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**ANAHEIM-SANTA ANA-IRVINE METROPOLITAN DIVISION
(ORANGE COUNTY)**
Nonfarm jobs gained 10,400 over the month and 24,100 over the year

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Between January 2024 and February 2024, total nonfarm employment increased from 1,678,400 to 1,688,800, a gain of 10,400 jobs.

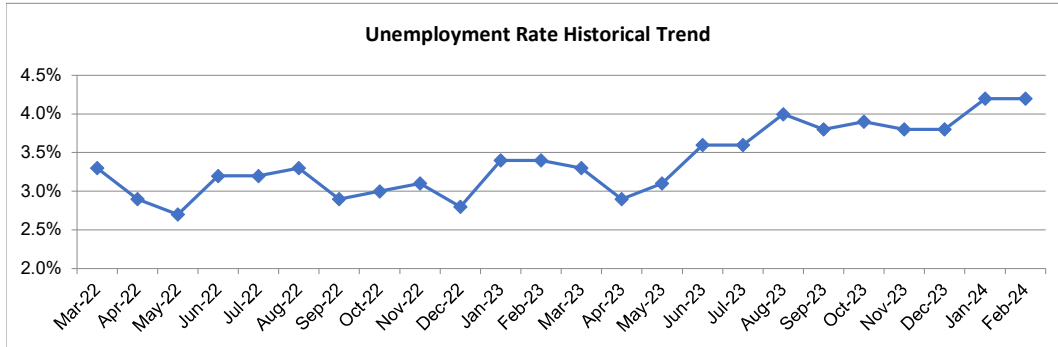
- Professional and business services added 3,400 jobs, the most of any sector. Administrative and support and waste management and remediation services (up 1,900 jobs) provided the majority of the employment gain. Professional, scientific, and technical services added 1,300 jobs and management of companies and enterprises increased by 200 jobs.
- Employment increased in five other sectors: private education and health services (up 3,300 jobs), government (up 2,500 jobs), leisure and hospitality (up 2,300 jobs), other services (up 400 jobs), and financial activities (up 200 jobs).
- Trade, transportation, and utilities decreased the most (down 1,300 jobs). Employment declines were concentrated in retail trade (down 1,700 jobs), and transportation, warehousing, and utilities (down 100 jobs). The losses were offset by a gain of 500 jobs in wholesale trade.
- Construction declined by 400 jobs and three sectors remained unchanged: mining and logging, manufacturing, and information.

Between February 2023 and February 2024, total nonfarm employment increased by 24,100 jobs, or 1.4 percent.

- Staffing levels increased in six sectors. Private education and health services gained the most (up 15,300 jobs). Eighty-four percent of the gain was in health care and social assistance (up 12,900 jobs). Private educational services expanded by 2,400 jobs.
- The remaining five sectors with year-over payroll increases contributed an additional 12,500 jobs, accounting for slightly over half of the total nonfarm increase over the year.
- Four industry sectors contracted over the year: information (down 1,500), manufacturing (down 1,000 jobs), financial activities (down 1,000 jobs), and professional and business services (down 200 jobs). Mining and logging had no employment change.

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Industry	Jan-2024	Feb-2024	Change		Feb-2023	Feb-2024	Change
	Revised	Prelim				Prelim	
Total, All Industries	1,679,900	1,690,400	10,500		1,666,400	1,690,400	24,000
Total Farm	1,500	1,600	100		1,700	1,600	(100)
Total Nonfarm	1,678,400	1,688,800	10,400		1,664,700	1,688,800	24,100
Mining, Logging and Construction	104,700	104,300	(400)		103,200	104,300	1,100
Mining and Logging	300	300	0		300	300	0
Construction	104,400	104,000	(400)		102,900	104,000	1,100
Manufacturing	155,200	155,200	0		156,200	155,200	(1,000)
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	262,200	260,900	(1,300)		260,200	260,900	700
Information	21,600	21,600	0		23,100	21,600	(1,500)
Financial Activities	103,000	103,200	200		104,200	103,200	(1,000)
Professional and Business Services	317,700	321,100	3,400		321,300	321,100	(200)
Private Education and Health Services	270,800	274,100	3,300		258,800	274,100	15,300
Leisure and Hospitality	225,700	228,000	2,300		223,400	228,000	4,600
Other Services	55,700	56,100	400		54,000	56,100	2,100
Government	161,800	164,300	2,500		160,300	164,300	4,000

