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**OAKLAND-HAYWARD-BERKELEY METROPOLITAN DIVISION (MD)**  
**(ALAMEDA AND CONTRA COSTA COUNTIES)**  
**Trade, transportation, and utilities (down 6,600 jobs) led month-over cutbacks.**

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**NOTE:** Labor Force and Industry data contained in this release differ from previous information due to the U.S. Department of Labor's annual revision process.

**Between December 2023 and January 2024**, the total number of jobs located in the East Bay counties of Alameda and Contra Costa decreased by 20,100 to total 1,185,200.

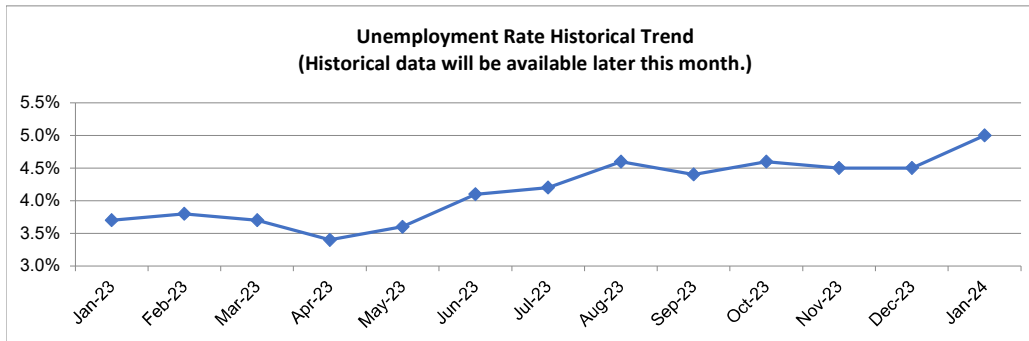
- Trade, transportation, and utilities (down 6,600 jobs) recorded the largest month-over job loss. Retail trade (down 3,300) accounted for fifty percent of the cutback while transportation, warehousing, and utilities dwindled by 3,100 jobs and wholesale trade lost 200 jobs.
- Construction (down 5,700 jobs) continued to report month-over decreases as the rainy season continued. Specialty trade contractors (down 3,900) contributed to most of the contraction while heavy and civil engineering construction dropped 1,400 jobs and construction of buildings declined by 400 jobs.
- Leisure and hospitality diminished by 2,200 jobs and professional and business services curtailed 2,100 jobs. Losses were recorded in all categories of the industries.
- Other industries that experienced notable month-over downturns included: manufacturing (down 1,400 jobs), private education and health services (down 1,100), and financial activities (down 900).

**Between January 2023 and January 2024**, the total number of jobs located in the East Bay increased by 16,400 or 1.4 percent.

- Going into the new year, private education and health services (up 12,900 jobs) continued to carry year-over job gains. Much of the improvement continued to be concentrated in health care and social assistance (up 12,800).
- Government and leisure and hospitality picked up 3,400 jobs each. Almost all gains in government were concentrated in local government (up 3,400 jobs), while federal government added 100 jobs and state government cut back 100 jobs. Leisure and hospitality saw growth in all categories.
- Other services (up 2,400 jobs) and professional and business services (up 1,000) also noted year-over job expansion.
- On the downside, manufacturing reduced its employment by 3,300 jobs. All the loss came from durable goods (down 3,400 jobs) while non-durable goods grew by 100 jobs.
- Trade, transportation, and utilities (down 1,700 jobs) and information (down 1,500) offset the overall year-over upswing as well.

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Industry	Dec-2023	Jan-2024	Change		Jan-2023	Jan-2024	Change
	Revised	Prelim				Prelim	
Total, All Industries	1,205,300	1,185,200	(20,100)		1,168,800	1,185,200	16,400
Total Farm	1,900	1,800	(100)		1,500	1,800	300
Total Nonfarm	1,203,400	1,183,400	(20,000)		1,167,300	1,183,400	16,100
Mining, Logging, and Construction	75,700	70,000	(5,700)		69,700	70,000	300
Mining and Logging	300	300	0		300	300	0
Construction	75,400	69,700	(5,700)		69,400	69,700	300
Manufacturing	110,900	109,500	(1,400)		112,800	109,500	(3,300)
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	207,100	200,500	(6,600)		202,200	200,500	(1,700)
Information	23,400	23,300	(100)		24,800	23,300	(1,500)
Financial Activities	50,800	49,900	(900)		50,700	49,900	(800)
Professional and Business Services	191,100	189,000	(2,100)		188,000	189,000	1,000
Private Education and Health Services	223,700	222,600	(1,100)		209,700	222,600	12,900
Leisure and Hospitality	111,800	109,600	(2,200)		106,200	109,600	3,400
Other Services	41,900	41,700	(200)		39,300	41,700	2,400
Government	167,000	167,300	300		163,900	167,300	3,400

