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**ANAHEIM-SANTA ANA-IRVINE METROPOLITAN DIVISION  
(ORANGE COUNTY)**  
**Nonfarm jobs gained 2,400 over the month and 21,000 over the year**

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**Between March 2024 and April 2024**, total nonfarm employment increased from 1,693,400 to 1,695,800, a gain of 2,400 jobs.

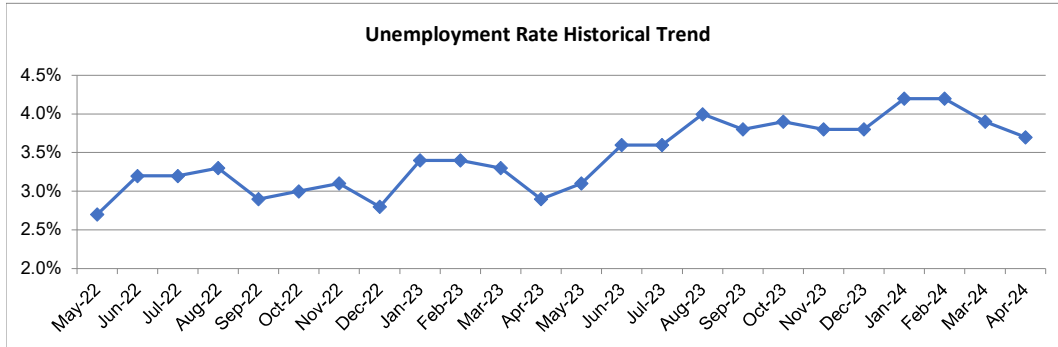
- Private education and health services added 2,400 jobs, the most of any sector, with 88 percent of the increase in health care and social assistance (up 2,100 jobs). The remaining sectoral job growth was in private educational services (up 300 jobs).
- Five other sectors expanded, adding a total of 2,200 jobs. Trade, transportation, and utilities increased by 600 jobs. Financial activities, professional and business services, leisure and hospitality, and other services gained 400 jobs each.
- Three industry sectors contracted over the month: construction (down 1,400 jobs), manufacturing (down 600 jobs), and information (down 200 jobs).
- Government and mining and logging remained unchanged.

**Between April 2023 and April 2024**, total nonfarm employment increased by 21,000 jobs, or 1.3 percent.

- Staffing levels increased in five sectors. Private education and health services gained the most, adding 16,000 jobs. Eighty-nine percent of the gain was in health care and social assistance (up 14,200 jobs). Private educational services added 1,800 jobs.
- Leisure and hospitality was the second industry sector to add the most jobs over the year (up 5,000 jobs). Sixty-eight percent of the payroll gain was in arts, entertainment, and recreation (up 3,400 jobs). Accommodation and food services added 1,600 jobs.
- Employment declined in five other sectors: manufacturing (down 2,400 jobs), professional and business services (down 1,700 jobs), financial activities (down 1,600 jobs), information (down 1,400 jobs), and construction (down 100 jobs). Mining and logging had no change.

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Industry	Mar-2024	Apr-2024	Change		Apr-2023	Apr-2024	Change
	Revised	Prelim				Prelim	
Total, All Industries	1,695,100	1,697,500	2,400		1,676,600	1,697,500	20,900
Total Farm	1,700	1,700	0		1,800	1,700	(100)
Total Nonfarm	1,693,400	1,695,800	2,400		1,674,800	1,695,800	21,000
Mining, Logging and Construction	104,900	103,500	(1,400)		103,600	103,500	(100)
Mining and Logging	300	300	0		300	300	0
Construction	104,600	103,200	(1,400)		103,300	103,200	(100)
Manufacturing	154,400	153,800	(600)		156,200	153,800	(2,400)
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	259,700	260,300	600		259,300	260,300	1,000
Information	21,600	21,400	(200)		22,800	21,400	(1,400)
Financial Activities	102,500	102,900	400		104,500	102,900	(1,600)
Professional and Business Services	319,500	319,900	400		321,600	319,900	(1,700)
Private Education and Health Services	275,900	278,300	2,400		262,300	278,300	16,000
Leisure and Hospitality	232,500	232,900	400		227,900	232,900	5,000
Other Services	56,800	57,200	400		54,900	57,200	2,300
Government	165,600	165,600	0		161,700	165,600	3,900

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).