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

Anaheim-Santa Ana-Irvine MD
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	Feb 23	Dec 23	Jan 24 Revised	Feb 24 Prelim	Percent Month	Change Year
Civilian Labor Force (1)	1,591,300	1,584,700	1,589,400	1,597,400	0.5%	0.4%
Civilian Employment	1,537,500	1,524,700	1,522,600	1,530,100	0.5%	-0.5%
Civilian Unemployment	53,900	60,000	66,800	67,200	0.6%	24.7%
Civilian Unemployment Rate	3.4%	3.8%	4.2%	4.2%		
(CA Unemployment Rate)	4.8%	5.1%	5.7%	5.6%		
(U.S. Unemployment Rate)	3.9%	3.5%	4.1%	4.2%		
Total, All Industries (2)	1,666,400	1,709,400	1,679,900	1,690,400	0.6%	1.4%
Total Farm	1,700	1,600	1,500	1,600	6.7%	-5.9%
Total Nonfarm	1,664,700	1,707,800	1,678,400	1,688,800	0.6%	1.4%
Total Private	1,504,400	1,544,100	1,516,600	1,524,500	0.5%	1.3%
Goods Producing	259,400	263,700	259,900	259,500	-0.2%	0.0%
Mining, Logging and Construction	103,200	107,300	104,700	104,300	-0.4%	1.1%
Mining and Logging	300	300	300	300	0.0%	0.0%
Construction	102,900	107,000	104,400	104,000	-0.4%	1.1%
Construction of Buildings	23,300	24,000	23,500	23,500	0.0%	0.9%
Heavy and Civil Engineering Construction	8,800	9,100	8,800	8,800	0.0%	0.0%
Specialty Trade Contractors	70,800	73,900	72,100	71,700	-0.6%	1.3%
Manufacturing	156,200	156,400	155,200	155,200	0.0%	-0.6%
Durable Goods	117,400	117,100	116,600	116,600	0.0%	-0.7%
Fabricated Metal Product Manufacturing	19,900	20,300	20,200	20,200	0.0%	1.5%
Machinery Manufacturing	7,200	7,100	7,000	7,000	0.0%	-2.8%
Computer and Electronic Product Manufacturing	33,900	34,300	34,200	34,000	-0.6%	0.3%
Semiconductor and Other Electronic Component Manufacturing	13,300	13,300	13,200	13,200	0.0%	-0.8%
Navigational, Measuring, Electromedical, and Control Instrument Manufacturing	13,800	14,200	14,100	14,000	-0.7%	1.4%
Transportation Equipment Manufacturing	18,100	17,800	17,700	17,700	0.0%	-2.2%
Non-Durable Goods	38,800	39,300	38,600	38,600	0.0%	-0.5%
Service Providing	1,405,300	1,444,100	1,418,500	1,429,300	0.8%	1.7%
Private Service Providing	1,245,000	1,280,400	1,256,700	1,265,000	0.7%	1.6%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	260,200	270,200	262,200	260,900	-0.5%	0.3%
Wholesale Trade	80,300	81,500	80,700	81,200	0.6%	1.1%
Merchant Wholesalers, Durable Goods	48,600	49,300	48,900	49,300	0.8%	1.4%
Merchant Wholesalers, Nondurable Goods	26,400	27,100	26,700	26,800	0.4%	1.5%
Wholesale Trade Agents and Brokers	5,300	5,100	5,100	5,100	0.0%	-3.8%
Retail Trade	144,600	152,400	146,400	144,700	-1.2%	0.1%
Motor Vehicle and Parts Dealers	17,400	17,600	17,300	17,300	0.0%	-0.6%
Building Material and Garden Equipment and Supplies Dealers	11,000	11,000	10,900	10,800	-0.9%	-1.8%
Food and Beverage Retailers	30,900	32,200	31,900	32,000	0.3%	3.6%
Grocery and Convenience Retailers	27,900	28,900	28,800	28,900	0.3%	3.6%
General Merchandise Retailers	26,600	29,600	27,400	26,900	-1.8%	1.1%
Health and Personal Care Retailers	14,400	14,800	14,400	14,300	-0.7%	-0.7%
Clothing, Clothing Accessories, Shoe, and Jewelry Retailers	14,600	16,300	14,900	14,300	-4.0%	-2.1%
Sporting Goods, Hobby, Musical Instrument, and Book Stores	14,500	15,000	14,400	14,300	-0.7%	-1.4%
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	35,300	36,300	35,100	35,000	-0.3%	-0.8%
Transportation and Warehousing	32,100	32,800	31,700	31,500	-0.6%	-1.9%
Couriers and Messengers	9,400	10,700	9,600	9,300	-3.1%	-1.1%
Warehousing and Storage	7,300	7,300	7,300	7,300	0.0%	0.0%
Information	23,100	21,900	21,600	21,600	0.0%	-6.5%
Publishing Industries	9,300	8,800	8,800	8,800	0.0%	-5.4%
Telecommunications	5,700	5,400	5,400	5,400	0.0%	-5.3%
Financial Activities	104,200	104,300	103,000	103,200	0.2%	-1.0%
Finance and Insurance	64,100	62,100	61,600	61,900	0.5%	-3.4%
Credit Intermediation and Related Activities in the Monetary Institutions	29,900	28,000	28,000	27,900	-0.4%	-6.7%
Depository Credit Intermediation including Nondepository Credit Intermediation	13,300	12,300	12,300	12,300	0.0%	-7.5%
Nondepository Credit Intermediation	11,300	10,900	10,700	10,800	0.9%	-4.4%
Insurance Carriers and Related Activities	21,400	21,400	21,300	21,400	0.5%	0.0%
Insurance Carriers	7,300	7,300	7,300	7,300	0.0%	0.0%
Agencies, Brokerages, and Other Insurance Activities	14,100	14,100	14,000	14,100	0.7%	0.0%