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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**Oakland Hayward Berkeley MD**  
**(Alameda and Contra Costa Counties)**  
Industry Employment & Labor Force  
March 2023 Benchmark

Data Not Seasonally Adjusted

	Jan 23	Nov 23	Dec 23 Revised	Jan 24 Prelim	Percent Month	Change Year
Civilian Labor Force (1)	1,366,200	1,383,400	1,371,500	1,376,300	0.3%	0.7%
Civilian Employment	1,315,000	1,320,700	1,309,800	1,307,400	-0.2%	-0.6%
Civilian Unemployment	51,200	62,700	61,600	68,900	11.9%	34.6%
Civilian Unemployment Rate	3.7%	4.5%	4.5%	5.0%		
(CA Unemployment Rate)	4.7%	4.9%	5.1%	5.7%		
(U.S. Unemployment Rate)	3.9%	3.5%	3.5%	4.1%		

Total, All Industries (2)	1,168,800	1,205,100	1,205,300	1,185,200	-1.7%	1.4%
Total Farm	1,500	2,000	1,900	1,800	-5.3%	20.0%
Total Nonfarm	1,167,300	1,203,100	1,203,400	1,183,400	-1.7%	1.4%
Total Private	1,003,400	1,034,600	1,036,400	1,016,100	-2.0%	1.3%
Goods Producing	182,500	187,200	186,600	179,500	-3.8%	-1.6%
Mining, Logging, and Construction	69,700	77,200	75,700	70,000	-7.5%	0.4%
Mining and Logging	300	300	300	300	0.0%	0.0%
Construction	69,400	76,900	75,400	69,700	-7.6%	0.4%
Construction of Buildings	17,500	18,200	18,000	17,600	-2.2%	0.6%
Residential Building Construction	11,200	11,600	11,500	11,200	-2.6%	0.0%
Nonresidential Building Construction	6,300	6,600	6,500	6,400	-1.5%	1.6%
Heavy and Civil Engineering Construction	5,600	7,200	6,900	5,500	-20.3%	-1.8%
Specialty Trade Contractors	46,300	51,500	50,500	46,600	-7.7%	0.6%
Foundation, Structure, and Building Exterior	7,400	9,600	9,400	8,500	-9.6%	14.9%
Building Equipment Contractors	23,300	25,200	24,700	23,000	-6.9%	-1.3%
Manufacturing	112,800	110,000	110,900	109,500	-1.3%	-2.9%
Durable Goods	84,200	81,000	81,900	80,800	-1.3%	-4.0%
Computer and Electronic Product Manufactur	21,800	20,700	20,700	20,600	-0.5%	-5.5%
Non-Durable Goods	28,600	29,000	29,000	28,700	-1.0%	0.3%
Service-Providing	984,800	1,015,900	1,016,800	1,003,900	-1.3%	1.9%
Private Service Providing	820,900	847,400	849,800	836,600	-1.6%	1.9%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	202,200	205,400	207,100	200,500	-3.2%	-0.8%
Wholesale Trade	41,500	41,100	40,800	40,600	-0.5%	-2.2%
Merchant Wholesalers, Durable Goods	21,900	21,400	21,200	21,000	-0.9%	-4.1%
Merchant Wholesalers, Nondurable Goods	17,400	17,500	17,400	17,400	0.0%	0.0%
Retail Trade	105,700	108,400	109,300	106,000	-3.0%	0.3%
Motor Vehicle and Parts Dealers	12,800	13,600	13,700	13,500	-1.5%	5.5%
Food and Beverage Retailers	28,000	28,200	28,200	27,700	-1.8%	-1.1%
General Merchandise Retailers	18,800	20,400	20,800	19,400	-6.7%	3.2%
Health and Personal Care Retailers	7,400	7,400	7,500	7,200	-4.0%	-2.7%
Clothing, Clothing Accessories, Shoe, and Je	8,200	8,700	9,000	8,200	-8.9%	0.0%
Sporting Goods, Hobby, Musical Instrument,	10,700	10,700	10,800	10,500	-2.8%	-1.9%
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	55,000	55,900	57,000	53,900	-5.4%	-2.0%
Transportation and Warehousing	48,300	48,800	49,800	46,700	-6.2%	-3.3%
Truck Transportation	8,300	8,300	8,100	8,100	0.0%	-2.4%
Couriers and Messengers	14,700	16,300	17,200	14,000	-18.6%	-4.8%
Warehousing and Storage	12,100	11,300	11,300	11,200	-0.9%	-7.4%
Information	24,800	23,600	23,400	23,300	-0.4%	-6.0%
Publishing Industries	7,900	7,700	7,600	7,600	0.0%	-3.8%
Telecommunications	4,000	3,900	3,800	3,800	0.0%	-5.0%
Financial Activities	50,700	50,900	50,800	49,900	-1.8%	-1.6%
Finance and Insurance	32,700	32,100	31,800	31,600	-0.6%	-3.4%
Credit Intermediation and Related Activities in	13,100	12,700	12,600	12,600	0.0%	-3.8%
Insurance Carriers and Related Activities	15,000	14,900	14,800	14,700	-0.7%	-2.0%
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	18,000	18,800	19,000	18,300	-3.7%	1.7%
Real Estate	14,100	14,400	14,500	14,000	-3.4%	-0.7%
Professional and Business Services	188,000	190,200	191,100	189,000	-1.1%	0.5%
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Service	103,800	105,400	106,800	106,200	-0.6%	2.3%
Architectural, Engineering, and Related Servi	16,500	16,800	17,100	16,900	-1.2%	2.4%
Computer Systems Design and Related Servi	20,800	20,300	20,400	20,100	-1.5%	-3.4%
Management of Companies and Enterprises	23,400	22,700	22,700	22,500	-0.9%	-3.8%

