

# Workforce Review

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

July 2006

## *Did you know?*

### **California to raise minimum wage to highest in US**

California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger and state lawmakers reached a deal late Monday [8/21/06] to hike the minimum wage to the highest level in the nation, aides said on Tuesday.

The agreement between the Republican governor and the Democrat-led legislature's leaders would increase California's minimum wage by \$1.25 over the next year and a half to \$8 an hour. The deal calls for an increase of 75 cents an hour next January and a rise of 50 cents an hour the following January.

The new wage would be 25 cents more than initially offered by Schwarzenegger, who vetoed previous bills to hike the state's minimum wage. In exchange, Democrats dropped demands the wage automatically adjust upward with inflation changes.

Schwarzenegger, a fiscal conservative and ally of business groups concerned about the cost of doing business in California, said the state economy had recovered and companies could afford to pay minimum-wage workers more.

The agreement would benefit low-paid workers, said Assembly Member Sally Lieber, a Democrat who had advanced a minimum wage bill earlier this year. "We have a moral obligation to ensure that the minimum wage keeps pace with federal poverty guidelines. This bill does that," she said.

Source: The Washington Post [08/22/06]



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Civilian Unemployment Rate	July 2005 (Actual)	June 2006 (Revised)	July 2006 (Preliminary)	Percentage Point Change	
				06/06-07/06	07/05-07/06
San José–Sunnyvale MSA	5.8%	5.0%	5.0%	0.0	- 0.8
California	5.6%	4.9%	5.1%	+0.2	- 0.5
United States	5.2%	4.8%	5.0%	+0.2	- 0.2

  

Civilian Labor Force	July 2005 (Actual)	June 2006 (Revised)	July 2006 (Preliminary)	Percentage Change	
				06/06-07/06	07/05-07/06
San José–Sunnyvale MSA	857,000	840,300	850,300	+ 1.2%	- 0.8%
Civilian Employed	807,600	798,200	807,700	+ 1.2%	0.0%
Civilian Unemployed	49,400	42,100	42,600	+ 1.2%	- 13.8%

  

Where the Jobs Are (San José–Sunnyvale MSA)	July 2005 (Actual)	June 2006 (Revised)	July 2006 (Preliminary)	Percentage Change	
				06/06-07/06	07/05-07/06
Total Nonfarm	870,800	874,800	873,100	- 0.2%	+ 0.3%
Goods Producing	217,900	215,300	216,800	+ 0.7%	- 0.5%
Manufacturing	172,300	170,200	171,100	+ 0.5%	- 0.7%
Service Providing	652,900	659,500	656,300	- 0.5%	+ 0.5%
Prof. & Business Svcs.	160,100	160,000	159,700	- 0.2%	- 0.2%
Retail Trade	82,900	82,800	83,400	+ 0.7%	+ 0.6%

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 County (San Francisco Bay Area)	Labor Force			Labor Force % Change (07/05-07/06)	Employed		Employed % Change (07/05-07/06)	Unemployment Rate	
	July 2005	July 2006	July 2005		July 2006	July 2005		July 2006	
	<b>California</b>	<b>17,942,900</b>	<b>17,921,300</b>		<b>- 0.1%</b>	<b>16,971,400</b>		<b>17,006,900</b>	<b>+ 0.2 %</b>
Alameda County	767,100	758,500	- 1.1%	726,800	721,100	- 0.8%	5.3%	4.9%	
Contra Costa County	518,800	518,700	0.0%	493,700	495,700	+ 0.4%	4.8%	4.4%	
Marin County	132,100	131,300	- 0.6%	127,000	126,200	- 0.6%	3.9%	3.9%	
Napa County	73,500	74,000	+ 0.7%	70,500	71,200	+ 1.0%	4.0%	3.7%	
San Francisco County	431,800	423,400	- 1.9%	410,000	403,500	- 1.6%	5.1%	4.7%	
San Mateo County	369,400	366,900	- 0.7%	353,200	352,000	- 0.3%	4.4%	4.1%	
Santa Clara County	837,000	825,600	- 1.4%	791,200	784,500	- 0.8%	5.5%	5.0%	
Solano County	214,300	214,700	+ 0.2%	202,500	203,500	+ 0.5%	5.5%	5.2%	
Sonoma County	258,000	255,400	- 1.0%	246,500	244,500	- 0.8%	4.5%	4.3%	
<b>S.F. Bay Area</b>	<b>3,602,000</b>	<b>3,568,500</b>	<b>- 0.9%</b>	<b>3,421,400</b>	<b>3,402,200</b>	<b>- 0.6%</b>	<b>5.0%</b>	<b>4.7%</b>	

NOTE: Totals may not add correctly due to rounding

Source: California Employment Development Department, LMID

Regional Layoff Activity: July 2006					Summary
Company	WARN *	City	Affected	Cause	Individuals Affected YTD †: 215 ‡
Elliott Laboratories	No	Sunnyvale	5	RIF	WARN Current YTD: 2
Intel Corporation	Yes	Santa Clara	75	RIF	WARN Previous YTD: 2
Lifescan	No	Milpitas	29	RIF	
Siemens Medical	No	Mountain View	85	RIF	
Sun Microsystems	Yes	Santa Clara	21	RIF	
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\* 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