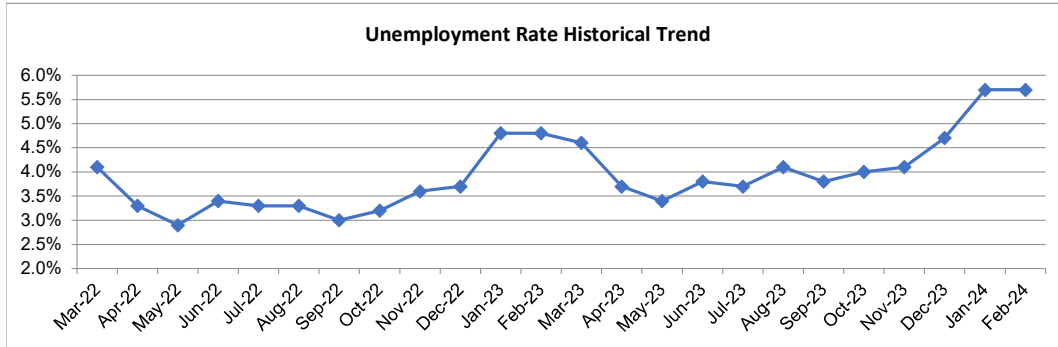


IMMEDIATE RELEASE
 SANTA MARIA-SANTA BARBARA METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA (MSA)
(Santa Barbara County)

The unemployment rate in Santa Barbara County was 5.7 percent in February 2024, unchanged from a revised 5.7 percent in January 2024, and above the year-ago estimate of 4.8 percent. This compares with an unadjusted unemployment rate of 5.6 percent for California and 4.2 percent for the nation during the same period.



Industry	Jan-2024	Feb-2024	Change		Feb-2023	Feb-2024	Change
	Revised	Prelim				Prelim	
Total, All Industries	210,400	213,100	2,700		207,600	213,100	5,500
Total Farm	21,400	23,000	1,600		18,800	23,000	4,200
Total Nonfarm	189,000	190,100	1,100		188,800	190,100	1,300
Mining, Logging and Construction	10,400	10,400	0		10,300	10,400	100
Mining and Logging	600	600	0		600	600	0
Construction	9,800	9,800	0		9,700	9,800	100
Manufacturing	12,500	12,500	0		12,600	12,500	(100)
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	26,400	26,300	(100)		26,900	26,300	(600)
Information	4,300	4,300	0		4,600	4,300	(300)
Financial Activities	7,000	7,000	0		6,900	7,000	100
Professional and Business Services	27,300	27,600	300		27,000	27,600	600
Private Education and Health Services	31,500	31,800	300		30,400	31,800	1,400
Leisure and Hospitality	27,400	27,700	300		28,100	27,700	(400)
Other Services	6,700	6,700	0		6,600	6,700	100
Government	35,500	35,800	300		35,400	35,800	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

Data Not Seasonally Adjusted

	Feb 23	Dec 23	Jan 24 Revised	Feb 24 Prelim	Percent Month	Change Year
Civilian Labor Force (1)	213,000	213,900	214,500	216,800	1.1%	1.8%
Civilian Employment	202,800	203,800	202,300	204,300	1.0%	0.7%
Civilian Unemployment	10,200	10,100	12,200	12,400	1.6%	21.6%
Civilian Unemployment Rate (CA Unemployment Rate)	4.8%	4.7%	5.7%	5.7%		
(U.S. Unemployment Rate)	4.8%	5.1%	5.7%	5.6%		
	3.9%	3.5%	4.1%	4.2%		

