

Workforce Review

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

November 2004

Did you know?

The Bay Area's economy is flickering back to life, a group of Southern California economists concluded in a report released Dec. 8, 2004. Consumer spending and hiring here are increasing, while the slew of vacant offices are slowly filling up, according to the quarterly UCLA Anderson Forecast. Moreover, the Bay Area's median household income and education levels remain among the nation's highest, giving it a solid base for future expansion. "While the Bay Area has certainly suffered dramatically since the tech bust began, what may be more impressive is how well it is recovering," the report said, predicting the region could bolster its workforce by up to two percent in 2005. "This is an area that will regain its position as one of the fastest-growing economies in the nation in relatively short order." But don't start cheering yet. The tech industry and job growth continue to be lackluster compared with four years ago, the report noted. On top of that, it said, the state budget remains mired in debt, California housing prices seem unsustainable and the national economy is in danger of losing gas.

Indeed, the forecast repeated its warning from September that the country could wind up in a recession by late 2005 or 2006. However, even if a recession did occur, the forecast said, the Bay Area would probably survive it better than the last one, which began March 2001 and lingered for eight months. While the previous economic downturn was driven by the collapse in the tech industry, the UCLA economists said, the next would likely be tied to a drop in consumer buying and housing construction.

Source: San Jose Mercury News [12/8/04]

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Civilian Unemployment Rate	November 2003 (Actual)	October 2004 (Revised)	November 2004 (Preliminary)	Percentage Points Change	
				10/04 - 11/04	11/03 - 11/04
Santa Clara County	7.3%	5.3%	5.0%	- 0.3	- 2.3
California	6.5%	5.7%	5.6%	- 0.1	- 0.9
United States	5.6%	5.1%	5.2%	+ 0.1	- 0.4

Civilian Labor Force	November 2003 (Actual)	October 2004 (Revised)	November 2004 (Preliminary)	Percentage Change	
				10/04 - 11/04	11/03 - 11/04
Santa Clara County Total	884,000	868,700	862,300	- 0.7%	- 2.5%
Civilian Employed	819,600	822,400	819,000	- 0.4%	- 0.1%
Civilian Unemployed	64,400	46,300	43,300	- 6.5%	- 33.2%

Where the Jobs Are	November 2003 (Actual)	October 2004 (Revised)	November 2004 (Preliminary)	Percentage Change	
				10/04 - 11/04	11/03 - 11/04
Santa Clara Co. Nonfarm	849,200	840,400	839,400	- 0.1%	- 1.2%
Goods Producing	210,600	209,600	207,300	- 1.1%	- 1.6%
Manufacturing	171,700	170,800	169,900	- 0.5%	- 1.0%
Service Providing	638,600	630,800	632,100	+ 0.2%	- 1.0%
Prof. & Bus. Services	162,600	158,800	158,400	- 0.3%	- 2.6%
Government	94,500	92,300	92,900	+ 0.7%	- 1.7%

Source: California Employment Development Department, LMID

Labor Force by Bay Area County	Labor Force	Unemployment Rate 10/04 (revised)	Unemployment Rate 11/04 (preliminary)	Percentage of CA's Labor Force
Santa Clara County	862,300	5.3%	5.0%	4.8%
Alameda County	754,800	5.2%	4.9%	4.2%
Contra Costa County	524,500	4.4%	4.3%	2.9%
Marin County	132,800	2.9%	2.7%	0.7%
Napa County	72,300	4.4%	5.4%	0.4%
San Francisco County	411,200	5.2%	5.3%	2.3%
San Mateo County	376,900	3.5%	3.2%	2.1%
Solano County	213,600	4.9%	5.1%	1.2%
Sonoma County	264,900	3.8%	3.8%	1.5%
Bay Area Total	3,613,300	4.7%	4.6%	20.3%

Source: California Employment Development Department, LMID

Regional Layoff Activity					Summary
Company	WARN *	City	Affected	Cause	Individuals Affected YTD †: 2,930 ‡
Aptos Corporation	No	Milpitas	-	Closure	WARN Current YTD: 5
Credence Systems Corp.	No	Milpitas	310	RIF	
Infinera	No	Sunnyvale	20	RIF	
Oakville Groceries	No	Cupertino	2	Closure	
Seagate	No	Milpitas	100	RIF	
432+					WARN Previous YTD: 28

* WARN : Workers' Adjustment and Retraining Notification
 † YTD : Year to Date — Refers to fiscal year (July 1–June 30)
 ‡ Cumulative total may not add due to internal adjustments