

**ANAHEIM-SANTA ANA-IRVINE METROPOLITAN DIVISION  
(ORANGE COUNTY)**

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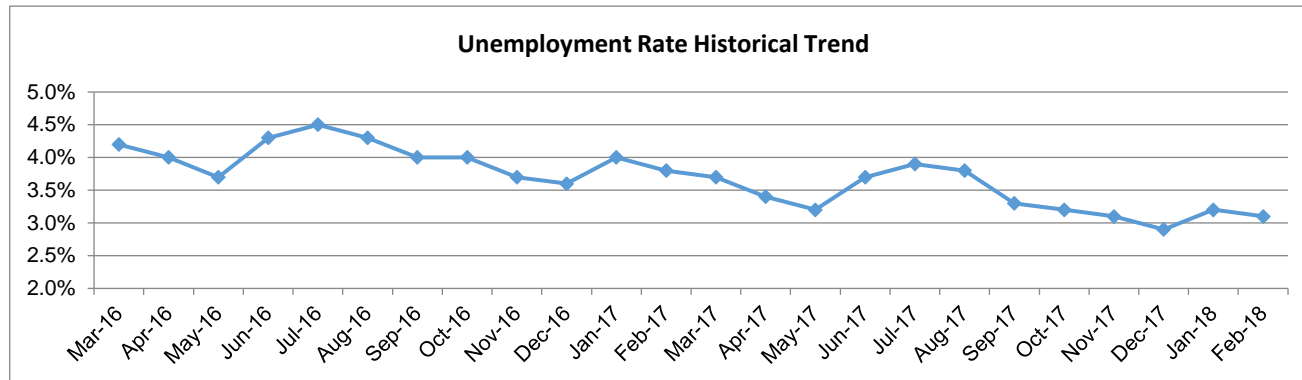
- Government reported the largest growth with the addition of 4,500 jobs overall. Ninety-five percent of the increase was in local government education (up 4,200) as employees returned to work following the winter holiday breaks.
- Educational and health services added 2,200 jobs, with 60 percent of the growth in educational services (up 1,400), led by advances in colleges, universities, and professional schools.
- Manufacturing gained 1,700 payroll jobs over the month with non-durable goods accounting for nearly 60 percent of the growth (up 1,000).
- Trade, transportation and utilities posted the largest month-over decline with the loss of 3,800 jobs. The majority of the loss was reported in retail trade largely due to seasonal cutbacks of temporary workers following the holiday shopping season.

**Between February 2017 and February 2018**, total nonfarm employment increased by 31,900 jobs, or two percent.

- Educational and health services posted the largest year-over payroll employment growth with an increase of 9,200 jobs. Over 90 percent of the growth was healthcare and social assistance.
- Seven other sectors with employment increases were: professional and business services (up 8,900), construction (up 6,300), leisure and hospitality (up 5,600), government (up 2,100), financial activities (up 600), mining and logging and information (up 100 jobs each).
- Three sectors reported an overall payroll employment loss over the year: other services (down 700), manufacturing (down 200), and trade, transportation and utilities (down 100).

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Industry	Jan-2018	Feb-2018	Change		Feb-2017	Feb-2018	Change
	Revised	Prelim				Prelim	
Total, All Industries	1,621,500	1,628,000	6,500		1,596,100	1,628,000	31,900
Total Farm	2,100	2,300	200		2,300	2,300	0
Total Nonfarm	1,619,400	1,625,700	6,300		1,593,800	1,625,700	31,900
Mining, Logging, and Construction	103,200	103,800	600		97,400	103,800	6,400
Mining and Logging	700	700	0		600	700	100
Construction	102,500	103,100	600		96,800	103,100	6,300
Manufacturing	157,000	158,700	1,700		158,900	158,700	(200)
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	262,900	259,100	(3,800)		259,200	259,100	(100)
Information	26,900	27,200	300		27,100	27,200	100
Financial Activities	118,700	119,100	400		118,500	119,100	600
Professional & Business Services	302,900	303,500	600		294,600	303,500	8,900
Educational & Health Services	220,000	222,200	2,200		213,000	222,200	9,200
Leisure & Hospitality	216,900	217,400	500		211,800	217,400	5,600
Other Services	49,700	49,000	(700)		49,700	49,000	(700)
Government	161,200	165,700	4,500		163,600	165,700	2,100

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

Data Not Seasonally Adjusted

	Feb 17	Dec 17	Jan 18	Feb 18	Percent Change	
			Revised	Prelim	Month	Year
Civilian Labor Force (1)	1,614,400	1,629,100	1,620,300	1,627,300	0.4%	0.8%
Civilian Employment	1,552,500	1,581,800	1,568,600	1,576,900	0.5%	1.6%
Civilian Unemployment	61,900	47,300	51,700	50,300	-2.7%	-18.7%
Civilian Unemployment Rate	3.8%	2.9%	3.2%	3.1%		
(CA Unemployment Rate)	5.4%	4.2%	4.6%	4.5%		
(U.S. Unemployment Rate)	4.9%	3.9%	4.5%	4.4%		

