	6,100	900	12.3%
Ventura County	Meiners Oaks CDP	1,800	1,600	200	10.4%
Ventura County	Mira Monte CDP	3,500	2,900	600	16.4%
Ventura County	Moorpark city	18,800	16,400	2,400	12.8%
Ventura County	Oak Park CDP	6,800	5,700	1,100	16.3%
Ventura County	Oak View CDP	2,200	1,900	300	14.6%
Ventura County	Ojai city	3,300	3,000	400	11.1%
Ventura County	Oxnard city	97,200	83,000	14,300	14.7%
Ventura County	Piru CDP	900	700	200	20.9%
Ventura County	Port Hueneme city	9,700	8,400	1,400	13.9%
Ventura County	San Buenaventura (Ventura) city	55,100	47,000	8,200	14.8%
Ventura County	Santa Paula city	13,300	11,100	2,200	16.7%
Ventura County	Simi Valley city	65,700	56,500	9,200	14.1%
Ventura County	Thousand Oaks city	62,200	54,200	8,000	12.9%

Unemployment Insurance Claims - County

Unemployment Insurance Claims County – April 2020

The weekly Unemployment Insurance initial claims data continues to be an early indicator of the extent of the economic effects from the emergency measures. In April 2020 2.35 million claims were processed in the state and 771,606 in the South Central Coast Region (including Los Angeles County, not regional zip codes).

Exhibit 6. Unemployment Insurance Claims Data by County

https://www.edd.ca.gov/about_edd/pdf/qsi-Initial_Claims_by_County_2020.pdf

County	January 2020	February 2020	March 2020	April 2020
Los Angeles	52,544	43,272	460,370	685,742
San Luis Obispo	1,080	736	12,862	14,946
Santa Barbara	2,522	1,469	17,246	22,262
Ventura	4,550	3,315	35,851	48,656

Industry Specific Data - National

In May, employment numbers increased in leisure and hospitality, construction, education and health services, and retail trade. Government continued to decline. Below are key findings directly from the Bureau of Labor Statistics most recent Employment Situation Summary for May 2020.

<https://www.bls.gov/news.release/empsit.nr0.htm>

Leisure and Hospitality

- Employment increased by 1.2 million, following losses in April of 7.5 million and 743,000 in March.
- Employment in food services and drinking places rose by 1.4 million.
- Employment in the accommodation industry fell in May and has declined by 1.1 million since February.

Construction

- Construction employment increased by 464,000 in May, gaining back almost half of April's decline (-995,000).
- Much of the gain occurred in specialty trade contractors (+325,000), with growth about equally split between the residential and nonresidential components.
- Job gains also occurred in construction of buildings (+105,000), largely in residential building.

Education and Health Services

- Employment increased by 424,000 in education and health services in May, after a decrease of 2.6 million in April.
- Health care employment increased by 312,000 over the month, with gains in offices of dentists (+245,000), offices of other health practitioners (+73,000), and offices of physicians (+51,000).
- Elsewhere in health care, job losses continued in nursing and residential care facilities (-37,000) and hospitals (-27,000).
- Employment increased in the social assistance industry (+78,000), reflecting increases in child day care services (+44,000) and individual and family services (+29,000).
- Employment in private education rose by 33,000 over the month.

Retail Trade

- Employment increased by 368,000, after a loss of 2.3 million in April.
- Over-the-month job gains occurred in clothing and clothing accessories stores (+95,000), automobile dealers (+85,000), and general merchandise stores (+84,000).
- Job losses continued in electronics and appliance stores (-95,000) and in auto parts, accessories, and tire stores (-36,000).

Wholesale trade

- Employment was up by 21,000 in May, largely reflecting job gains in its nondurable goods component (+13,000).
- In April, wholesale trade employment declined by 383,000.

Manufacturing

- Manufacturing employment rose by 225,000.
- In April, manufacturing employment declined by 1.3 million.
- Within durable goods, employment gains in May were led by motor vehicles and parts (+28,000), fabricated metal products (+25,000), and machinery (+23,000).
- Within nondurable goods, job gains occurred in plastics and rubber products (+30,000) and food manufacturing (+25,000).

Professional and Business Services

- Added 127,000 jobs in May, after shedding 2.2 million jobs in April.
- Over the month, employment rose in services to buildings and dwellings (+68,000) and temporary help services (+39,000), while employment declined in management of companies and enterprises (-22,000).
- Financial activities added 33,000 jobs over the month, following a loss of 264,000 jobs in April.
- In May, employment gains occurred in real estate and rental and leasing (+24,000) and in credit intermediation and related activities (+7,000).

Government

- In May, employment continued to decline in government (-585,000), following a drop of 963,000 in April.
- Employment in local government was down by 487,000 in May.
- Local government education accounted for almost two-thirds of the decrease (-310,000), reflecting school closures.
- Employment also continued to decline in state government (-84,000), particularly in state education (-63,000).

