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**OAKLAND-HAYWARD-BERKELEY METROPOLITAN DIVISION (MD)
(ALAMEDA AND CONTRA COSTA COUNTIES)**
Government led the region in month-over job growth

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Between February 2024 and March 2024, the total number of jobs located in the East Bay counties of Alameda and Contra Costa increased by 5,400 to total 1,193,300.

- Government (up 1,900 jobs) generated the most jobs over the month. Boosts were in local government (up 1,500) and state government (up 400).
- Private education and health services attained a positive gain of 1,600 positions. Exactly seven-eighths of the uptick spawned from health care and social assistance (up 1,400 jobs).
- Construction experienced an increase of 1,200 jobs. Akin to last month, gains were produced in every category, specifically in specialty trade contractors (up 800 jobs).
- Meanwhile, trade, transportation, and utilities led the region in month-over job declines. Transportation, warehousing, and utilities (down 600 jobs), retail trade (down 400), and wholesale trade (down 300) all registered with cutbacks.

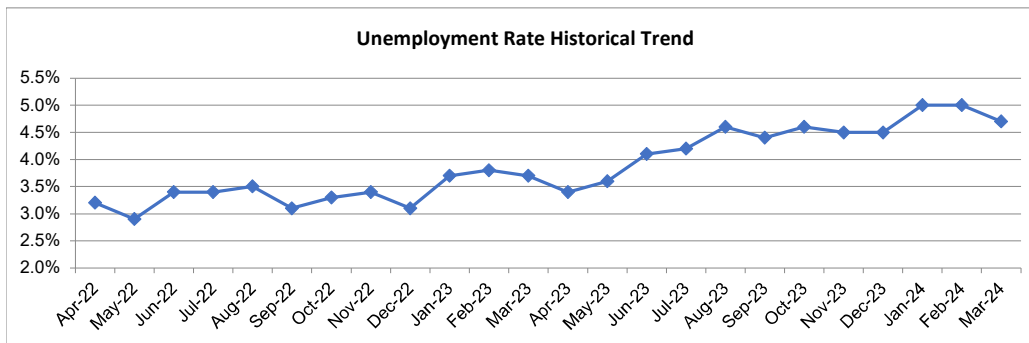
Between March 2023 and March 2024, the total number of jobs located in the East Bay increased by 13,600 or 1.2 percent.

- Private education and health services (up 13,000 jobs) continued to demonstrate strong year-over job growth in the area for 15 consecutive months. Health care and social assistance (up 12,500) bolstered 96 percent of the industry total development.
- Government amplified hiring sector-wide by introducing 4,100 jobs over the year. Local government (up 3,700 jobs) contained ninety percent of the expansion.
- Leisure and hospitality advanced year-over employment by 2,100 jobs. Within the sector, arts, entertainment, and recreation (up 1,300 jobs) recovered the most opportunities.
- Conversely, manufacturing slashed the greatest number of payrolls throughout the year. Over ninety-one percent of the jobs were deducted from durable goods (down 3,100 jobs).
- Trade, transportation, and utilities (down 1,900 jobs), information (down 1,700), and financial activities (down 1,300) also encountered year-over declines.

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IMMEDIATE RELEASE
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Industry	Feb-2024	Mar-2024	Change		Mar-2023	Mar-2024	Change
	Revised	Prelim				Prelim	
Total, All Industries	1,187,900	1,193,300	5,400		1,179,700	1,193,300	13,600
Total Farm	1,900	2,000	100		1,600	2,000	400
Total Nonfarm	1,186,000	1,191,300	5,300		1,178,100	1,191,300	13,200
Mining, Logging, and Construction	71,500	72,700	1,200		72,500	72,700	200
Mining and Logging	300	300	0		300	300	0
Construction	71,200	72,400	1,200		72,200	72,400	200
Manufacturing	109,400	110,000	600		113,400	110,000	(3,400)
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	198,600	197,300	(1,300)		199,200	197,300	(1,900)
Information	22,800	23,000	200		24,700	23,000	(1,700)
Financial Activities	49,500	49,600	100		50,900	49,600	(1,300)
Professional and Business Services	188,800	188,500	(300)		188,000	188,500	500
Private Education and Health Services	224,600	226,200	1,600		213,200	226,200	13,000
Leisure and Hospitality	111,300	111,800	500		109,700	111,800	2,100
Other Services	40,900	41,700	800		40,100	41,700	1,600
Government	168,600	170,500	1,900		166,400	170,500	4,100

