

Workforce Review

A monthly review of labor market statistics and related information for Northern Santa Clara County

April 2007

Did you know?

Valley continues steady job growth

Santa Clara County, the epicenter of Silicon Valley, added about 2,400 jobs from March to April [2007], a figure that brought the 12-month increase to 24,100 jobs—a 2.7 percent increase from April 2006, a state report showed. The increase marked the 31st consecutive month of year-over-year job gains for the region. Overall, the California Employment Development Department found that the unemployment rate in Santa Clara and San Benito counties held steady from March to April at 4.4 percent, down from the year-ago estimate of 4.5 percent. That compares with an unadjusted unemployment rate of 5 percent for California and 4.3 percent for the nation during the same period. Santa Clara County accounts for about 98 percent of the two-county region that state labor analysts call the “San Jose-Sunnyvale-Santa Clara metropolitan statistical area.”

The report reflected an extension of the valley’s recovery from the technology bust early in the decade, with a modest uptick in the computer manufacturing sector and better-than-average seasonal growth in the leisure industries. High technology, Silicon Valley’s economic engine, showed more modest growth. Manufacturing expanded by 400 jobs over the month, including about 300 jobs in computer and electronic fields. Meanwhile, employment in the recently surging information sector—ranging from internet services and telecommunications to newspapers—held steady.

“Historically, it was a better-than-average month,” Shriver said. For the past 17 years, Shriver said, the average seasonal change in the information sector had been a loss of 200 jobs in April.

Source: *San Jose Mercury News* [05/19/07]



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Civilian Unemployment Rate	April 2006 (Actual)	March 2006 (Revised)	April 2007 (Preliminary)	Percentage Point Change	
				03/07-04/07	04/06-04/07
San José–Sunnyvale MSA	4.5%	4.4%	4.4%	0.0	- 0.1
California	4.8%	5.1%	5.0%	- 0.1	+ 0.2
United States	4.5%	4.5%	4.3%	- 0.2	- 0.2

Civilian Labor Force	April 2006 (Actual)	March 2006 (Revised)	April 2007 (Preliminary)	Percentage Change	
				03/07-04/07	04/06-04/07
San José–Sunnyvale MSA	851,300	873,900	869,500	- 0.5%	+ 2.1%
Civilian Employed	813,100	835,700	830,900	- 0.6%	+ 2.2%
Civilian Unemployed	38,300	38,200	38,600	+ 1.0%	+ 0.8%

Where the Jobs Are (San José–Sunnyvale MSA)	April 2006 (Actual)	March 2006 (Revised)	April 2007 (Preliminary)	Percentage Change	
				03/07-04/07	04/06-04/07
Total Nonfarm	883,900	907,100	908,700	+ 0.2%	+ 2.8%
Goods Producing	214,700	218,300	219,100	+ 0.4%	+ 2.0%
Manufacturing	170,200	170,400	170,800	+ 0.2%	+ 0.4%
Service Providing	669,200	688,800	689,600	+ 0.1%	+ 3.0%
Health Care	69,900	73,400	73,400	0.0%	+ 5.0%
Prof. & Business Svcs.	163,400	170,100	170,400	+ 0.2%	+ 4.3%

NOTE: San José–Sunnyvale–Santa Clara MSA (Metropolitan Statistical Area) = Santa Clara and San Benito Counties

Source: California Employment Development Department, LMID

Labor Force by City (NOVA Seven-City Consortium)	Labor Force			Labor Force % Change (04/06-04/07)	Employed		Employed % Change (04/06-04/07)	Unemployment Rate	
	April 2006	April 2007	April 2006		April 2007	April 2006		April 2007	
	Santa Clara County	826,100	844,100		+ 2.2%	790,000		807,400	+ 2.2%
 Cupertino	23,200	23,800	+ 2.6%	22,600	23,100	+ 2.2%	2.6%	2.8%	
Los Altos	12,300	12,500	+ 1.6%	12,000	12,200	+ 1.7%	2.4%	2.2%	
Milpitas	29,800	30,500	+ 2.3%	28,500	29,100	+ 2.1%	4.4%	4.5%	
Mountain View	39,800	40,600	+ 2.0%	38,500	39,300	+ 2.1%	3.3%	3.1%	
Palo Alto	30,300	30,900	+ 2.0%	29,600	30,200	+ 2.0%	2.3%	2.3%	
Santa Clara	53,400	54,600	+ 2.2%	51,300	52,400	+ 2.1%	3.9%	4.0%	
Sunnyvale	71,300	72,800	+ 2.1%	68,600	70,100	+ 2.2%	3.8%	3.7%	
NOVA Workforce Investment Area	260,100	265,700	+ 2.2%	251,100	256,400	+ 2.1%	3.5%	3.5%	

NOTE: Totals may not add correctly due to rounding

Source: California Employment Development Department, LMID

Regional Layoff Activity: April 2007					Summary		
Company	WARN*	City	Affected	Cause	Individuals Affected YTD [†] :		
Alcatel-Lucent	Yes	Santa Clara	33	RIF	3,703 †		
Alza Corporation	Yes	Mountain View	34	Closure		WARN Current YTD:	42
Boston Scientific	Yes	Santa Clara	78	RIF		WARN Previous YTD:	20
Furniture 2000	No	Cupertino	5	Closure			
SanDisk	Yes	Milpitas	72	Closure			
Seagate	Yes	Milpitas	50	RIF			
Sun Microsystems	Yes	Santa Clara	16	RIF			
			288				

* WARN : Workers' Adjustment and Retraining Notification (notice of mass layoff or closure)

† YTD : Year to Date — Refers to fiscal year (July 1–June 30)

‡ Cumulative total may not equal sum of monthly numbers due to internal adjustments