

Workforce Review

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

November 2003

Did You Know?

According to a recent article in InformationWeek, IT hiring experts are seeing an increase in IT opportunities, especially in defense, law enforcement, and intelligence. For example, the job search portal Dice.com has seen a 36 percent increase in IT job announcements in the Silicon Valley, from 736 openings in July to 1,001 in December. This is good news, considering that aggregate technology unemployment for the first 10 months of the year was 6.49 percent in the West. The article cautions, though, that this increase in IT opportunities may be impacted by the increase in company productivity that has also been recently reported in the press.

Source: InformationWeek

<http://www.informationweek.com/story/showArticle.jhtml?articleID=16600210>



A regional catalyst shaping and influencing the Silicon Valley workforce investment system to promote economic opportunity and shared prosperity.



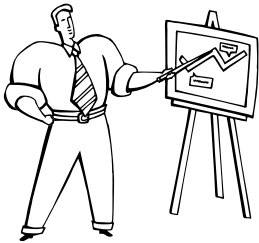
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Civilian Unemployment Rate	November 2002	October 2003 (revised)	November 2003 (preliminary)	Percentage Change	
				11/02 - 11/03	10/03 - 11/03
Santa Clara County	8.8%	7.6%	7.2%	-1.6%	-0.4%
California	6.7%	6.5%	6.3%	-0.4%	-0.2%
United States	5.6%	5.6%	5.6%	0.0%	0.0%
Civilian Labor Force	November 2002	October 2003 (revised)	November 2003 (preliminary)	Percentage Change	
				11/02 - 11/03	10/03 - 11/03
Santa Clara County Total	942,200	917,500	912,600	-3.1%	-0.5%
Civilian Employed	859,500	847,500	847,300	-1.4%	0.0%
Civilian Unemployed	82,700	70,000	65,300	-21.0%	-6.7%
Where the Jobs Are	November 2002	October 2003 (revised)	November 2003 (preliminary)	Percentage Change	
				11/02 - 11/03	10/03 - 11/03
Santa Clara County Nonfarm	893,300	861,200	862,800	-3.4%	0.2%
Goods Producing	238,100	223,800	222,500	-6.6%	-0.6%
Manufacturing	194,800	181,100	180,600	-7.3%	-0.3%
Service Providing	655,200	637,400	640,300	-2.3%	0.5%
Prof. & Bus. Services	164,500	156,400	157,000	-4.6%	0.4%
Government	98,900	96,400	96,800	-2.1%	0.4%

Source: California Employment Development Department, LMID

CalWORKS Caseload by Region	October 2002 (# of households)	October 2003 (# of households)	Change 10/02-10/03
Santa Clara County	n/a	13,421	n/a
Cupertino	57	83	45.6%
Los Altos	5	12	140.0%
Milpitas	336	413	22.9%
Mountain View	196	248	26.5%
Palo Alto	61	76	24.6%
Santa Clara	435	578	32.9%
Sunnyvale	291	387	33.0%
NOVA Service Delivery Area	1,381	1,797	30.13%



Source: Quarterly Statistical Data of Public Assistance Families in the County of Santa Clara, October 1, 2003

NOVA Rapid Response Activity – November 2003

Company	WARN*	City	# Affected	Cause
Analog Devices	Yes	Santa Clara	2	Closure
Synopsys	Yes	Mountain View	68	RIF
Confidential	No	Milpitas	15	RIF
Confidential	No	Mountain View	11	RIF
Confidential	No	Mountain View	55	RIF
Confidential	No	San Jose	52	RIF
Confidential	No	Santa Clara	1	RIF
Confidential	No	Santa Clara	5	RIF
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Individuals Affected Year to Date**: 5,715 WARN This Year to Date: 28 WARN Previous Year to Date: 29

*WARN = Workers' Adjustment & Retraining Notification Act (notice of mass layoff or closure) ** "Year to Date" refers to fiscal year (7/1-6/30)