

**OAKLAND-HAYWARD-BERKELEY METROPOLITAN DIVISION (MD)
(ALAMEDA AND CONTRA COSTA COUNTIES)**

Construction continues to lead major job gains over the year

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Between March 2018 and April 2018, the total number of jobs in the East Bay counties of Alameda and Contra Costa increased by 4,700 jobs to total 1,181,800.

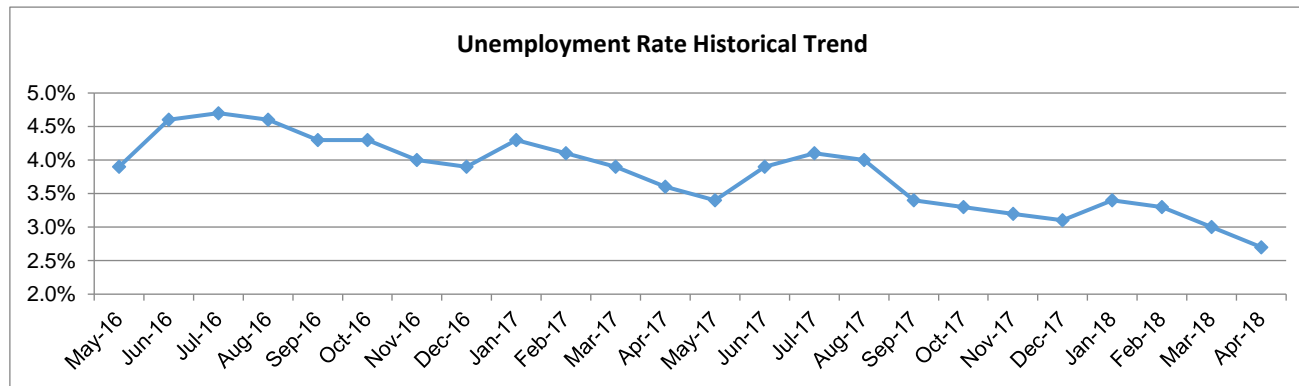
- Leisure and hospitality netted the largest gain of 2,400 jobs from last month. This gain was also the largest percentage change among major industries (up 2.1 percent).
- Construction and trade, transportation and utilities both gained 1,100 jobs. Specialty trade contractors drove most of the growth in construction (up 1,000 jobs) and, transportation and warehousing accounted for most of the gain (up 600 jobs) in trade, transportation, and utilities.
- Financial activities increased by 1,000 jobs or 1.2 percent. This gain is composed of finance and insurance (up 600 jobs), and real estate and rental and leasing (up 400 jobs).
- Private educational and Health Services lost the most number of jobs between March and April 2018. This loss was due to a decrease in health care and social assistance, particularly in ambulatory health care services (down 1,600 jobs).

Between April 2017 and April 2018, the total number of jobs located in the East Bay increased by 24,100, or 2.1 percent.

- Construction led the year-over growth, adding a net 5,800 jobs (up 8.5 percent) from last year. Notable gains in construction include: heavy and civil engineering construction (up 1,200), building equipment contractors (up 1,500 jobs), and specialty trade contractors (up 3,800 jobs).
- Notable gains among the major industries include: Professional and business services (up 4,500 jobs), manufacturing (up 4,200 jobs), trade, transportation, and utilities (up 3,700 jobs), private educational and health services (up 3,400 jobs), government (up 1,700 jobs), leisure and hospitality (up 1,100 jobs).
- Industries with gains of under 1,000 jobs include: financial activities (up 500 jobs) and information (up 400 jobs).
- Other services was the only industry to experience a net loss among the major industry groups (down 1,400). The majority of this loss is attributed to religious, grantmaking, civic, professional, and similar organizations (down 900 jobs).

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Industry	Mar-2018	Apr-2018	Change		Apr-2017	Apr-2018	Change
	Revised	Prelim				Prelim	
Total, All Industries	1,177,100	1,181,800	4,700		1,157,700	1,181,800	24,100
Total Farm	1,200	1,300	100		1,200	1,300	100
Total Nonfarm	1,175,900	1,180,500	4,600		1,156,500	1,180,500	24,000
Mining, Logging, and Construction	73,500	74,600	1,100		68,700	74,600	5,900
Mining and Logging	400	400	0		300	400	100
Construction	73,100	74,200	1,100		68,400	74,200	5,800
Manufacturing	97,600	97,900	300		93,700	97,900	4,200
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	205,400	206,500	1,100		202,800	206,500	3,700
Information	26,600	26,600	0		26,200	26,600	400
Financial Activities	57,100	58,100	1,000		57,600	58,100	500
Professional & Business Services	188,800	188,400	(400)		183,900	188,400	4,500
Educational & Health Services	196,600	195,000	(1,600)		191,600	195,000	3,400
Leisure & Hospitality	113,400	115,800	2,400		114,700	115,800	1,100
Other Services	38,400	38,800	400		40,200	38,800	(1,400)
Government	178,500	178,800	300		177,100	178,800	1,700

