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**SAN JOSE-SUNNYVALE-SANTA CLARA METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA (MSA)  
(SAN BENITO AND SANTA CLARA COUNTIES)**  
**Seasonal hiring surged in trade, transportation, and utilities**

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**Between October 2020 and November 2020**, total employment in the San Jose-Sunnyvale-Santa Clara MSA, which also includes San Benito County, rose by 9,200 jobs to reach 1,096,700.

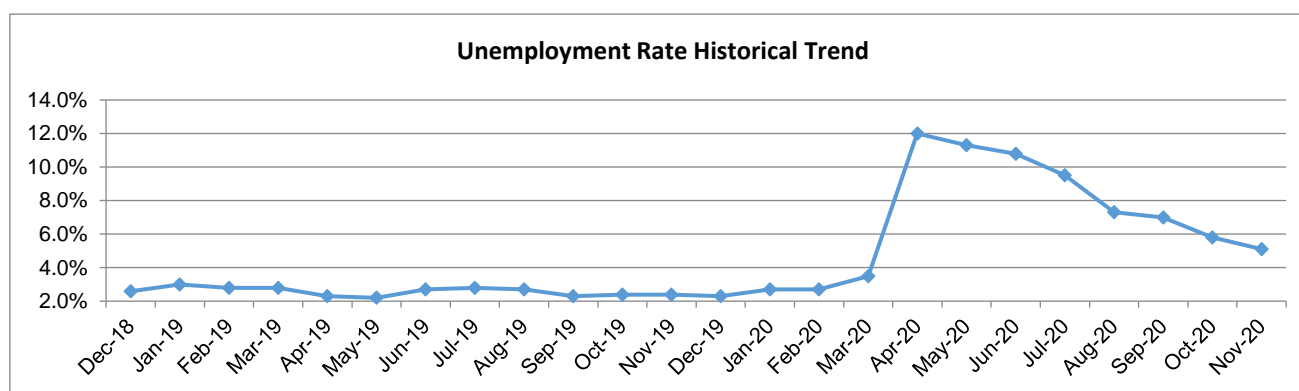
- Trade, transportation, and utilities (up 4,600 jobs) led hiring, with retail trade gaining 3,500 jobs, transportation, warehousing, and utilities growing by 1,000 jobs, and wholesale trade increasing by 100 jobs.
- Leisure and hospitality added 3,100 jobs to payrolls. Food services and drinking places (up 2,200 jobs) drove the growth.
- Professional and business services and private educational and health services grew by 2,200 jobs and 1,600 jobs, respectively. Within private educational and health services, health care accounted for the majority of the hiring surge.
- Meanwhile, construction (down 1,500 jobs) trimmed employment seasonally, predominately in specialty trade contractors (down 900 jobs).

**Between November 2019 and November 2020**, combined employment in the South Bay counties of San Benito and Santa Clara, dropped by 69,000 jobs, or 5.9 percent.

- Leisure and hospitality (down 24,600 jobs) lost the most employment for the time period. Food services and drinking places (down 21,200 jobs) contributed to most of the payroll decline.
- Information decreased by 11,200 jobs, and manufacturing reduced by 10,500 jobs, primarily in durable goods manufacturing (down 8,900 jobs).
- Trade, transportation, and utilities (down 5,900 jobs), other services (down 5,800 jobs), private educational and health services (down 5,100 jobs), and government (down 4,400 jobs) were among the major industries that lost employment.
- Professional and business services (up 2,100 jobs) netted an increase in employment.

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Industry	Oct-2020	Nov-2020	Change		Nov-2019	Nov-2020	Change
	Revised	Prelim				Prelim	
Total, All Industries	1,087,500	1,096,700	9,200		1,165,700	1,096,700	(69,000)
Total Farm	5,800	4,900	(900)		5,400	4,900	(500)
Total Nonfarm	1,081,700	1,091,800	10,100		1,160,300	1,091,800	(68,500)
Mining, Logging, and Construction	53,000	51,500	(1,500)		53,100	51,500	(1,600)
Mining and Logging	100	100	0		200	100	(100)
Construction	52,900	51,400	(1,500)		52,900	51,400	(1,500)
Manufacturing	163,800	163,200	(600)		173,700	163,200	(10,500)
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	124,300	128,900	4,600		134,800	128,900	(5,900)
Information	92,200	92,500	300		103,700	92,500	(11,200)
Financial Activities	36,700	36,800	100		38,300	36,800	(1,500)
Professional & Business Services	244,800	247,000	2,200		244,900	247,000	2,100
Educational & Health Services	170,600	172,200	1,600		177,300	172,200	(5,100)
Leisure & Hospitality	77,500	80,600	3,100		105,200	80,600	(24,600)
Other Services	24,200	23,700	(500)		29,500	23,700	(5,800)
Government	94,600	95,400	800		99,800	95,400	(4,400)