Total, All Industries (2)	1,596,100	1,653,600	1,621,500	1,628,000	0.4%	2.0%
Total Farm	2,300	1,900	2,100	2,300	9.5%	0.0%
Total Nonfarm	1,593,800	1,651,700	1,619,400	1,625,700	0.4%	2.0%
Total Private	1,430,200	1,487,600	1,458,200	1,460,000	0.1%	2.1%
Goods Producing	256,300	263,600	260,200	262,500	0.9%	2.4%
Mining, Logging, and Construction	97,400	105,300	103,200	103,800	0.6%	6.6%
Mining and Logging	600	700	700	700	0.0%	16.7%
Construction	96,800	104,600	102,500	103,100	0.6%	6.5%
Construction of Buildings	19,900	21,200	21,000	21,100	0.5%	6.0%
Heavy & Civil Engineering Construction	10,900	11,400	11,100	11,300	1.8%	3.7%
Specialty Trade Contractors	66,000	72,000	70,400	70,700	0.4%	7.1%
Manufacturing	158,900	158,300	157,000	158,700	1.1%	-0.1%
Durable Goods	116,100	115,300	114,900	115,600	0.6%	-0.4%
Fabricated Metal Product Manufacturing	21,900	21,600	21,500	21,700	0.9%	-0.9%
Machinery Manufacturing	9,200	8,900	9,000	9,000	0.0%	-2.2%
Computer & Electronic Product Manufacturing	32,900	33,300	33,200	33,300	0.3%	1.2%
Semiconductor & Electronic Component Mfg	12,100	12,300	12,300	12,400	0.8%	2.5%
Electronic Instrument Manufacturing	13,700	13,700	13,700	13,800	0.7%	0.7%
Transportation Equipment Manufacturing	17,300	16,400	16,400	16,400	0.0%	-5.2%
Nondurable Goods	42,800	43,000	42,100	43,100	2.4%	0.7%
Service Providing	1,337,500	1,388,100	1,359,200	1,363,200	0.3%	1.9%
Private Service Providing	1,173,900	1,224,000	1,198,000	1,197,500	0.0%	2.0%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	259,200	271,200	262,900	259,100	-1.4%	0.0%
Wholesale Trade	81,200	82,000	81,400	82,300	1.1%	1.4%
Merchant Wholesalers, Durable Goods	46,000	45,100	44,900	45,400	1.1%	-1.3%
Merchant Wholesalers, Nondurable Goods	23,500	24,200	24,000	24,200	0.8%	3.0%
Wholesale Electronic Markets & Agents & Brokers	11,700	12,700	12,500	12,700	1.6%	8.5%
Retail Trade	151,000	160,600	153,700	149,500	-2.7%	-1.0%
Motor Vehicle & Parts Dealer	19,000	19,000	18,700	18,600	-0.5%	-2.1%
Building Material & Garden Equipment Stores	10,500	11,000	10,700	10,800	0.9%	2.9%
Food & Beverage Stores	30,300	31,000	30,100	30,000	-0.3%	-1.0%
Grocery Stores	27,200	27,700	26,900	26,800	-0.4%	-1.5%
Health & Personal Care Stores	11,800	11,900	11,500	11,400	-0.9%	-3.4%
Clothing & Clothing Accessories Stores	16,300	18,900	17,100	16,100	-5.8%	-1.2%
Sporting Goods, Hobby, Book & Music Stores	5,900	6,400	5,900	5,700	-3.4%	-3.4%
General Merchandise Stores	27,200	32,300	29,800	27,400	-8.1%	0.7%
Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities	27,000	28,600	27,800	27,300	-1.8%	1.1%
Utilities	3,000	3,000	2,900	2,900	0.0%	-3.3%
Transportation & Warehousing	24,000	25,600	24,900	24,400	-2.0%	1.7%
Couriers & Messengers	5,500	6,500	6,000	5,700	-5.0%	3.6%
Warehousing & Storage	4,500	4,600	4,600	4,500	-2.2%	0.0%
Information	27,100	27,300	26,900	27,200	1.1%	0.4%
Publishing Industries (except Internet)	10,200	10,200	10,200	10,200	0.0%	0.0%
Telecommunications	7,800	7,700	7,600	7,600	0.0%	-2.6%
Financial Activities	118,500	119,000	118,700	119,100	0.3%	0.5%
Finance & Insurance	80,600	80,000	80,300	79,900	-0.5%	-0.9%
Credit Intermediation & Related Activities	43,900	43,500	43,500	43,400	-0.2%	-1.1%
Depository Credit Intermediation	18,000	17,300	17,300	17,300	0.0%	-3.9%
Nondepository Credit Intermediation	18,200	18,200	18,100	18,300	1.1%	0.5%
Insurance Carriers & Related	24,800	24,600	24,700	24,900	0.8%	0.4%