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Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	40,100	42,200	41,400	41,300	-0.2%	3.0%
Real Estate	34,200	36,200	35,400	35,300	-0.3%	3.2%
Professional and Business Services	321,300	322,600	317,700	321,100	1.1%	-0.1%
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	139,400	142,000	140,200	141,500	0.9%	1.5%
Legal Services	16,800	17,600	17,400	17,500	0.6%	4.2%
Accounting, Tax Preparation, Bookkeeping, and Payroll Services	17,800	17,700	17,800	18,100	1.7%	1.7%
Architectural, Engineering, and Related Services	26,400	26,900	26,300	26,400	0.4%	0.0%
Computer Systems Design and Related Services	24,200	24,400	24,100	24,100	0.0%	-0.4%
Management, Scientific, and Technical Consulting Services	28,900	29,100	28,600	28,700	0.3%	-0.7%
Management of Companies and Enterprises	37,000	37,900	37,500	37,700	0.5%	1.9%
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	144,900	142,700	140,000	141,900	1.4%	-2.1%
Administrative and Support Services	139,700	137,400	134,800	136,600	1.3%	-2.2%
Employment Services	66,400	63,000	60,800	61,900	1.8%	-6.8%
Investigation and Security Services	13,200	13,700	13,600	13,700	0.7%	3.8%
Services to Buildings and Dwellings	34,700	34,900	34,400	34,600	0.6%	-0.3%
Waste Management and Remediation Services	5,200	5,300	5,200	5,300	1.9%	1.9%
Private Education and Health Services	258,800	273,900	270,800	274,100	1.2%	5.9%
Private Educational Services	38,800	40,700	39,500	41,200	4.3%	6.2%
Private Colleges, Universities, and Professional Schools	7,700	7,900	7,300	7,900	8.2%	2.6%
Health Care and Social Assistance	220,000	233,200	231,300	232,900	0.7%	5.9%
Ambulatory Health Care Services	99,600	104,700	102,800	103,500	0.7%	3.9%
Hospitals	34,300	36,400	36,300	36,500	0.6%	6.4%
Nursing and Residential Care Facilities	27,500	29,200	29,100	29,300	0.7%	6.5%
Social Assistance	58,600	62,900	63,100	63,600	0.8%	8.5%
Leisure and Hospitality	223,400	231,500	225,700	228,000	1.0%	2.1%
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	52,900	56,800	55,600	56,600	1.8%	7.0%
Amusement, Gambling, and Recreation Industries	45,700	48,400	47,900	48,700	1.7%	6.6%
Accommodation and Food Services	170,500	174,700	170,100	171,400	0.8%	0.5%
Accommodation	24,800	26,000	25,500	25,700	0.8%	3.6%
Food Services and Drinking Places	145,700	148,700	144,600	145,700	0.8%	0.0%
Restaurants and Other Eating Places	138,000	140,700	136,700	137,700	0.7%	-0.2%
Full-Service Restaurants	65,800	66,600	64,600	64,900	0.5%	-1.4%
Limited-Service Restaurants and Other Eating and Drinking Places	72,200	74,100	72,100	72,800	1.0%	0.8%
Other Services	54,000	56,000	55,700	56,100	0.7%	3.9%
Government	160,300	163,700	161,800	164,300	1.5%	2.5%
Federal Government	10,700	10,700	10,700	10,800	0.9%	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	9,700	9,700	9,800	1.0%	1.0%
State & Local Government	149,600	153,000	151,100	153,500	1.6%	2.6%
State Government	33,200	34,000	33,800	33,800	0.0%	1.8%
State Government Educational Services	19,400	20,400	20,100	20,100	0.0%	3.6%
State Government Excluding Education	13,800	13,600	13,700	13,700	0.0%	-0.7%
Local Government	116,400	119,000	117,300	119,700	2.0%	2.8%
Local Government Educational Services	74,700	76,700	74,800	77,200	3.2%	3.3%
Local Government excluding Educational Services	41,700	42,300	42,500	42,500	0.0%	1.9%
County Government	19,000	18,600	18,800	18,500	-1.6%	-2.6%
City Government	15,100	16,000	16,000	16,200	1.3%	7.3%
Special Districts plus Indian Tribes	7,600	7,700	7,700	7,800	1.3%	2.6%

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.

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These data are produced by the Labor Market Information Division of the California
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