

Inland Empire/Desert Region Labor Market Update

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October 2020 Labor Market Stats



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Nonfarm Employment

added

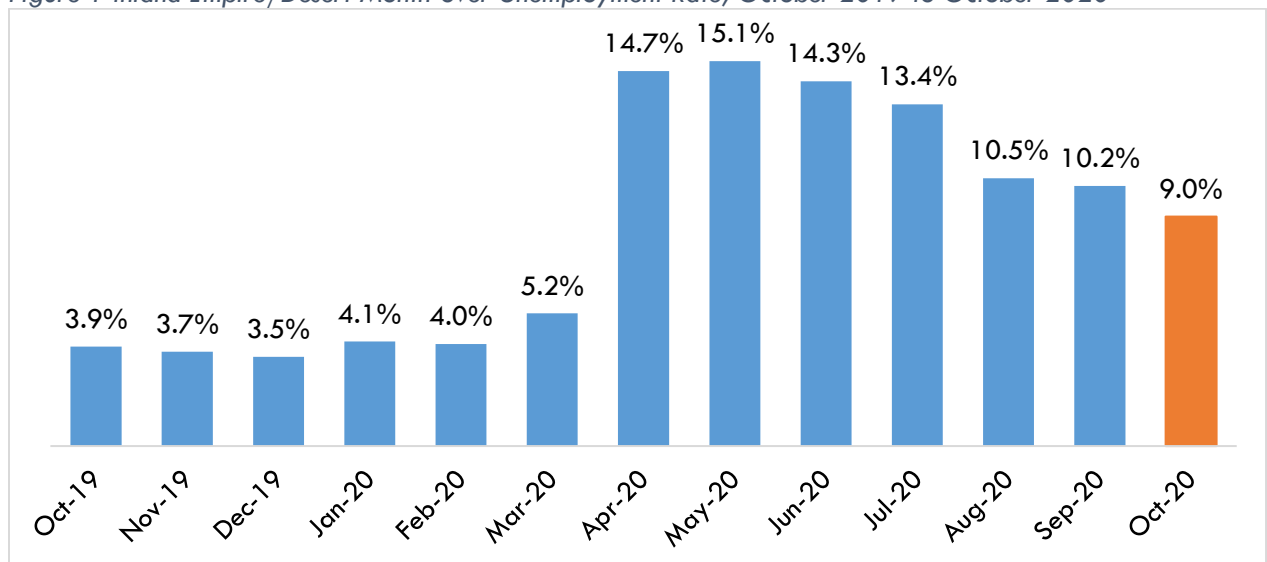
27,800 Jobs

Today's employment data release marks the eighth month of COVID-19's impact on Inland Empire/Desert Region employers and job seekers (Riverside-San Bernardino-Ontario MSA). In this analysis, the data was collected the week of October 12th, 2020, and may not fully capture the current business restriction mandates. County risk level guidance for businesses is available at [Covid19.ca.gov](https://www.covid19.ca.gov).

Labor Force and the Unemployment Rate

The Inland Empire/Desert Region's unemployment rate **decreased to 9.0%** in October 2020, down from a revised 10.2% in September 2020. The regional unemployment rate was 3.9% in October 2019, one year ago. The unadjusted October 2020 unemployment rate in California was 9.0%, and the nation was 6.9%. The table below displays the region's month-over unemployment rate trend over the previous year.

