

**SAN DIEGO-CALSBAD METROPOLITAN DIVISION  
(SAN DIEGO COUNTY)**

**Nonfarm employment reports job additions in ten of the last twelve months**

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**Between February 2024 and March 2024**, total nonfarm employment in San Diego County increased by 4,400 for a total of 1,557,200 jobs.

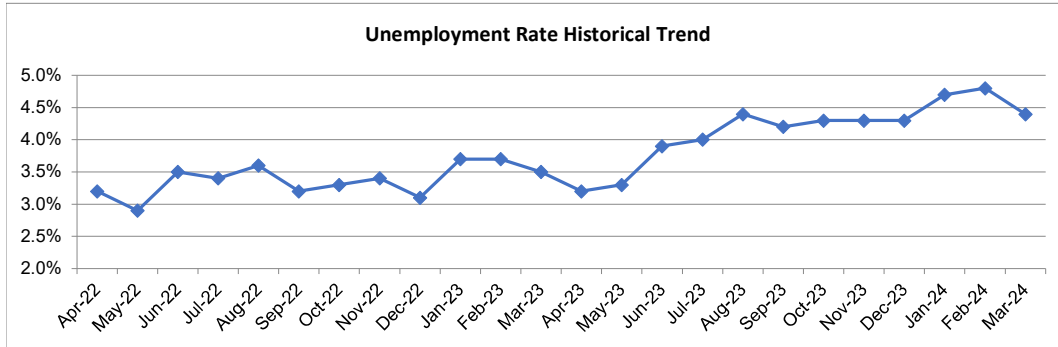
- Government payrolls were extended by 2,000 for the largest industry month-over job advance. The bulk of the growth was driven up by local government (up 1,000), with most of the job increase centered on local government educational services (up 800). Both state (up 900) and federal (up 100) government also reported job advances.
- Leisure and hospitality reported an employment increase of 1,500 jobs. The gains were led by an addition of 800 jobs in accommodation and food services, most of which were centered around food services and drinking places (up 600). Arts, entertainment, and recreation extended the gains with an addition of 700 jobs.
- Construction employment saw its second largest jobs increase of the last twelve months with an addition of 1,300 jobs. Having added jobs in eight of the last twelve months, the industry sector job growth was mostly in specialty trade contractors (up 800). Construction of buildings (up 300) and heavy and civil engineering (up 200) accounted for the remaining growth.
- Professional and business services reported the largest monthly decline with a loss of 1,200 jobs. Professional, scientific, and technical services (down 1,400) accounted for the totality of the industry sector decline but was offset by a job rise in management of companies and enterprises (up 100) and administrative and support and waste management and remediation services (up 100).

**Between March 2023 and March 2024**, nonfarm employment in San Diego County increased by 14,500 or 0.9 percent.

- Private education and health services, the third largest industry job sector in San Diego County, led the year-over growth, adding 15,500 jobs. Health care and social assistance (up 14,000) reported job gains across every health care subsector and accounted for most of the employment development. Private educational services extended the increase with an addition of 1,500 jobs. Private education and health services has reported job gains in ten of the last twelve months.
- Government payrolls were up by 6,200 jobs. The bulk of the growth was driven up by job gains in local government (up 3,800), with most of the increase centered in local government excluding educational services (up 2,300). State government contributed 2,400 jobs to the expansion, while federal government remained unchanged.
- Leisure and hospitality reported an advance of 5,300 jobs. The growth was led by a gain of 2,700 jobs in arts, entertainment, and recreation. This industry sub-sector continues to outperform all other nonfarm sub-sectors in annual percent change with an expansion of 9.4 percent. Accommodation and food services contributed with an additional 2,600 jobs to the growth for a 1.6 percent year-over increase.

IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
 SAN DIEGO-CARLSBAD METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA (MSA)  
 (San Diego County)

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Industry	Feb-2024	Mar-2024	Change		Mar-2023	Mar-2024	Change
	Revised	Prelim				Prelim	
Total, All Industries	1,561,900	1,566,700	4,800		1,552,000	1,566,700	14,700
Total Farm	9,100	9,500	400		9,300	9,500	200
Total Nonfarm	1,552,800	1,557,200	4,400		1,542,700	1,557,200	14,500
Mining, Logging, and Construction	89,500	90,800	1,300		88,000	90,800	2,800
Mining and Logging	400	400	0		300	400	100
Construction	89,100	90,400	1,300		87,700	90,400	2,700
Manufacturing	112,300	112,200	(100)		115,300	112,200	(3,100)
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	220,800	220,500	(300)		220,600	220,500	(100)
Information	21,000	21,100	100		22,100	21,100	(1,000)
Financial Activities	71,200	71,200	0		73,100	71,200	(1,900)
Professional and Business Services	272,000	270,800	(1,200)		281,400	270,800	(10,600)
Private Education and Health Services	253,000	253,800	800		238,300	253,800	15,500
Leisure and Hospitality	200,200	201,700	1,500		196,400	201,700	5,300
Other Services	57,300	57,600	300		56,200	57,600	1,400
Government	255,500	257,500	2,000		251,300	257,500	6,200