Notes: Data not adjusted for seasonality. Data may not add due to rounding  
 Labor force data are revised month to month  
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**San Jose Sunnyvale Santa Clara MSA**  
**(San Benito and Santa Clara Counties)**  
Industry Employment & Labor Force  
March 2019 Benchmark

Data Not Seasonally Adjusted

	Nov 19	Sep 20	Oct 20 Revised	Nov 20 Prelim	Percent Change	
					Month	Year
Civilian Labor Force (1)	1,090,600	1,053,000	1,089,700	1,073,500	-1.5%	-1.6%
Civilian Employment	1,064,700	979,500	1,026,700	1,018,200	-0.8%	-4.4%
Civilian Unemployment	25,900	73,500	63,100	55,300	-12.4%	113.5%
Civilian Unemployment Rate	2.4%	7.0%	5.8%	5.1%		
(CA Unemployment Rate)	3.7%	10.7%	8.7%	7.9%		
(U.S. Unemployment Rate)	3.3%	7.7%	6.6%	6.4%		

Total, All Industries (2)	1,165,700	1,071,000	1,087,500	1,096,700	0.8%	-5.9%
Total Farm	5,400	5,600	5,800	4,900	-15.5%	-9.3%
Total Nonfarm	1,160,300	1,065,400	1,081,700	1,091,800	0.9%	-5.9%
Total Private	1,060,500	973,400	987,100	996,400	0.9%	-6.0%
Goods Producing	226,800	215,200	216,800	214,700	-1.0%	-5.3%
Mining, Logging, and Construction	53,100	51,700	53,000	51,500	-2.8%	-3.0%
Mining and Logging	200	100	100	100	0.0%	-50.0%
Construction	52,900	51,600	52,900	51,400	-2.8%	-2.8%
Specialty Trade Contractors	37,800	35,000	36,300	35,400	-2.5%	-6.3%
Building Equipment Contractors	18,100	16,200	16,300	16,300	0.0%	-9.9%
Manufacturing	173,700	163,500	163,800	163,200	-0.4%	-6.0%
Durable Goods	161,000	151,900	152,600	152,100	-0.3%	-5.5%
Machinery Manufacturing	10,800	9,600	9,500	9,500	0.0%	-12.0%
Computer & Electronic Product Manufacturing	119,600	113,800	114,400	114,200	-0.2%	-4.5%
Computer & Peripheral Equipment Manufactu	56,600	55,700	56,200	56,000	-0.4%	-1.1%
Electronic Computer Manufacturing	54,100	52,900	53,400	53,200	-0.4%	-1.7%
Semiconductor & Electronic Component Mfg	39,800	37,000	37,000	37,100	0.3%	-6.8%
Bare Printed Circuit Board Manufacturing	3,900	3,600	3,600	3,600	0.0%	-7.7%
Semiconductor & Related Devices Manufac	27,400	24,900	24,900	24,900	0.0%	-9.1%
Electronic Instrument Manufacturing	15,800	15,200	15,200	15,200	0.0%	-3.8%
Transportation Equipment Manufacturing	6,500	5,600	5,600	5,500	-1.8%	-15.4%
Aerospace Product & Parts Manufacturing	4,400	3,700	3,700	3,700	0.0%	-15.9%
Nondurable Goods	12,700	11,600	11,200	11,100	-0.9%	-12.6%
Service Providing	933,500	850,200	864,900	877,100	1.4%	-6.0%
Private Service Providing	833,700	758,200	770,300	781,700	1.5%	-6.2%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	134,800	122,400	124,300	128,900	3.7%	-4.4%
Wholesale Trade	31,500	28,500	28,400	28,500	0.4%	-9.5%
Merchant Wholesalers, Durable Goods	22,100	20,100	20,000	20,200	1.0%	-8.6%
Retail Trade	86,200	76,800	78,400	81,900	4.5%	-5.0%
Electronics & Appliance Stores	4,100	3,300	3,600	3,700	2.8%	-9.8%
Building Material & Garden Equipment Stores	5,200	5,000	5,000	5,200	4.0%	0.0%
Food & Beverage Stores	17,600	17,300	17,200	17,500	1.7%	-0.6%
Health & Personal Care Stores	4,800	4,400	4,400	4,500	2.3%	-6.3%
Clothing & Clothing Accessories Stores	13,400	8,000	8,900	10,100	13.5%	-24.6%
General Merchandise Stores	14,900	12,300	12,600	13,700	8.7%	-8.1%
Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities	17,100	17,100	17,500	18,500	5.7%	8.2%
Transportation & Warehousing	15,500	15,500	15,800	16,900	7.0%	9.0%
Couriers & Messengers	5,600	5,700	5,600	6,700	19.6%	19.6%
Information	103,700	92,100	92,200	92,500	0.3%	-10.8%
Publishing Industries (except Internet)	37,000	37,600	37,700	37,900	0.5%	2.4%
Telecommunications	5,500	5,000	5,000	5,000	0.0%	-9.1%
Financial Activities	38,300	36,200	36,700	36,800	0.3%	-3.9%
Finance & Insurance	22,000	21,100	21,200	21,300	0.5%	-3.2%
Credit Intermediation & Related Activities	12,600	11,900	11,900	12,100	1.7%	-4.0%
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	16,300	15,100	15,500	15,500	0.0%	-4.9%
Real Estate	13,500	12,100	12,400	12,500	0.8%	-7.4%
Professional & Business Services	244,900	243,000	244,800	247,000	0.9%	0.9%
Professional, Scientific & Technical Services	165,800	166,700	168,300	169,700	0.8%	2.4%
Architectural, Engineering & Related Services	17,900	17,400	17,700	17,700	0.0%	-1.1%
Computer Systems Design & Related Services	90,000	94,800	94,800	95,700	0.9%	6.3%