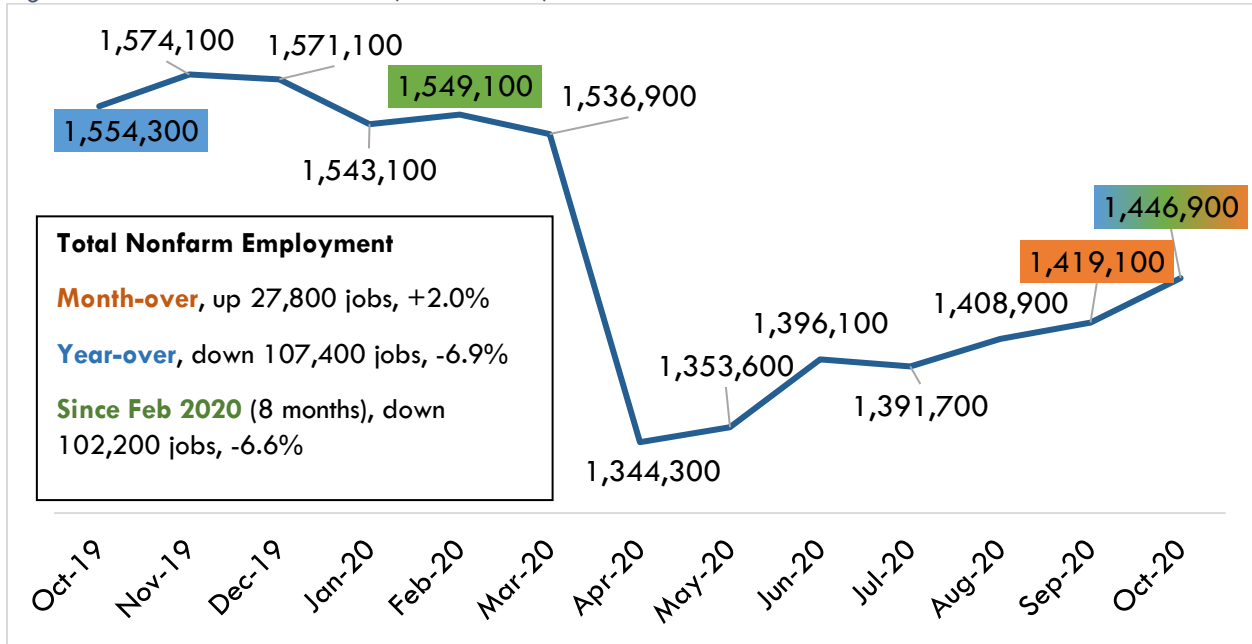
Figure 1 Inland Empire/Desert Month-over Unemployment Rate, October 2019 to October 2020



Industry Employment

In October 2020, regional nonfarm employers **increased their payrolls by 27,800 jobs** over the month, a 2.0% increase. Despite the month-over gain, the region is **down 107,400 jobs, or 6.9%**, from one year ago. The region has recovered about half the jobs lost between February and April 2020.

Figure 2 IEDR Total Nonfarm Jobs, Month-over, October 2019 to October 2020



Notable month-over job changes were recorded in the following industries:

Arts, entertainment & recreation increased its payrolls by 10.2% over the month, adding 1,300 jobs. This sector is down 24.7%, or 4,600 jobs, from one year ago.

Health care & social assistance employers added 4,400 jobs in October. The overall sector is down 2,300 jobs from one year ago, mostly due to job losses in the nursing and residential care facilities subsector, which is down 1,400 jobs or 5.0%

Retail trade tallied 4,300 more jobs in October, up 2.0%. Month-over job recovery in clothing & clothing accessories stores added 1,600 jobs to the overall sector total. While the overall retail trade has lost 10,800 jobs over the year, the building material & garden equipment stores subsector is up 10.6% since last October, adding 1,500 jobs.

Government employers reported a net increase of 4,000 jobs over the month, mostly in the local government education subsector (up 5,800 jobs). This sector reported 11,800 fewer jobs over the year, mainly in the local government education subsector (down 9,000 jobs).

Manufacturing saw a decline of 600 jobs over the month. This sector is down 11,400 jobs over the year, down 11.4%.

Figure 3 displays the month-over and year-over changes in each major industry sector in the Inland Empire/Desert Region.