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

	Apr 17	Feb 18	Mar 18 Revised	Apr 18 Prelim	Percent Change	
					Month	Year
Civilian Labor Force (1)	1,404,300	1,420,400	1,413,200	1,401,400	-0.8%	-0.2%
Civilian Employment	1,353,700	1,374,100	1,370,600	1,363,000	-0.6%	0.7%
Civilian Unemployment	50,600	46,200	42,600	38,400	-9.9%	-24.1%
Civilian Unemployment Rate (CA Unemployment Rate)	3.6%	3.3%	3.0%	2.7%		
(U.S. Unemployment Rate)	4.7%	4.5%	4.2%	3.8%		
	4.1%	4.4%	4.1%	3.7%		

Total, All Industries (2)	1,157,700	1,173,500	1,177,100	1,181,800	0.4%	2.1%
Total Farm	1,200	1,100	1,200	1,300	8.3%	8.3%
Total Nonfarm	1,156,500	1,172,400	1,175,900	1,180,500	0.4%	2.1%
Total Private	979,400	995,500	997,400	1,001,700	0.4%	2.3%
Goods Producing	162,400	170,100	171,100	172,500	0.8%	6.2%
Mining, Logging, and Construction	68,700	73,000	73,500	74,600	1.5%	8.6%
Mining and Logging	300	400	400	400	0.0%	33.3%
Construction	68,400	72,600	73,100	74,200	1.5%	8.5%
Construction of Buildings	15,100	15,800	15,800	15,900	0.6%	5.3%
Residential Building Construction	9,500	9,800	9,800	9,800	0.0%	3.2%
Nonresidential Building Construction	5,600	6,000	6,000	6,100	1.7%	8.9%
Heavy & Civil Engineering Construction	7,600	9,100	8,800	8,800	0.0%	15.8%
Specialty Trade Contractors	45,700	47,700	48,500	49,500	2.1%	8.3%
Building Foundation & Exterior Contractors	8,400	8,700	9,100	9,000	-1.1%	7.1%
Building Equipment Contractors	20,000	21,000	21,600	21,500	-0.5%	7.5%
Manufacturing	93,700	97,100	97,600	97,900	0.3%	4.5%
Durable Goods	60,300	64,000	64,400	64,800	0.6%	7.5%
Computer & Electronic Product Manufacturing	18,200	18,800	18,900	19,000	0.5%	4.4%
Nondurable Goods	33,400	33,100	33,200	33,100	-0.3%	-0.9%
Service Providing	994,100	1,002,300	1,004,800	1,008,000	0.3%	1.4%
Private Service Providing	817,000	825,400	826,300	829,200	0.4%	1.5%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	202,800	206,100	205,400	206,500	0.5%	1.8%
Wholesale Trade	49,000	49,500	48,900	49,100	0.4%	0.2%
Merchant Wholesalers, Durable Goods	26,500	26,800	26,500	26,500	0.0%	0.0%
Merchant Wholesalers, Nondurable Goods	18,300	18,400	18,300	18,400	0.5%	0.5%
Retail Trade	114,200	115,500	114,900	115,100	0.2%	0.8%
Motor Vehicle & Parts Dealer	13,300	13,500	13,400	13,500	0.7%	1.5%
Food & Beverage Stores	25,800	25,700	25,700	25,900	0.8%	0.4%
Health & Personal Care Stores	7,800	7,800	7,700	7,700	0.0%	-1.3%
Clothing & Clothing Accessories Stores	10,700	10,400	10,200	10,200	0.0%	-4.7%
Sporting Goods, Hobby, Book & Music Stores	4,700	4,600	4,600	4,500	-2.2%	-4.3%
General Merchandise Stores	19,700	21,000	20,700	20,700	0.0%	5.1%
Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities	39,600	41,100	41,600	42,300	1.7%	6.8%
Transportation & Warehousing	33,900	35,400	35,800	36,400	1.7%	7.4%
Truck Transportation	8,300	8,700	8,700	8,900	2.3%	7.2%
Couriers & Messengers	7,700	9,000	9,100	9,100	0.0%	18.2%
Warehousing & Storage	4,200	4,200	4,200	4,300	2.4%	2.4%
Information	26,200	26,600	26,600	26,600	0.0%	1.5%
Publishing Industries (except Internet)	6,900	7,000	7,000	6,900	-1.4%	0.0%
Telecommunications	6,500	6,300	6,200	6,100	-1.6%	-6.2%
Financial Activities	57,600	57,400	57,100	58,100	1.8%	0.9%
Finance & Insurance	40,500	40,300	40,200	40,800	1.5%	0.7%
Credit Intermediation & Related Activities	17,800	17,600	17,500	17,800	1.7%	0.0%
Insurance Carriers & Related	18,200	18,300	18,200	18,400	1.1%	1.1%
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	17,100	17,100	16,900	17,300	2.4%	1.2%
Real Estate	13,000	13,000	12,800	13,100	2.3%	0.8%
Professional & Business Services	183,900	185,800	188,800	188,400	-0.2%	2.4%
Professional, Scientific & Technical Services	95,600	97,100	97,600	97,700	0.1%	2.2%
Architectural, Engineering & Related Services	16,400	16,800	16,800	16,900	0.6%	3.0%
Computer Systems Design & Related Services	27,000	27,200	27,000	27,300	1.1%	1.1%