Transportation and Warehousing

- Decreased in May (-19,000), after an April decline of 553,000.
- Air transportation lost 50,000 jobs over the month, following a loss of 79,000 jobs in April.
- In May, employment rose by 12,000 in couriers and messengers and 10,000 in transit and ground passenger transportation.

Current Employment Statistics - County

Current Employment Statistics (CES) by County

The CES data are the official industry employment series for the State, metropolitan statistical areas, and counties. It is the primary historical industry data source for industry projections. The EDD uses a sampling of private employers and government entities that are surveyed each month to estimate employment.

Exhibit 7. Current Employment Statistics Los Angeles County - March/April

Los Angeles County Number of Employed – Top 20	March 2020	April 2020
Educational and Health Services	858,300	765,300
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	846,700	713,100
Health Care and Social Assistance	713,200	636,700
Government	610,200	589,400
Professional and Business Services	644,300	558,400
State and Local Government	563,000	542,000
Local Government	469,200	452,400
Retail Trade	413,800	326,100
Leisure and Hospitality	517,800	322,800
Manufacturing	328,900	277,300
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	307,900	273,200
Accommodation and Food Service	427,500	259,100
Local Government Education	243,300	236,700
Social Assistance	274,400	230,900
Administrative and Support and Waste Services	273,300	226,900
Local Government Excluding Education	225,900	215,700
Administrative and Support Services	261,300	213,400
Financial Activities	227,000	210,000
Information	234,300	209,800
Restaurants	350,100	206,100

**Exhibit 8. Current Employment Statistics San Luis Obispo County -
March/April**

San Luis Obispo County Number of Employed – Top 20	March 2020	April 2020
Government	25,900	25,200
State and Local Government	25,300	24,600
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	20,700	19,200
Educational and Health Services	18,500	16,700
Local Government	14,000	13,600
Retail Trade	14,000	12,700
State Government	11,300	11,000
Leisure and Hospitality	19,500	9,600
Professional and Business Services	11,400	9,500
Accommodation and Food Service	17,700	9,300
Natural Resources, Mining and Construction	8,200	7,800
Food Services and Drinking Places	13,300	7,500
Manufacturing	8,100	7,400
State Government Excluding Education	5,600	5,600
State Government Education	5,700	5,400
Local Government Excluding Education	5,100	5,000
Transportation, Warehousing and Utilities	4,000	3,800
Financial Activities	3,800	3,600
Wholesale Trade	2,700	2,700
Finance and Insurance	2,200	2,100

Exhibit 9. Current Employment Statistics Santa Barbara County – March/April

Santa Barbara County Number of Employed – Top 20	March 2020	April 2020
Government	40,500	39,000
State and Local Government	37,100	35,600
Educational and Health Services	28,900	26,000
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	27,400	25,400
Local Government	23,900	23,000
Health Care and Social Assistance	25,500	22,900
Professional and Business Services	23,500	22,100
Retail Trade	18,700	17,300
Leisure and Hospitality	26,700	16,000
Accommodation and Food Service	23,100	13,300
Manufacturing	13,000	12,800
State Government	13,200	12,600
Local Government Education	12,500	12,100
State Government Education	12,600	12,000
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	11,900	11,600
Local Government Excluding Education	11,400	10,900
Food Services and Drinking Places	17,600	10,200
Natural Resources, Mining and Construction	9,500	8,700
Construction	8,500	7,800
Administrative and Support and Waste Services	8,700	7,700

Exhibit 10. Current Employment Statistics Ventura County – March/April

Ventura County Number of Employed – Top 20	March 2020	April 2020
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	57,100	50,400
Government	48,700	46,700
Educational and Health Services	48,400	44,400
Professional and Business Services	45,300	42,200
State and Local Government	41,200	39,200
Local Government	38,000	36,100
Retail Trade	37,200	32,200
Manufacturing	26,300	25,500
Local Government Education	22,700	21,600
Leisure and Hospitality	37,600	21,500
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	18,500	17,700
Natural Resources, Mining and Construction	17,900	16,900
Administrative and Support and Waste Services	18,900	16,700
Accommodation and Food Service	32,000	16,200
Construction	17,000	16,000
Financial Activities	15,800	15,800
Administrative and Support Services	17,800	15,600
Local Government Excluding Education	15,300	14,500
Wholesale Trade	13,500	12,300
Finance and Insurance	11,300	11,200

Due to the impacts from COVID-19, the South Central Coast Center of Excellence is sharing bi-monthly summary of findings from the COE's workforce measures and reporting by other agencies - regional, state, and national. The South Central Coast Center of Excellence is also collaborating on statewide COE reports that are being distributed monthly. If you did not receive the April or May update from the COE please contact Dr. Adele Hermann to be added to the distribution list. In these unprecedented times, some data points that we have traditionally used do not reflect the current economic disruption; however, we are bringing to you the most accurate information we have available at this time.



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