

Workforce Review

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

October 2005

Did you know?

Execs say Bay Area economy “weaker”

Group’s “Confidence Index” at lowest point in almost three years, survey finds

Bay Area executives have grown more pessimistic about the region’s economy, posting the gloomiest assessments on the Bay Area Council’s “business confidence index” in nearly three years.

Twenty percent of Bay Area executives surveyed expect the local economy to worsen over the next six months. Three months ago, only 7 percent were downbeat in their six-month outlook.

“That’s a pretty big drop” in mood, said Jim Wunderman, chief executive for the council, a public policy group sponsored by businesses. We should all be concerned about the potential of the Bay Area economy, which has been gaining strength but is now losing it.”

Of the 517 top executives surveyed, 33 percent expected to hire workers over the next six months, while 10 percent planned layoffs. In April 2005, 39 percent of executives said they planned to hire, while only 7 percent planned to reduce their workforce.

While Santa Clara County executives have typically been the most pessimistic in the nine-county Bay Area over the past several years, the gap was slightly less this time around.

Source: San José Mercury News [11/15/05]

www.mercurynews.com/mlid/mercurynews/business/13170997.htm



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Civilian Unemployment Rate	October 2004 (Actual)	September 2005 (Revised)	October 2005 (Preliminary)	Percentage Point Change	
				09/05-10/05	10/04-10/05
San José-Sunnyvale MSA	5.9%	5.3%	5.4%	0.1	- 0.5
California	5.7%	4.9%	5.0%	0.1	- 0.7
United States	5.1%	4.8%	4.6%	- 0.2	- 0.5

Civilian Labor Force	October 2004 (Actual)	September 2005 (Revised)	October 2005 (Preliminary)	Percentage Change	
				09/05-10/05	10/04-10/05
San José-Sunnyvale MSA	854,300	855,000	863,200	1.0%	1.0%
Civilian Employed	803,500	809,600	816,200	0.8%	1.6%
Civilian Unemployed	50,800	45,400	47,000	3.5%	- 7.5%

Where the Jobs Are (San José-Sunnyvale MSA)	October 2004 (Actual)	September 2005 (Revised)	October 2005 (Preliminary)	Percentage Change	
				09/05-10/05	10/04-10/05
Total Nonfarm	864,100	857,900	863,400	0.6%	- 0.1%
Goods Producing	214,100	214,000	213,600	- 0.2%	- 0.2%
Manufacturing	170,900	170,400	170,300	- 0.1%	- 0.4%
Service Providing	650,000	643,900	649,800	0.9%	0.0%
Prof. & Business Svcs.	167,300	165,400	164,900	- 0.3%	- 1.4%
Retail Trade	82,300	81,300	82,000	0.9%	- 0.4%

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 (10/04-10/05)	Employed		Employed % Change (10/04-10/05)	Unemployment Rate	
	October 2004	October 2005		October 2004	October 2005		October 2004	October 2005
Santa Clara County	870,900	838,000	- 3.8%	825,100	792,600	- 3.9%	5.3%	5.4%
 Cupertino	24,760	23,200	- 6.3%	24,000	22,500	- 6.3%	3.1%	3.2%
Los Altos	14,480	12,200	-15.7%	14,010	11,900	- 15.1%	3.2%	2.5%
Milpitas	28,210	30,100	6.7%	26,670	28,500	6.9%	5.4%	5.2%
Mountain View	44,310	40,200	- 9.3%	42,700	38,600	- 9.6%	3.6%	3.9%
Palo Alto	33,890	30,300	- 10.6%	32,980	29,500	- 10.6%	2.7%	2.7%
Santa Clara	58,710	54,800	- 6.7%	55,800	52,200	- 6.5%	5.0%	4.7%
Sunnyvale	74,230	71,600	- 3.5%	70,900	68,300	- 3.7%	4.5%	4.6%
NOVA Workforce Investment Area	278,590	262,400	- 5.8%	267,060	251,500	- 5.8%	4.1%	4.2%

NOTE: Totals may not add correctly due to rounding

Source: California Employment Development Department, LMID

Regional Layoff Activity: October 2005					Summary
Company	WARN*	City	Affected	Cause	Individuals Affected YTD [†] : 2,459+ [‡]
Compact Disc Warehouse	No	Sunnyvale	1	Closure	WARN Current YTD: 12
Four Points by Sheraton	Yes	Sunnyvale	160	Closure	WARN Previous YTD: 5
Lifescan	No	Milpitas	18	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