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	Apr 23	Feb 24	Mar 24 Revised	Apr 24 Prelim	Percent Change	
					Month	Year
Civilian Labor Force (1)	1,579,600	1,597,000	1,599,300	1,580,400	-1.2%	0.1%
Civilian Employment	1,533,400	1,529,800	1,536,500	1,522,600	-0.9%	-0.7%
Civilian Unemployment	46,200	67,200	62,800	57,800	-8.0%	25.1%
Civilian Unemployment Rate (CA Unemployment Rate)	2.9%	4.2%	3.9%	3.7%		
(U.S. Unemployment Rate)	4.1%	5.6%	5.4%	4.8%		
	3.1%	4.2%	3.9%	3.5%		
<b>Total, All Industries (2)</b>	<b>1,676,600</b>	<b>1,689,900</b>	<b>1,695,100</b>	<b>1,697,500</b>	<b>0.1%</b>	<b>1.2%</b>
Total Farm	1,800	1,600	1,700	1,700	0.0%	-5.6%
Total Nonfarm	1,674,800	1,688,300	1,693,400	1,695,800	0.1%	1.3%
Total Private	1,513,100	1,524,000	1,527,800	1,530,200	0.2%	1.1%
Goods Producing	259,800	259,600	259,300	257,300	-0.8%	-1.0%
Mining, Logging and Construction	103,600	104,500	104,900	103,500	-1.3%	-0.1%
Mining and Logging	300	300	300	300	0.0%	0.0%
Construction	103,300	104,200	104,600	103,200	-1.3%	-0.1%
Construction of Buildings	23,300	23,700	23,900	23,600	-1.3%	1.3%
Heavy and Civil Engineering Construction	8,900	8,700	8,800	8,600	-2.3%	-3.4%
Specialty Trade Contractors	71,100	71,800	71,900	71,000	-1.3%	-0.1%
Manufacturing	156,200	155,100	154,400	153,800	-0.4%	-1.5%
Durable Goods	117,300	116,600	116,100	115,700	-0.3%	-1.4%
Fabricated Metal Product Manufacturing	19,900	20,200	20,100	20,000	-0.5%	0.5%
Machinery Manufacturing	7,200	7,000	7,000	6,900	-1.4%	-4.2%
Computer and Electronic Product Manufacturing	33,900	34,100	34,100	33,900	-0.6%	0.0%
Semiconductor and Other Electronic Component Manufacturing	13,300	13,200	13,200	13,100	-0.8%	-1.5%
Navigational, Measuring, Electromedical, and Imaging Equipment Manufacturing	13,800	14,000	14,000	13,900	-0.7%	0.7%
Transportation Equipment Manufacturing	18,000	17,700	17,600	17,600	0.0%	-2.2%
Non-Durable Goods	38,900	38,500	38,300	38,100	-0.5%	-2.1%
Service Providing	1,415,000	1,428,700	1,434,100	1,438,500	0.3%	1.7%
Private Service Providing	1,253,300	1,264,400	1,268,500	1,272,900	0.3%	1.6%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	259,300	260,400	259,700	260,300	0.2%	0.4%
Wholesale Trade	80,300	80,500	80,300	80,700	0.5%	0.5%
Merchant Wholesalers, Durable Goods	48,800	48,700	48,500	48,900	0.8%	0.2%
Merchant Wholesalers, Nondurable Goods	26,400	26,800	26,800	26,800	0.0%	1.5%
Wholesale Trade Agents and Brokers	5,100	5,000	5,000	5,000	0.0%	-2.0%
Retail Trade	144,000	145,000	144,700	144,700	0.0%	0.5%
Motor Vehicle and Parts Dealers	17,500	17,300	17,300	17,500	1.2%	0.0%
Building Material and Garden Equipment and Supplies Dealers	10,900	10,800	10,800	10,900	0.9%	0.0%
Food and Beverage Retailers	30,700	32,000	32,100	31,900	-0.6%	3.9%
Grocery and Convenience Retailers	27,900	28,900	29,000	28,900	-0.3%	3.6%
General Merchandise Retailers	26,700	26,900	26,900	27,000	0.4%	1.1%
Health and Personal Care Retailers	14,300	14,300	14,200	14,200	0.0%	-0.7%
Clothing, Clothing Accessories, Shoe, and Jewelry Retailers	14,300	14,400	14,300	14,200	-0.7%	-0.7%
Sporting Goods, Hobby, Musical Instrument, Book, and General Merchandise Retailers	14,300	14,300	14,200	14,300	0.7%	0.0%
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	35,000	34,900	34,700	34,900	0.6%	-0.3%
Transportation and Warehousing	31,700	31,500	31,300	31,600	1.0%	-0.3%
Couriers and Messengers	9,200	9,300	9,200	9,200	0.0%	0.0%
Warehousing and Storage	7,200	7,300	7,200	7,200	0.0%	0.0%
Information	22,800	21,500	21,600	21,400	-0.9%	-6.1%
Publishing Industries	9,200	8,800	8,800	8,800	0.0%	-4.3%
Telecommunications	5,700	5,400	5,400	5,400	0.0%	-5.3%
Financial Activities	104,500	103,100	102,500	102,900	0.4%	-1.5%
Finance and Insurance	64,200	61,700	61,700	61,900	0.3%	-3.6%
Credit Intermediation and Related Activities including Indirect Lending	29,700	27,900	27,900	28,000	0.4%	-5.7%
Depository Credit Intermediation including Mortgage Lending	13,100	12,300	12,200	12,300	0.8%	-6.1%
Nondepository Credit Intermediation	11,200	10,700	10,700	10,700	0.0%	-4.5%
Insurance Carriers and Related Activities	21,800	21,300	21,300	21,300	0.0%	-2.3%
Insurance Carriers	7,500	7,300	7,300	7,300	0.0%	-2.7%
Agencies, Brokerages, and Other Insurance Activities	14,300	14,000	14,000	14,000	0.0%	-2.1%