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	Year
Civilian Labor Force (1)	1,607,100	1,597,600	1,603,300	1,603,100	0.0%	-0.2%
Civilian Employment	1,550,300	1,521,700	1,526,800	1,532,300	0.4%	-1.2%
Civilian Unemployment	56,900	75,800	76,500	70,800	-7.5%	24.4%
Civilian Unemployment Rate (CA Unemployment Rate)	3.5%	4.7%	4.8%	4.4%		
(U.S. Unemployment Rate)	4.7%	5.7%	5.6%	5.3%		
	3.6%	4.1%	4.2%	3.9%		
Total, All Industries (2)	1,552,000	1,554,600	1,561,900	1,566,700	0.3%	0.9%
Total Farm	9,300	8,700	9,100	9,500	4.4%	2.2%
Total Nonfarm	1,542,700	1,545,900	1,552,800	1,557,200	0.3%	0.9%
Total Private	1,291,400	1,290,800	1,297,300	1,299,700	0.2%	0.6%
Goods Producing	203,300	202,400	201,800	203,000	0.6%	-0.1%
Mining, Logging, and Construction	88,000	89,800	89,500	90,800	1.5%	3.2%
Mining and Logging	300	400	400	400	0.0%	33.3%
Construction	87,700	89,400	89,100	90,400	1.5%	3.1%
Construction of Buildings	21,200	21,800	21,800	22,100	1.4%	4.2%
Heavy and Civil Engineering Construction	7,200	7,900	7,800	8,000	2.6%	11.1%
Specialty Trade Contractors	59,300	59,700	59,500	60,300	1.3%	1.7%
Foundation, Structure, and Building Exterior	10,800	11,300	11,200	11,400	1.8%	5.6%
Building Equipment Contractors	26,700	26,600	26,600	26,800	0.8%	0.4%
Building Finishing Contractors	15,300	15,200	15,100	15,400	2.0%	0.7%
Other Specialty Trade Contractors	6,500	6,600	6,600	6,700	1.5%	3.1%
Manufacturing	115,300	112,600	112,300	112,200	-0.1%	-2.7%
Durable Goods	84,100	82,400	82,000	81,900	-0.1%	-2.6%
Computer and Electronic Product Manufactur	31,000	30,400	30,300	30,300	0.0%	-2.3%
Transportation Equipment Manufacturing	19,400	18,800	18,700	18,500	-1.1%	-4.6%
Aerospace Product and Parts Manufacturing	11,000	10,800	10,800	10,700	-0.9%	-2.7%
Ship and Boat Building	7,200	6,800	6,800	6,700	-1.5%	-6.9%
Non-Durable Goods	31,200	30,200	30,300	30,300	0.0%	-2.9%
Service-Providing	1,339,400	1,343,500	1,351,000	1,354,200	0.2%	1.1%
Private Service Providing	1,088,100	1,088,400	1,095,500	1,096,700	0.1%	0.8%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	220,600	222,600	220,800	220,500	-0.1%	0.0%
Wholesale Trade	43,300	42,200	42,100	42,000	-0.2%	-3.0%
Merchant Wholesalers, Durable Goods	23,100	22,600	22,700	22,600	-0.4%	-2.2%
Merchant Wholesalers, Nondurable Goods	17,300	16,800	16,600	16,600	0.0%	-4.0%
Retail Trade	137,200	139,100	138,200	138,100	-0.1%	0.7%
Motor Vehicle and Parts Dealers	15,900	15,800	15,800	15,800	0.0%	-0.6%
Building Material and Garden Equipment and	10,500	10,300	10,200	10,300	1.0%	-1.9%
Food and Beverage Retailers	32,700	33,100	33,200	33,100	-0.3%	1.2%
Grocery and Convenience Retailers	28,100	28,200	28,300	28,200	-0.4%	0.4%
General Merchandise Retailers	25,500	26,400	26,100	26,100	0.0%	2.4%
Department Stores	9,800	10,200	10,000	9,900	-1.0%	1.0%
Warehouse Clubs, Supercenters, and Other	15,700	16,200	16,100	16,200	0.6%	3.2%
Health and Personal Care Retailers	9,000	9,100	9,000	8,900	-1.1%	-1.1%
Clothing, Clothing Accessories, Shoe, and Je	14,200	14,800	14,300	14,100	-1.4%	-0.7%
Clothing and Clothing Accessories Retailers	10,700	11,400	10,900	10,700	-1.8%	0.0%
Shoe Retailers	2,200	2,200	2,200	2,200	0.0%	0.0%
Sporting Goods, Hobby, Musical Instrument,	15,200	15,200	15,100	15,100	0.0%	-0.7%
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	40,100	41,300	40,500	40,400	-0.2%	0.7%
Utilities	5,800	6,100	6,100	6,100	0.0%	5.2%
Transportation and Warehousing	34,300	35,200	34,400	34,300	-0.3%	0.0%
Warehousing and Storage	5,300	5,200	5,200	5,200	0.0%	-1.9%
Information	22,100	21,200	21,000	21,100	0.5%	-4.5%
Publishing Industries	7,600	7,200	7,100	7,100	0.0%	-6.6%
Newspaper, Periodical, Book, and Directory	1,500	1,500	1,400	1,400	0.0%	-6.7%
Software Publishers	6,100	5,700	5,700	5,700	0.0%	-6.6%
Broadcasting and Content Providers	2,700	2,600	2,500	2,600	4.0%	-3.7%
Telecommunications	5,300	5,200	5,200	5,200	0.0%	-1.9%

