

Workforce Review

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

August 2005

Did you know?

Valley #8 for tech?

SVLG survey finds costs erode advantages

Silicon Valley comes in dead last in a comparison of eight U.S. tech centers based on the cost of doing business, cost of living and employee quality of life. The Research Triangle in Raleigh-Durham-Chapel Hill, N.C., came in number one.

Who wrote this study? The Silicon Valley Leadership Group, which represents 190 of the valley's most prestigious companies, did. The report will be discussed at the Leadership Group's *Projections 2006* conference September 21 at West Valley College in Saratoga.

"We all know that Silicon Valley is the top tech region of the world," says Carl Guardino, president and CEO of the Leadership Group. "The message is that we are not the *only* tech region of the world."

Silicon Valley had the worst traffic congestion, the lowest eighth-grade math scores, and came in second only to Boston for the dubious honor of having the highest taxes.

Rankings, like opinion polls, are determined by the questions asked. "Any given community can come out as one of the best or worst places based on what is measured, when it is measured, and who is behind the study," says Kim Welsh, assistant director of the San Jose's Office of Economic Development. She was not involved in undertaking the study which was scheduled to be released September 16.

Nevertheless, Ms. Welsh says, "If this ranking was done by a local group and truly reflects what our business community wants, then it clearly deserves our attention."

Source: Silicon Valley/San José Business Journal [09/19/05]
www.bizjournals.com/industries/economic_view/economic_snapshot/2005/09/19/sanjose_story3.html



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Civilian Unemployment Rate	August 2004 (Actual)	July 2005 (Revised)	August 2005 (Preliminary)	Percentage Point Change	
				07/05-08/05	08/04-08/05
San José-Sunnyvale MSA	6.2%	5.5%	5.4%	- 0.1	- 0.8
California	5.9%	5.4%	5.1%	- 0.3	- 0.8
United States	5.4%	5.2%	4.9%	- 0.3	- 0.5

Civilian Labor Force	August 2004 (Actual)	July 2005 (Revised)	August 2005 (Preliminary)	Percentage Change	
				07/05-08/05	08/04-08/05
San José-Sunnyvale MSA	856,900	860,600	865,500	0.6%	1.0%
Civilian Employed	803,600	813,100	818,600	0.7%	1.9%
Civilian Unemployed	53,300	47,600	46,900	- 1.5%	- 12.0%

Where the Jobs Are (San José-Sunnyvale MSA)	August 2004 (Actual)	July 2005 (Revised)	August 2005 (Preliminary)	Percentage Change	
				07/05-08/05	08/04-08/05
Total Nonfarm	862,900	860,700	860,500	0.0%	- 0.3%
Goods Producing	215,800	214,000	215,200	0.6%	- 0.3%
Manufacturing	172,000	171,400	171,600	0.1%	- 0.2%
Service Providing	647,100	646,700	645,300	- 0.2%	- 0.3%
Prof. & Business Svcs.	168,000	165,400	165,100	- 0.2%	- 1.7%
Retail Trade	81,900	81,400	82,100	0.9%	0.2%

NOTE: San José-Sunnyvale 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 (08/04-08/05)	Employed		Employed % Change (08/04-08/05)	Unemployment Rate	
	August 2004	August 2005	August 2004		August 2005	August 2004		August 2005	
	Santa Clara County	832,000	840,400		1.0%	780,400		795,000	1.9%
 Cupertino	23,000	23,300	1.3%	22,200	22,600	1.8%	3.5%	3.2%	
Los Altos	12,100	12,300	1.7%	11,800	12,000	1.7%	2.5%	2.5%	
Milpitas	29,800	30,100	1.0%	28,000	28,500	1.8%	6.0%	5.2%	
Mountain View	39,800	40,300	1.3%	38,000	38,700	1.8%	4.5%	3.9%	
Palo Alto	29,900	30,400	1.7%	29,000	29,600	2.1%	3.0%	2.7%	
Santa Clara	54,200	54,900	1.3%	51,300	52,300	1.9%	5.4%	4.7%	
Sunnyvale	71,000	71,800	1.1%	67,300	68,500	1.8%	5.2%	4.6%	
NOVA Workforce Investment Area	259,800	263,100	1.3%	247,600	252,200	1.9%	4.7%	4.1%	

NOTE: Totals may not add correctly due to rounding

Source: California Employment Development Department, LMID

Regional Layoff Activity: August 2005					Summary
Company	WARN *	City	Affected	Cause	Individuals Affected YTD †: 599+ ‡
Agilent	Yes	Santa Clara	-	Closure	WARN Current YTD: 5
Cree Microwave, LLC	Yes	Sunnyvale	19	Closure	
Lockheed Martin Space Operations	Yes	Sunnyvale	70	RIF	WARN Previous YTD: 2
Photronics	No	Milpitas	18	RIF	
Powerwave Technologies, Inc.	No	Milpitas	30	RIF	* 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
Sun Microsystems	No	Santa Clara	16	RIF	
Western Precision, Inc.	No	Santa Clara	-	RIF	
			123+		