Figure 3 Major Industry Sector Job Change, October 2019 to October 2020

Major Industry Sectors	October 2020 Job Count	Month-over Change	Month-over % Change	Year-over Change	Year-over % Change
Total Nonfarm	1,446,900	27,800	2.0%	-107,400	-6.9%
Government	250,500	4,000	1.6%	-11,800	-4.5%
Health Care & Social Assistance	231,300	4,400	1.9%	-2,300	-1.0%
Retail Trade	170,500	4,300	2.6%	-10,800	-6.0%
Transportation & Warehousing	144,600	3,500	2.5%	300	0.2%
Accommodation & Food Services	111,300	3,500	3.2%	-42,700	-27.7%
Construction	105,300	2,400	2.3%	-1,800	-1.7%
Administrative & Support & Waste Serv.	100,100	1,600	1.6%	-6,800	-6.4%
Manufacturing	88,600	-600	-0.7%	-11,400	-11.4%
Wholesale Trade	66,800	200	0.3%	0	0.0%
Professional, Scientific & Technical Services	40,300	700	1.8%	-2,000	-4.7%
Other Services	37,100	1,800	5.1%	-8,300	-18.3%
Finance & Insurance	23,800	200	0.8%	-300	-1.2%
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	20,600	-400	-1.9%	0	0.0%
Educational Services	17,600	700	4.1%	-3,200	-15.4%
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	14,000	1,300	10.2%	-4,600	-24.7%
Total Farm	13,300	400	3.1%	-300	-2.2%
Information	9,600	0	0.0%	-1,700	-15.0%
Management of Companies & Enterprises	9,100	200	2.2%	200	2.2%
Utilities	4,800	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Mining and Logging	1,000	0	0.0%	-200	-16.7%

National Telework Survey

The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics conducted a study to gauge the effects of COVID-19 on the labor market. This new series of questions provide insight into the characteristics of those working from home or teleworking over the last four weeks due to the pandemic. The data provided below are national results for employed demographic groups in October 2020. California and local responses are not yet available.

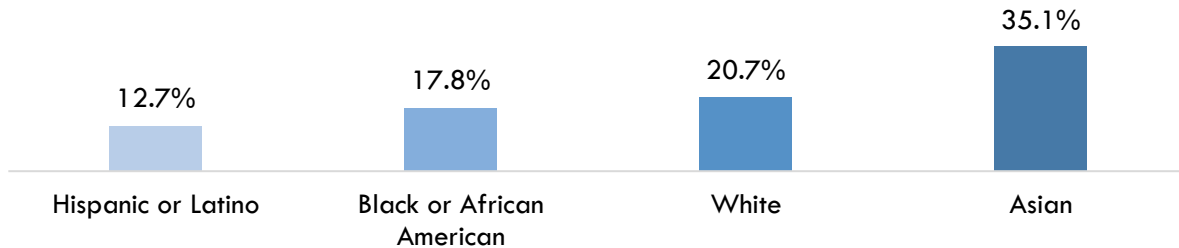
Nationally, employed women were more likely than men to have teleworked because of the pandemic (24.0% versus 18.8% percent in October).

Figure 4 Gender, percent of total employed teleworked because of coronavirus pandemic



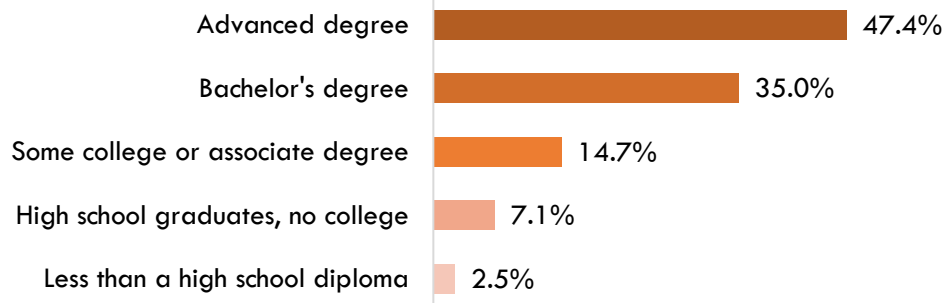
More than one-third of employed Asians worked from home due to the pandemic, compared to 20.7% of whites and 17.8% of African Americans. Only 12.7% of those reporting Hispanic or Latino ethnicity teleworked in October.

Figure 5 Race and Ethnicity, percent of total employed teleworked because of coronavirus pandemic



Workers with advanced levels of educational attainment were far more likely to have teleworked in October 2020. Among those employed age 25 and older, 47.4% of advanced degree holders teleworked compared to 2.5% holding less than a high school diploma.

Figure 6 Educational attainment, percent of total employed teleworked because of coronavirus pandemic



Stay healthy, stay safe,

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