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Administrative and Support and Waste Manag	60,800	62,100	61,600	60,300	-2.1%	-0.8%
Administrative and Support Services	54,600	55,300	54,800	53,900	-1.6%	-1.3%
Employment Services	18,200	17,700	17,700	17,100	-3.4%	-6.0%
Investigation and Security Services	11,500	11,000	11,000	10,900	-0.9%	-5.2%
Services to Buildings and Dwellings	17,100	18,400	18,300	18,300	0.0%	7.0%
Private Education and Health Services	209,700	222,900	223,700	222,600	-0.5%	6.2%
Private Educational Services	22,800	23,800	23,700	22,900	-3.4%	0.4%
Health Care and Social Assistance	186,900	199,100	200,000	199,700	-0.2%	6.8%
Ambulatory Health Care Services	77,700	81,300	81,600	80,800	-1.0%	4.0%
Hospitals	22,400	23,000	23,000	22,800	-0.9%	1.8%
Nursing and Residential Care Facilities	20,400	21,500	21,600	21,600	0.0%	5.9%
Social Assistance	66,400	73,300	73,800	74,500	0.9%	12.2%
Leisure and Hospitality	106,200	112,400	111,800	109,600	-2.0%	3.2%
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	16,100	18,500	18,600	18,000	-3.2%	11.8%
Accommodation and Food Services	90,100	93,900	93,200	91,600	-1.7%	1.7%
Accommodation	6,600	7,000	7,100	7,000	-1.4%	6.1%
Food Services and Drinking Places	83,500	86,900	86,100	84,600	-1.7%	1.3%
Other Services	39,300	42,000	41,900	41,700	-0.5%	6.1%
Repair and Maintenance	10,900	11,600	11,600	11,600	0.0%	6.4%
Personal and Laundry Services	11,800	12,700	12,600	12,400	-1.6%	5.1%
Religious, Grantmaking, Civic, Professional, &	16,600	17,700	17,700	17,700	0.0%	6.6%
Government	163,900	168,500	167,000	167,300	0.2%	2.1%
Federal Government	13,100	13,400	13,400	13,200	-1.5%	0.8%
Department of Defense	400	400	400	400	0.0%	0.0%
Federal Government excluding Department of	12,700	13,000	13,000	12,800	-1.5%	0.8%
Total State and Local Government	150,800	155,100	153,600	154,100	0.3%	2.2%
State Government	33,900	34,000	34,300	33,800	-1.5%	-0.3%
State Government Educational Services	22,800	22,700	23,000	22,500	-2.2%	-1.3%
State Government Excluding Education	11,100	11,300	11,300	11,300	0.0%	1.8%
Local Government	116,900	121,100	119,300	120,300	0.8%	2.9%
Local Government Educational Services	58,000	60,200	58,300	59,400	1.9%	2.4%
Local Government excluding Educational Ser	58,900	60,900	61,000	60,900	-0.2%	3.4%
County Government	25,500	25,900	26,000	26,000	0.0%	2.0%
City Government	16,500	17,400	17,400	17,400	0.0%	5.5%
Special Districts plus Tribes	16,900	17,600	17,600	17,500	-0.6%	3.6%

**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: Juliet Moeur 916-940-9664 or Nicolle Stone 916-530-1755

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