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**ANAHEIM-SANTA ANA-IRVINE METROPOLITAN DIVISION  
(ORANGE COUNTY)**  
**Nonfarm jobs up 7,100 over the month and up 31,000 over the year**

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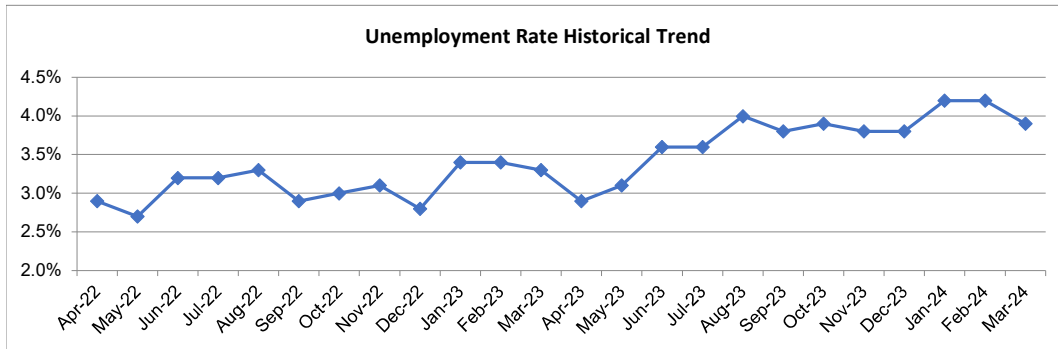
- Leisure and hospitality increased by 4,500 jobs, the largest expansion of any sector. Sixty-four percent of the gain was in arts, entertainment, and recreation (up 2,900 jobs). Accommodation and food services added 1,600 jobs.
- Employment increased in five other sectors. Private education and health services gained 1,700 jobs with 88 percent of the gain in health care and social assistance (up 1,500 jobs). Government added 1,300 jobs, construction and other services gained 500 jobs each, and information increased by 100 jobs.
- Four industry sectors had month-over employment declines. Three of the sectors declined by 400 jobs each: manufacturing, trade, transportation, and utilities, and financial activities. Professional and business services decreased by 300 jobs. Mining and logging had no change.

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- Private education and health services led year-over gains with an increase of 15,600 jobs. Nearly 90 percent of the increase was in health care and social assistance (up 14,000 jobs). Private educational services added 1,600 jobs.
- Six other sectors contributed an additional 19,400 jobs: leisure and hospitality (up 7,100 jobs), government (up 4,200 jobs), professional and business services (up 3,100 jobs), construction (up 2,600 jobs), other services (up 2,200 jobs), and trade, transportation, and utilities (up 200 jobs).
- Three sectors contracted over the year: manufacturing (down 1,800 jobs), information (down 1,300 jobs), and financial activities (down 900 jobs). Mining and logging remained unchanged.

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 (Orange County)

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Industry	Feb-2024	Mar-2024	Change		Mar-2023	Mar-2024	Change
	Revised	Prelim				Prelim	
Total, All Industries	1,689,900	1,697,000	7,100		1,666,100	1,697,000	30,900
Total Farm	1,600	1,600	0		1,700	1,600	(100)
Total Nonfarm	1,688,300	1,695,400	7,100		1,664,400	1,695,400	31,000
Mining, Logging and Construction	104,500	105,000	500		102,400	105,000	2,600
Mining and Logging	300	300	0		300	300	0
Construction	104,200	104,700	500		102,100	104,700	2,600
Manufacturing	155,100	154,700	(400)		156,500	154,700	(1,800)
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	260,400	260,000	(400)		259,800	260,000	200
Information	21,500	21,600	100		22,900	21,600	(1,300)
Financial Activities	103,100	102,700	(400)		103,600	102,700	(900)
Professional and Business Services	320,800	320,500	(300)		317,400	320,500	3,100
Private Education and Health Services	273,900	275,600	1,700		260,000	275,600	15,600
Leisure and Hospitality	228,600	233,100	4,500		226,000	233,100	7,100
Other Services	56,100	56,600	500		54,400	56,600	2,200
Government	164,300	165,600	1,300		161,400	165,600	4,200

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](http://www.labormarketinfo.edd.ca.gov)