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 on line at www.labormarketinfo.edd.ca.gov

Data Not Seasonally Adjusted

	Mar 23	Jan 24	Feb 24 Revised	Mar 24 Prelim	Percent Change Month	Year
Civilian Labor Force (1)	1,384,900	1,376,800	1,379,700	1,381,400	0.1%	-0.3%
Civilian Employment	1,333,200	1,307,900	1,310,600	1,316,900	0.5%	-1.2%
Civilian Unemployment	51,700	68,900	69,100	64,400	-6.8%	24.6%
Civilian Unemployment Rate (CA Unemployment Rate)	3.7%	5.0%	5.0%	4.7%		
(U.S. Unemployment Rate)	4.7%	5.7%	5.6%	5.3%		
	3.6%	4.1%	4.2%	3.9%		

Total, All Industries (2)	1,179,700	1,184,500	1,187,900	1,193,300	0.5%	1.2%
Total Farm	1,600	1,800	1,900	2,000	5.3%	25.0%
Total Nonfarm	1,178,100	1,182,700	1,186,000	1,191,300	0.4%	1.1%
Total Private	1,011,700	1,015,100	1,017,400	1,020,800	0.3%	0.9%
Goods Producing	185,900	179,900	180,900	182,700	1.0%	-1.7%
Mining, Logging, and Construction	72,500	70,900	71,500	72,700	1.7%	0.3%
Mining and Logging	300	300	300	300	0.0%	0.0%
Construction	72,200	70,600	71,200	72,400	1.7%	0.3%
Construction of Buildings	17,900	17,400	17,400	17,600	1.1%	-1.7%
Residential Building Construction	11,400	11,000	11,100	11,200	0.9%	-1.8%
Nonresidential Building Construction	6,500	6,400	6,300	6,400	1.6%	-1.5%
Heavy and Civil Engineering Construction	6,300	5,700	5,800	6,000	3.4%	-4.8%
Specialty Trade Contractors	48,000	47,500	48,000	48,800	1.7%	1.7%
Foundation, Structure, and Building Exterior	8,000	9,000	9,100	9,300	2.2%	16.3%
Building Equipment Contractors	23,700	23,400	23,300	23,700	1.7%	0.0%
Manufacturing	113,400	109,000	109,400	110,000	0.5%	-3.0%
Durable Goods	84,700	80,600	81,000	81,600	0.7%	-3.7%
Computer and Electronic Product Manufactur	21,400	20,100	20,000	19,900	-0.5%	-7.0%
Non-Durable Goods	28,700	28,400	28,400	28,400	0.0%	-1.0%
Service-Providing	992,200	1,002,800	1,005,100	1,008,600	0.3%	1.7%
Private Service Providing	825,800	835,200	836,500	838,100	0.2%	1.5%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	199,200	201,000	198,600	197,300	-0.7%	-1.0%
Wholesale Trade	41,600	40,900	40,600	40,300	-0.7%	-3.1%
Merchant Wholesalers, Durable Goods	21,900	21,400	21,200	21,000	-0.9%	-4.1%
Merchant Wholesalers, Nondurable Goods	17,600	17,300	17,200	17,200	0.0%	-2.3%
Retail Trade	104,200	105,700	105,100	104,700	-0.4%	0.5%
Motor Vehicle and Parts Dealers	13,000	13,400	13,500	13,400	-0.7%	3.1%
Food and Beverage Retailers	28,100	27,600	27,600	27,600	0.0%	-1.8%
General Merchandise Retailers	18,200	19,200	18,900	18,800	-0.5%	3.3%
Health and Personal Care Retailers	7,200	7,200	7,300	7,100	-2.7%	-1.4%
Clothing, Clothing Accessories, Shoe, and Je	7,800	8,200	7,900	7,800	-1.3%	0.0%
Sporting Goods, Hobby, Musical Instrument,	10,500	10,300	10,300	10,300	0.0%	-1.9%
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	53,400	54,400	52,900	52,300	-1.1%	-2.1%
Transportation and Warehousing	46,800	47,200	45,700	45,200	-1.1%	-3.4%
Truck Transportation	8,400	8,000	8,000	8,000	0.0%	-4.8%
Couriers and Messengers	13,800	14,200	13,400	13,300	-0.7%	-3.6%
Warehousing and Storage	11,500	11,200	11,000	10,900	-0.9%	-5.2%
Information	24,700	23,100	22,800	23,000	0.9%	-6.9%
Publishing Industries	8,000	7,600	7,600	7,600	0.0%	-5.0%
Telecommunications	3,900	3,900	3,900	3,900	0.0%	0.0%
Financial Activities	50,900	49,800	49,500	49,600	0.2%	-2.6%
Finance and Insurance	32,700	31,700	31,600	31,900	0.9%	-2.4%
Credit Intermediation and Related Activities in	13,000	12,600	12,600	12,800	1.6%	-1.5%
Insurance Carriers and Related Activities	15,100	14,700	14,700	14,800	0.7%	-2.0%
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	18,200	18,100	17,900	17,700	-1.1%	-2.7%
Real Estate	14,100	13,900	13,800	13,700	-0.7%	-2.8%
Professional and Business Services	188,000	188,200	188,800	188,500	-0.2%	0.3%
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Service	103,700	105,400	105,700	105,500	-0.2%	1.7%
Architectural, Engineering, and Related Servi	16,100	16,800	17,100	17,000	-0.6%	5.6%
Computer Systems Design and Related Servi	20,400	19,700	19,700	19,600	-0.5%	-3.9%
Management of Companies and Enterprises	23,100	22,500	22,600	22,600	0.0%	-2.2%