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Management of Companies & Enterprises	22,300	23,000	23,000	23,000	0.0%	3.1%
Administrative & Support & Waste Services	66,000	65,700	68,200	67,700	-0.7%	2.6%
Administrative & Support Services	60,000	59,800	62,100	61,900	-0.3%	3.2%
Employment Services	26,300	25,300	26,500	26,400	-0.4%	0.4%
Investigation & Security Services	9,600	10,100	10,400	10,300	-1.0%	7.3%
Services to Buildings & Dwellings	15,800	15,700	16,100	16,100	0.0%	1.9%
Educational & Health Services	191,600	196,300	196,600	195,000	-0.8%	1.8%
Educational Services	24,200	24,400	24,600	24,600	0.0%	1.7%
Health Care & Social Assistance	167,400	171,900	172,000	170,400	-0.9%	1.8%
Ambulatory Health Care Services	65,600	66,800	66,900	65,500	-2.1%	-0.2%
Hospitals	26,100	26,400	26,400	26,300	-0.4%	0.8%
Nursing & Residential Care Facilities	22,500	22,900	22,900	22,800	-0.4%	1.3%
Social Assistance	53,200	55,800	55,800	55,800	0.0%	4.9%
Leisure & Hospitality	114,700	113,500	113,400	115,800	2.1%	1.0%
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	17,000	16,800	17,200	17,600	2.3%	3.5%
Accommodation & Food Services	97,700	96,700	96,200	98,200	2.1%	0.5%
Accommodation	7,900	7,900	7,900	8,000	1.3%	1.3%
Food Services & Drinking Places	89,800	88,800	88,300	90,200	2.2%	0.4%
Other Services	40,200	39,700	38,400	38,800	1.0%	-3.5%
Repair & Maintenance	11,500	11,500	11,100	11,200	0.9%	-2.6%
Personal & Laundry Services	12,000	12,000	11,700	11,800	0.9%	-1.7%
Religious, Grants, Civic, Professional & Like Org	16,700	16,200	15,600	15,800	1.3%	-5.4%
Government	177,100	176,900	178,500	178,800	0.2%	1.0%
Federal Government	13,800	13,500	13,500	13,500	0.0%	-2.2%
Department of Defense	300	300	300	300	0.0%	0.0%
Federal Government excluding Department of	13,500	13,200	13,200	13,200	0.0%	-2.2%
State & Local Government	163,300	163,400	165,000	165,300	0.2%	1.2%
State Government	40,500	40,200	40,700	40,700	0.0%	0.5%
State Government Education	28,900	28,700	29,200	29,200	0.0%	1.0%
State Government Excluding Education	11,600	11,500	11,500	11,500	0.0%	-0.9%
Local Government	122,800	123,200	124,300	124,600	0.2%	1.5%
Local Government Education	64,600	64,100	65,200	65,400	0.3%	1.2%
Local Government Excluding Education	58,200	59,100	59,100	59,200	0.2%	1.7%
County	24,600	25,200	25,300	25,400	0.4%	3.3%
City	17,500	17,700	17,600	17,600	0.0%	0.6%
Special Districts plus Indian Tribes	16,100	16,200	16,200	16,200	0.0%	0.6%

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: Shanise Lukie 510-564-0523 or Jorge Villalobos 707-566-3882

These data, as well as other labor market data, are available via the Internet at <http://www.labormarketinfo.edd.ca.gov>. If you need assistance, please call (916) 262-2162.

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