Data Not Seasonally Adjusted

	Mar 23	Jan 24	Feb 24 Revised	Mar 24 Prelim	Percent Change Month	Change Year
Civilian Labor Force (1)	1,595,800	1,589,400	1,597,000	1,599,900	0.2%	0.3%
Civilian Employment	1,543,600	1,522,600	1,529,800	1,537,100	0.5%	-0.4%
Civilian Unemployment	52,100	66,800	67,200	62,800	-6.5%	20.5%
Civilian Unemployment Rate (CA Unemployment Rate)	3.3%	4.2%	4.2%	3.9%		
(U.S. Unemployment Rate)	4.7%	5.7%	5.6%	5.3%		
	3.6%	4.1%	4.2%	3.9%		
<b>Total, All Industries (2)</b>	<b>1,666,100</b>	<b>1,679,900</b>	<b>1,689,900</b>	<b>1,697,000</b>	<b>0.4%</b>	<b>1.9%</b>
Total Farm	1,700	1,500	1,600	1,600	0.0%	-5.9%
Total Nonfarm	1,664,400	1,678,400	1,688,300	1,695,400	0.4%	1.9%
Total Private	1,503,000	1,516,600	1,524,000	1,529,800	0.4%	1.8%
Goods Producing	258,900	259,900	259,600	259,700	0.0%	0.3%
Mining, Logging and Construction	102,400	104,700	104,500	105,000	0.5%	2.5%
Mining and Logging	300	300	300	300	0.0%	0.0%
Construction	102,100	104,400	104,200	104,700	0.5%	2.5%
Construction of Buildings	23,300	23,500	23,700	23,900	0.8%	2.6%
Heavy and Civil Engineering Construction	8,700	8,800	8,700	8,800	1.1%	1.1%
Specialty Trade Contractors	70,100	72,100	71,800	72,000	0.3%	2.7%
Manufacturing	156,500	155,200	155,100	154,700	-0.3%	-1.2%
Durable Goods	117,600	116,600	116,600	116,500	-0.1%	-0.9%
Fabricated Metal Product Manufacturing	19,900	20,200	20,200	20,100	-0.5%	1.0%
Machinery Manufacturing	7,200	7,000	7,000	7,000	0.0%	-2.8%
Computer and Electronic Product Manufacturing	33,900	34,200	34,100	34,100	0.0%	0.6%
Semiconductor and Other Electronic Component Manufacturing	13,300	13,200	13,200	13,200	0.0%	-0.8%
Navigational, Measuring, Electromedical, and Imaging Manufacturing	13,800	14,100	14,000	14,000	0.0%	1.4%
Transportation Equipment Manufacturing	18,100	17,700	17,700	17,700	0.0%	-2.2%
Non-Durable Goods	38,900	38,600	38,500	38,200	-0.8%	-1.8%
Service Providing	1,405,500	1,418,500	1,428,700	1,435,700	0.5%	2.1%
Private Service Providing	1,244,100	1,256,700	1,264,400	1,270,100	0.5%	2.1%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	259,800	262,200	260,400	260,000	-0.2%	0.1%
Wholesale Trade	80,400	80,700	80,500	80,300	-0.2%	-0.1%
Merchant Wholesalers, Durable Goods	48,700	48,900	48,700	48,300	-0.8%	-0.8%
Merchant Wholesalers, Nondurable Goods	26,500	26,700	26,800	27,000	0.7%	1.9%
Wholesale Trade Agents and Brokers	5,200	5,100	5,000	5,000	0.0%	-3.8%
Retail Trade	144,100	146,400	145,000	144,900	-0.1%	0.6%
Motor Vehicle and Parts Dealers	17,500	17,300	17,300	17,300	0.0%	-1.1%
Building Material and Garden Equipment and Supplies Dealers	10,900	10,900	10,800	10,800	0.0%	-0.9%
Food and Beverage Retailers	30,800	31,900	32,000	32,000	0.0%	3.9%
Grocery and Convenience Retailers	27,900	28,800	28,900	28,900	0.0%	3.6%
General Merchandise Retailers	26,700	27,400	26,900	27,000	0.4%	1.1%
Health and Personal Care Retailers	14,200	14,400	14,300	14,200	-0.7%	0.0%
Clothing, Clothing Accessories, Shoe, and Jewelry Retailers	14,500	14,900	14,400	14,200	-1.4%	-2.1%
Sporting Goods, Hobby, Musical Instrument, and Book Stores	14,400	14,400	14,300	14,200	-0.7%	-1.4%
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	35,300	35,100	34,900	34,800	-0.3%	-1.4%
Transportation and Warehousing	32,000	31,700	31,500	31,400	-0.3%	-1.9%
Couriers and Messengers	9,300	9,600	9,300	9,200	-1.1%	-1.1%
Warehousing and Storage	7,300	7,300	7,300	7,200	-1.4%	-1.4%
Information	22,900	21,600	21,500	21,600	0.5%	-5.7%
Publishing Industries	9,300	8,800	8,800	8,800	0.0%	-5.4%
Telecommunications	5,700	5,400	5,400	5,400	0.0%	-5.3%
Financial Activities	103,600	103,000	103,100	102,700	-0.4%	-0.9%
Finance and Insurance	63,600	61,600	61,700	61,700	0.0%	-3.0%
Credit Intermediation and Related Activities in the Money Markets	29,600	28,000	27,900	27,900	0.0%	-5.7%
Depository Credit Intermediation including Nondepository Credit Intermediation	13,300	12,300	12,300	12,300	0.0%	-7.5%
Nondepository Credit Intermediation	11,200	10,700	10,700	10,700	0.0%	-4.5%
Insurance Carriers and Related Activities	21,500	21,300	21,300	21,300	0.0%	-0.9%
Insurance Carriers	7,400	7,300	7,300	7,300	0.0%	-1.4%
Agencies, Brokerages, and Other Insurance Activities	14,100	14,000	14,000	14,000	0.0%	-0.7%