Data Not Seasonally Adjusted

	Mar 23	Jan 24	Feb 24 Revised	Mar 24 Prelim	Percent Change	
					Month	Year
Administrative and Support and Waste Manag	61,200	60,300	60,500	60,400	-0.2%	-1.3%
Administrative and Support Services	54,900	53,600	53,900	53,700	-0.4%	-2.2%
Employment Services	18,000	17,100	17,200	17,200	0.0%	-4.4%
Investigation and Security Services	11,300	10,900	11,000	11,200	1.8%	-0.9%
Services to Buildings and Dwellings	17,900	18,300	18,400	18,300	-0.5%	2.2%
Private Education and Health Services	213,200	222,600	224,600	226,200	0.7%	6.1%
Private Educational Services	23,700	22,900	24,000	24,200	0.8%	2.1%
Health Care and Social Assistance	189,500	199,700	200,600	202,000	0.7%	6.6%
Ambulatory Health Care Services	79,000	80,200	81,000	80,700	-0.4%	2.2%
Hospitals	22,300	22,800	22,800	22,900	0.4%	2.7%
Nursing and Residential Care Facilities	20,800	21,700	21,800	21,900	0.5%	5.3%
Social Assistance	67,400	75,000	75,000	76,500	2.0%	13.5%
Leisure and Hospitality	109,700	109,300	111,300	111,800	0.4%	1.9%
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	17,300	18,000	18,400	18,600	1.1%	7.5%
Accommodation and Food Services	92,400	91,300	92,900	93,200	0.3%	0.9%
Accommodation	6,800	7,000	7,100	7,100	0.0%	4.4%
Food Services and Drinking Places	85,600	84,300	85,800	86,100	0.3%	0.6%
Other Services	40,100	41,200	40,900	41,700	2.0%	4.0%
Repair and Maintenance	11,100	11,400	11,400	11,700	2.6%	5.4%
Personal and Laundry Services	12,100	12,400	12,400	12,600	1.6%	4.1%
Religious, Grantmaking, Civic, Professional, & Other Services	16,900	17,400	17,100	17,400	1.8%	3.0%
Government	166,400	167,600	168,600	170,500	1.1%	2.5%
Federal Government	13,200	13,200	13,300	13,300	0.0%	0.8%
Department of Defense	400	400	400	400	0.0%	0.0%
Federal Government excluding Department of Defense	12,800	12,800	12,900	12,900	0.0%	0.8%
Total State and Local Government	153,200	154,400	155,300	157,200	1.2%	2.6%
State Government	34,100	33,800	34,000	34,400	1.2%	0.9%
State Government Educational Services	22,900	22,500	22,600	23,000	1.8%	0.4%
State Government Excluding Education	11,200	11,300	11,400	11,400	0.0%	1.8%
Local Government	119,100	120,600	121,300	122,800	1.2%	3.1%
Local Government Educational Services	59,800	59,400	59,900	60,800	1.5%	1.7%
Local Government excluding Educational Services	59,300	61,200	61,400	62,000	1.0%	4.6%
County Government	25,600	26,200	26,400	26,600	0.8%	3.9%
City Government	16,700	17,400	17,400	17,600	1.1%	5.4%
Special Districts plus Tribes	17,000	17,600	17,600	17,800	1.1%	4.7%

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: Juliet Moeur 916-940-9664 or Nicolle Stone 916-530-1755

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