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Financial Activities	73,100	71,500	71,200	71,200	0.0%	-2.6%
Finance and Insurance	43,200	41,500	41,300	41,300	0.0%	-4.4%
Credit Intermediation and Related Activities in	16,800	15,400	15,300	15,300	0.0%	-8.9%
Financial Investments and Related Activities	10,300	10,300	10,200	10,200	0.0%	-1.0%
Insurance Carriers and Related Activities	16,100	15,800	15,800	15,800	0.0%	-1.9%
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	29,900	30,000	29,900	29,900	0.0%	0.0%
Real Estate	24,000	24,100	24,100	24,100	0.0%	0.4%
Professional and Business Services	281,400	268,800	272,000	270,800	-0.4%	-3.8%
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Service	160,000	153,900	154,800	153,400	-0.9%	-4.1%
Legal Services	13,600	13,700	13,800	13,800	0.0%	1.5%
Architectural, Engineering, and Related Ser	25,800	25,900	26,000	25,900	-0.4%	0.4%
Scientific Research and Development Servi	45,600	42,700	42,900	42,400	-1.2%	-7.0%
Management of Companies and Enterprises	22,600	21,500	21,500	21,600	0.5%	-4.4%
Administrative and Support and Waste Manag	98,800	93,400	95,700	95,800	0.1%	-3.0%
Administrative and Support Services	94,300	88,900	91,200	91,200	0.0%	-3.3%
Employment Services	40,300	35,300	36,700	36,900	0.5%	-8.4%
Services to Buildings and Dwellings	25,000	25,000	25,800	25,900	0.4%	3.6%
Waste Management and Remediation Servic	4,500	4,500	4,500	4,600	2.2%	2.2%
Private Education and Health Services	238,300	250,800	253,000	253,800	0.3%	6.5%
Private Educational Services	29,400	29,900	30,700	30,900	0.7%	5.1%
Private Colleges, Universities, and Professi	9,000	8,800	9,200	9,200	0.0%	2.2%
Health Care and Social Assistance	208,900	220,900	222,300	222,900	0.3%	6.7%
Ambulatory Health Care Services	92,600	95,600	96,300	95,800	-0.5%	3.5%
Hospitals	23,500	24,900	25,000	25,100	0.4%	6.8%
Nursing and Residential Care Facilities	28,300	30,200	30,400	30,700	1.0%	8.5%
Social Assistance	64,500	70,200	70,600	71,300	1.0%	10.5%
Leisure and Hospitality	196,400	197,500	200,200	201,700	0.7%	2.7%
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	28,800	30,400	30,800	31,500	2.3%	9.4%
Amusement, Gambling, and Recreation Indus	18,800	19,300	19,600	19,900	1.5%	5.9%
Accommodation and Food Services	167,600	167,100	169,400	170,200	0.5%	1.6%
Accommodation	28,900	28,900	29,400	29,600	0.7%	2.4%
Food Services and Drinking Places	138,700	138,200	140,000	140,600	0.4%	1.4%
Restaurants and Other Eating Places	127,800	126,200	127,900	128,300	0.3%	0.4%
Other Services	56,200	56,000	57,300	57,600	0.5%	2.5%
Repair and Maintenance	12,600	12,300	12,700	12,900	1.6%	2.4%
Personal and Laundry Services	21,600	21,900	22,000	22,000	0.0%	1.9%
Religious, Grantmaking, Civic, Professional, &	22,000	21,800	22,600	22,700	0.4%	3.2%
Government	251,300	255,100	255,500	257,500	0.8%	2.5%
Federal Government	47,100	47,000	47,000	47,100	0.2%	0.0%
Federal Government excluding Department of	24,000	23,900	23,900	24,000	0.4%	0.0%
Department of Defense	23,100	23,100	23,100	23,100	0.0%	0.0%
Total State and Local Government	204,200	208,100	208,500	210,400	0.9%	3.0%
State Government	57,800	59,800	59,300	60,200	1.5%	4.2%
State Government Educational Services	36,200	38,500	38,100	38,800	1.8%	7.2%
State Government Excluding Education	21,600	21,300	21,200	21,400	0.9%	-0.9%
Local Government	146,400	148,300	149,200	150,200	0.7%	2.6%
Local Government Educational Services	79,800	80,100	80,500	81,300	1.0%	1.9%
Local Government excluding Educational Ser	66,600	68,200	68,700	68,900	0.3%	3.5%
County Government	20,300	21,200	21,600	21,700	0.5%	6.9%
City Government	19,200	19,400	19,400	19,500	0.5%	1.6%
Special Districts plus Tribes	27,100	27,600	27,700	27,700	0.0%	2.2%

**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.

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**San Diego Carlsbad MSA**  
**(San Diego County)**  
Industry Employment & Labor Force  
March 2023 Benchmark

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	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 Employment Development Department (EDD). Questions should be directed to:  
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