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Scientific Research & Development Services	22,500	23,100	23,800	24,000	0.8%	6.7%
Management of Companies & Enterprises	14,900	14,400	14,200	14,200	0.0%	-4.7%
Administrative & Support & Waste Services	64,200	61,900	62,300	63,100	1.3%	-1.7%
Administrative & Support Services	61,300	58,800	59,200	60,000	1.4%	-2.1%
Employment Services	22,800	20,700	21,500	21,700	0.9%	-4.8%
Educational & Health Services	177,300	169,000	170,600	172,200	0.9%	-2.9%
Educational Services	47,600	42,100	43,800	44,200	0.9%	-7.1%
Colleges, Universities & Professional Schools	29,300	25,800	27,600	27,900	1.1%	-4.8%
Health Care & Social Assistance	129,700	126,900	126,800	128,000	0.9%	-1.3%
Ambulatory Health Care Services	43,600	43,300	42,800	44,600	4.2%	2.3%
Hospitals	29,300	29,900	29,900	29,800	-0.3%	1.7%
Nursing & Residential Care Facilities	13,500	13,100	13,100	12,800	-2.3%	-5.2%
Social Assistance	43,300	40,600	41,000	40,800	-0.5%	-5.8%
Leisure & Hospitality	105,200	72,600	77,500	80,600	4.0%	-23.4%
Accommodation & Food Services	89,800	59,300	63,400	65,500	3.3%	-27.1%
Accommodation	9,400	6,000	6,400	6,300	-1.6%	-33.0%
Food Services & Drinking Places	80,400	53,300	57,000	59,200	3.9%	-26.4%
Restaurants	68,400	45,900	47,100	48,700	3.4%	-28.8%
Other Services	29,500	22,900	24,200	23,700	-2.1%	-19.7%
Government	99,800	92,000	94,600	95,400	0.8%	-4.4%
Federal Government	10,100	11,200	10,800	10,200	-5.6%	1.0%
Department of Defense	700	700	700	700	0.0%	0.0%
State & Local Government	89,700	80,800	83,800	85,200	1.7%	-5.0%
State Government	7,500	6,300	6,600	6,700	1.5%	-10.7%
State Government Education	5,500	4,200	4,500	4,600	2.2%	-16.4%
State Government Excluding Education	2,000	2,100	2,100	2,100	0.0%	5.0%
Local Government	82,200	74,500	77,200	78,500	1.7%	-4.5%
Local Government Education	41,700	35,200	37,700	38,300	1.6%	-8.2%
Local Government Excluding Education	40,500	39,300	39,500	40,200	1.8%	-0.7%
County	21,600	22,200	22,300	23,000	3.1%	6.5%
City	14,100	12,400	12,500	12,500	0.0%	-11.3%
Special Districts plus Indian Tribes	4,800	4,700	4,700	4,700	0.0%	-2.1%

**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: Nima Chhay 408-216-6183 or Amanda Ha 415-749-2002

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