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Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	40,000	41,400	41,400	41,000	-1.0%	2.5%
Real Estate	34,200	35,400	35,400	35,000	-1.1%	2.3%
Professional and Business Services	317,400	317,700	320,800	320,500	-0.1%	1.0%
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	138,600	140,200	141,300	140,600	-0.5%	1.4%
Legal Services	16,900	17,400	17,500	17,400	-0.6%	3.0%
Accounting, Tax Preparation, Bookkeeping, Architectural, Engineering, and Related Ser	17,900	17,800	18,000	18,000	0.0%	0.6%
Computer Systems Design and Related Ser	26,100	26,300	26,600	26,400	-0.8%	1.1%
Management, Scientific, and Technical Con	23,800	24,100	24,100	23,900	-0.8%	0.4%
Management of Companies and Enterprises	28,500	28,600	28,800	28,600	-0.7%	0.4%
Administrative and Support and Waste Manag	37,200	37,500	37,700	37,900	0.5%	1.9%
Administrative and Support Services	141,600	140,000	141,800	142,000	0.1%	0.3%
Employment Services	136,400	134,800	136,500	136,700	0.1%	0.2%
Investigation and Security Services	62,800	60,800	61,700	61,700	0.0%	-1.8%
Services to Buildings and Dwellings	13,100	13,600	13,700	13,700	0.0%	4.6%
Waste Management and Remediation Servic	34,600	34,400	34,600	35,300	2.0%	2.0%
Private Education and Health Services	5,200	5,200	5,300	5,300	0.0%	1.9%
Private Educational Services	260,000	270,800	273,900	275,600	0.6%	6.0%
Private Colleges, Universities, and Professio	39,800	39,500	41,200	41,400	0.5%	4.0%
Health Care and Social Assistance	7,800	7,300	8,300	8,400	1.2%	7.7%
Ambulatory Health Care Services	220,200	231,300	232,700	234,200	0.6%	6.4%
Hospitals	99,300	102,800	103,300	103,800	0.5%	4.5%
Nursing and Residential Care Facilities	34,400	36,300	36,500	36,600	0.3%	6.4%
Social Assistance	27,600	29,100	29,300	29,600	1.0%	7.2%
Leisure and Hospitality	58,900	63,100	63,600	64,200	0.9%	9.0%
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	226,000	225,700	228,600	233,100	2.0%	3.1%
Amusement, Gambling, and Recreation Indus	53,800	55,600	56,600	59,500	5.1%	10.6%
Accommodation and Food Services	46,400	47,900	48,600	51,800	6.6%	11.6%
Accommodation	172,200	170,100	172,000	173,600	0.9%	0.8%
Food Services and Drinking Places	25,300	25,500	25,700	26,400	2.7%	4.3%
Restaurants and Other Eating Places	146,900	144,600	146,300	147,200	0.6%	0.2%
Full-Service Restaurants	139,100	136,700	138,300	139,200	0.7%	0.1%
Limited-Service Restaurants and Other Ea	66,400	64,600	65,400	66,000	0.9%	-0.6%
Other Services	72,700	72,100	72,900	73,200	0.4%	0.7%
Government	54,400	55,700	56,100	56,600	0.9%	4.0%
Federal Government	161,400	161,800	164,300	165,600	0.8%	2.6%
Department of Defense	10,600	10,700	10,800	10,800	0.0%	1.9%
Federal Government excluding Department of	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	0.0%	0.0%
State & Local Government	9,600	9,700	9,800	9,800	0.0%	2.1%
State Government	150,800	151,100	153,500	154,800	0.8%	2.7%
State Government Educational Services	33,400	33,800	33,800	34,000	0.6%	1.8%
State Government Excluding Education	19,600	20,100	20,100	20,200	0.5%	3.1%
Local Government	13,800	13,700	13,700	13,800	0.7%	0.0%
Local Government Educational Services	117,400	117,300	119,700	120,800	0.9%	2.9%
Local Government excluding Educational S	75,400	74,800	77,200	77,900	0.9%	3.3%
County Government	42,000	42,500	42,500	42,900	0.9%	2.1%
City Government	19,000	18,800	18,400	18,700	1.6%	-1.6%
Special Districts plus Indian Tribes	15,500	16,000	16,300	16,400	0.6%	5.8%
	7,500	7,700	7,800	7,800	0.0%	4.0%

**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.

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**Anaheim-Santa Ana-Irvine MD**  
**(Orange County)**  
Industry Employment & Labor Force  
March 2023 Benchmark

Data Not Seasonally Adjusted

	Mar 23	Jan 24	Feb 24 Revised	Mar 24 Prelim	Percent Change Month      Year
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These data are produced by the Labor Market Information Division of the California  
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