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Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	40,300	41,400	40,800	41,000	0.5%	1.7%
Real Estate	34,500	35,400	34,800	34,900	0.3%	1.2%
Professional and Business Services	321,600	320,800	319,500	319,900	0.1%	-0.5%
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	139,600	141,300	140,200	140,900	0.5%	0.9%
Legal Services	16,900	17,500	17,400	17,400	0.0%	3.0%
Accounting, Tax Preparation, Bookkeeping, and Payroll Services	18,100	18,000	18,000	18,000	0.0%	-0.6%
Architectural, Engineering, and Related Services	26,100	26,600	26,400	26,400	0.0%	1.1%
Computer Systems Design and Related Services	23,900	24,100	23,900	23,900	0.0%	0.0%
Management, Scientific, and Technical Consulting Services	29,100	28,800	28,600	28,700	0.3%	-1.4%
Management of Companies and Enterprises	37,100	37,700	37,900	37,800	-0.3%	1.9%
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	144,900	141,800	141,400	141,200	-0.1%	-2.6%
Administrative and Support Services	139,700	136,500	136,000	135,700	-0.2%	-2.9%
Employment Services	65,300	61,700	61,600	61,500	-0.2%	-5.8%
Investigation and Security Services	13,300	13,700	13,600	13,700	0.7%	3.0%
Services to Buildings and Dwellings	35,000	34,600	35,400	35,900	1.4%	2.6%
Waste Management and Remediation Services	5,200	5,300	5,400	5,500	1.9%	5.8%
Private Education and Health Services	262,300	273,900	275,900	278,300	0.9%	6.1%
Private Educational Services	39,900	41,200	41,400	41,700	0.7%	4.5%
Private Colleges, Universities, and Professional Schools	7,900	8,300	8,400	8,400	0.0%	6.3%
Health Care and Social Assistance	222,400	232,700	234,500	236,600	0.9%	6.4%
Ambulatory Health Care Services	100,500	103,300	103,800	105,300	1.4%	4.8%
Hospitals	35,100	36,500	36,900	37,000	0.3%	5.4%
Nursing and Residential Care Facilities	27,600	29,300	29,600	29,700	0.3%	7.6%
Social Assistance	59,200	63,600	64,200	64,600	0.6%	9.1%
Leisure and Hospitality	227,900	228,600	232,500	232,900	0.2%	2.2%
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	54,900	56,600	59,500	58,300	-2.0%	6.2%
Amusement, Gambling, and Recreation Industries	47,100	48,600	51,800	50,500	-2.5%	7.2%
Accommodation and Food Services	173,000	172,000	173,000	174,600	0.9%	0.9%
Accommodation	25,400	25,700	26,500	27,000	1.9%	6.3%
Food Services and Drinking Places	147,600	146,300	146,500	147,600	0.8%	0.0%
Restaurants and Other Eating Places	139,900	138,300	138,600	139,600	0.7%	-0.2%
Full-Service Restaurants	66,500	65,400	65,700	66,200	0.8%	-0.5%
Limited-Service Restaurants and Other Eating Places	73,400	72,900	72,900	73,400	0.7%	0.0%
Other Services	54,900	56,100	56,800	57,200	0.7%	4.2%
Government	161,700	164,300	165,600	165,600	0.0%	2.4%
Federal Government	10,700	10,800	10,800	10,800	0.0%	0.9%
Department of Defense	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	0.0%	0.0%
Federal Government excluding Department of Defense	9,700	9,800	9,800	9,800	0.0%	1.0%
State & Local Government	151,000	153,500	154,800	154,800	0.0%	2.5%
State Government	33,900	33,800	34,000	34,100	0.3%	0.6%
State Government Educational Services	19,800	20,100	20,200	20,200	0.0%	2.0%
State Government Excluding Education	14,100	13,700	13,800	13,900	0.7%	-1.4%
Local Government	117,100	119,700	120,800	120,700	-0.1%	3.1%
Local Government Educational Services	75,600	77,200	77,900	78,100	0.3%	3.3%
Local Government excluding Educational Services	41,500	42,500	42,900	42,600	-0.7%	2.7%
County Government	18,300	18,400	18,700	18,400	-1.6%	0.5%
City Government	15,600	16,300	16,500	16,500	0.0%	5.8%
Special Districts plus Indian Tribes	7,600	7,800	7,700	7,700	0.0%	1.3%

**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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