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Insurance Carriers	8,900	8,800	8,900	8,900	0.0%	0.0%
Agencies, Broker, & Other Insurance Related	15,900	15,800	15,800	16,000	1.3%	0.6%
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	37,900	39,000	38,400	39,200	2.1%	3.4%
Real Estate	32,100	33,300	32,700	33,300	1.8%	3.7%
Professional & Business Services	294,600	313,000	302,900	303,500	0.2%	3.0%
Professional, Scientific & Technical Services	125,600	126,400	125,700	124,800	-0.7%	-0.6%
Legal Services	16,100	15,900	15,700	15,600	-0.6%	-3.1%
Accounting, Tax Preparation & Bookkeeping S	16,100	15,100	15,500	16,000	3.2%	-0.6%
Architectural, Engineering & Related Services	24,000	24,900	25,200	24,400	-3.2%	1.7%
Computer Systems Design & Related Services	21,000	21,400	21,500	21,400	-0.5%	1.9%
Management, Scientific & Technical Consulting	24,700	25,700	25,200	25,000	-0.8%	1.2%
Management of Companies & Enterprises	34,100	34,500	33,700	33,700	0.0%	-1.2%
Administrative & Support & Waste Services	134,900	152,100	143,500	145,000	1.0%	7.5%
Administrative & Support Services	130,300	147,400	138,800	140,200	1.0%	7.6%
Employment Services	61,200	74,700	69,400	69,900	0.7%	14.2%
Investigation & Security Services	11,500	12,800	12,500	12,600	0.8%	9.6%
Services to Buildings & Dwellings	31,500	32,400	31,200	31,600	1.3%	0.3%
Waste Management & Remediation Services	4,600	4,700	4,700	4,800	2.1%	4.3%
Educational & Health Services	213,000	221,900	220,000	222,200	1.0%	4.3%
Educational Services	28,800	28,800	28,000	29,400	5.0%	2.1%
Colleges, Universities & Professional Schools	6,800	7,500	6,900	7,500	8.7%	10.3%
Health Care & Social Assistance	184,200	193,100	192,000	192,800	0.4%	4.7%
Ambulatory Health Care Services	82,900	87,100	86,000	86,200	0.2%	4.0%
Hospitals	31,700	32,900	32,800	33,000	0.6%	4.1%
Nursing & Residential Care Facilities	26,000	26,800	26,900	26,900	0.0%	3.5%
Social Assistance	43,600	46,300	46,300	46,700	0.9%	7.1%
Leisure & Hospitality	211,800	220,400	216,900	217,400	0.2%	2.6%
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	47,100	49,700	48,900	49,300	0.8%	4.7%
Amusement, Gambling & Recreation	40,000	42,600	42,000	42,100	0.2%	5.3%
Accommodation & Food Services	164,700	170,700	168,000	168,100	0.1%	2.1%
Accommodation	25,500	26,200	25,800	26,000	0.8%	2.0%
Food Services & Drinking Places	139,200	144,500	142,200	142,100	-0.1%	2.1%
Restaurants	132,500	137,600	135,700	135,600	-0.1%	2.3%
Full-Service Restaurants	68,800	70,400	70,200	69,300	-1.3%	0.7%
Limited-Service Eating Places	63,700	67,200	65,500	66,300	1.2%	4.1%
Other Services	49,700	51,200	49,700	49,000	-1.4%	-1.4%
Government	163,600	164,100	161,200	165,700	2.8%	1.3%
Federal Government	11,300	11,500	11,300	11,200	-0.9%	-0.9%
Department of Defense	1,100	1,100	1,100	1,100	0.0%	0.0%
Federal Government excluding Department of	10,200	10,400	10,200	10,100	-1.0%	-1.0%
State & Local Government	152,300	152,600	149,900	154,500	3.1%	1.4%
State Government	32,100	32,400	32,100	32,400	0.9%	0.9%
State Government Education	21,600	21,900	21,600	21,900	1.4%	1.4%
State Government Excluding Education	10,500	10,500	10,500	10,500	0.0%	0.0%
Local Government	120,200	120,200	117,800	122,100	3.7%	1.6%
Local Government Education	79,200	78,900	76,900	81,100	5.5%	2.4%
Local Government Excluding Education	41,000	41,300	40,900	41,000	0.2%	0.0%
County	18,600	18,700	18,400	18,200	-1.1%	-2.2%
City	15,500	15,600	15,500	15,800	1.9%	1.9%
Special Districts plus Indian Tribes	6,900	7,000	7,000	7,000	0.0%	1.4%

**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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**Anaheim-Santa Ana-Irvine MD**  
**(Orange County)**  
Industry Employment & Labor Force  
March 2017 Benchmark

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	Feb 17	Dec 17	Jan 18 Revised	Feb 18 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: Maritza Gamboa 714-687-4816 or Olga Hernandez 562-427-6482

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