Total, All Industries (2)	207,600	216,800	210,400	213,100	1.3%	2.6%
Total Farm	18,800	24,100	21,400	23,000	7.5%	22.3%
Total Nonfarm	188,800	192,700	189,000	190,100	0.6%	0.7%
Total Private	153,400	156,500	153,500	154,300	0.5%	0.6%
Goods Producing	22,900	23,200	22,900	22,900	0.0%	0.0%
Mining, Logging and Construction	10,300	10,600	10,400	10,400	0.0%	1.0%
Mining and Logging	600	600	600	600	0.0%	0.0%
Construction	9,700	10,000	9,800	9,800	0.0%	1.0%
Manufacturing	12,600	12,600	12,500	12,500	0.0%	-0.8%
Durable Goods	8,300	8,500	8,400	8,400	0.0%	1.2%
Service-Providing	165,900	169,500	166,100	167,200	0.7%	0.8%
Private Service Providing	130,500	133,300	130,600	131,400	0.6%	0.7%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	26,900	27,600	26,400	26,300	-0.4%	-2.2%
Wholesale Trade	4,900	4,800	4,700	4,700	0.0%	-4.1%
Retail Trade	18,400	19,200	18,400	18,300	-0.5%	-0.5%
Food and Beverage Retailers	5,500	5,600	5,500	5,500	0.0%	0.0%
Clothing, Clothing Accessories, Shoe, and Je	1,600	1,800	1,700	1,600	-5.9%	0.0%
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	3,600	3,600	3,300	3,300	0.0%	-8.3%
Information	4,600	4,400	4,300	4,300	0.0%	-6.5%
Financial Activities	6,900	7,100	7,000	7,000	0.0%	1.4%
Finance and Insurance	3,500	3,500	3,500	3,500	0.0%	0.0%
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	3,400	3,600	3,500	3,500	0.0%	2.9%
Professional and Business Services	27,000	27,800	27,300	27,600	1.1%	2.2%
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Service	12,400	12,400	12,300	12,400	0.8%	0.0%
Management of Companies and Enterprises	2,900	2,900	2,900	2,900	0.0%	0.0%
Administrative and Support and Waste Manag	11,700	12,500	12,100	12,300	1.7%	5.1%
Private Education and Health Services	30,400	31,700	31,500	31,800	1.0%	4.6%
Private Educational Services	3,100	3,300	3,200	3,300	3.1%	6.5%
Health Care and Social Assistance	27,300	28,400	28,300	28,500	0.7%	4.4%
Leisure and Hospitality	28,100	28,000	27,400	27,700	1.1%	-1.4%
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	3,800	3,800	3,700	3,800	2.7%	0.0%
Accommodation and Food Services	24,300	24,200	23,700	23,900	0.8%	-1.6%
Accommodation	4,900	4,900	4,800	4,800	0.0%	-2.0%
Food Services and Drinking Places	19,400	19,300	18,900	19,100	1.1%	-1.5%
Other Services	6,600	6,700	6,700	6,700	0.0%	1.5%
Government	35,400	36,200	35,500	35,800	0.8%	1.1%
Federal Government	3,900	4,100	4,000	4,000	0.0%	2.6%
Total State and Local Government	31,500	32,100	31,500	31,800	1.0%	1.0%
State Government	7,700	8,300	8,100	8,000	-1.2%	3.9%
State Government Educational Services	7,100	7,700	7,500	7,400	-1.3%	4.2%
State Government Excluding Education	600	600	600	600	0.0%	0.0%
Local Government	23,800	23,800	23,400	23,800	1.7%	0.0%
Local Government Educational Services	12,600	12,200	11,900	12,200	2.5%	-3.2%
Local Government Excluding Educational S	11,200	11,600	11,500	11,600	0.9%	3.6%
County Government	4,600	4,700	4,600	4,800	4.3%	4.3%
City Government	2,800	2,900	2,900	2,900	0.0%	3.6%
Special Districts plus Tribes	3,800	4,000	4,000	3,900	-2.5%	2.6%

Notes:

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Santa Maria Santa Barbara MSA
(Santa Barbara County)
Industry Employment & Labor Force
March 2023 Benchmark

Data Not Seasonally Adjusted

	Feb 23	Dec 23	Jan 24 Revised	Feb 24 Prelim	Percent Change Month Year
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(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: Andriy Moskalyk 916-897-3763 or Robert Lee 916-796-7758

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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