

Inland Empire/Desert Region LMI News and Updates


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January 2021 Labor Market Update

Between December 2020 and January 2021:



Unemployment Rate
Decreased to
8.6%



Nonfarm Employment
Lost
-37,500 Jobs

The January 2020 data release from California Labor Market Information Division reflects its annual "benchmark" revisions of the job and labor force numbers. Monthly estimates are based on sample data from industry employer surveys, the Current Population Survey (CPS household survey), and Unemployment Insurance claim filings. These estimates are revised annually as detailed tax records become available.

Labor Force and the Unemployment Rate

The regional unemployment rate **decreased slightly to 8.6%** in January 2021, down from 8.7% in December 2020 and up from 4.1% in January 2020, one year ago. The tally of unemployed residents fell by 4,200 while the count of employed residents also fell by 18,400. The region's labor force, the total sum of residents employed and unemployed, fell by 22,600 or 1.1% over the month. Figure 1 displays the regional month-over unemployment rate change from January 2020 to January 2021.

Figure 1 Regional month-over unemployment rate change, January 2020 to January 2021

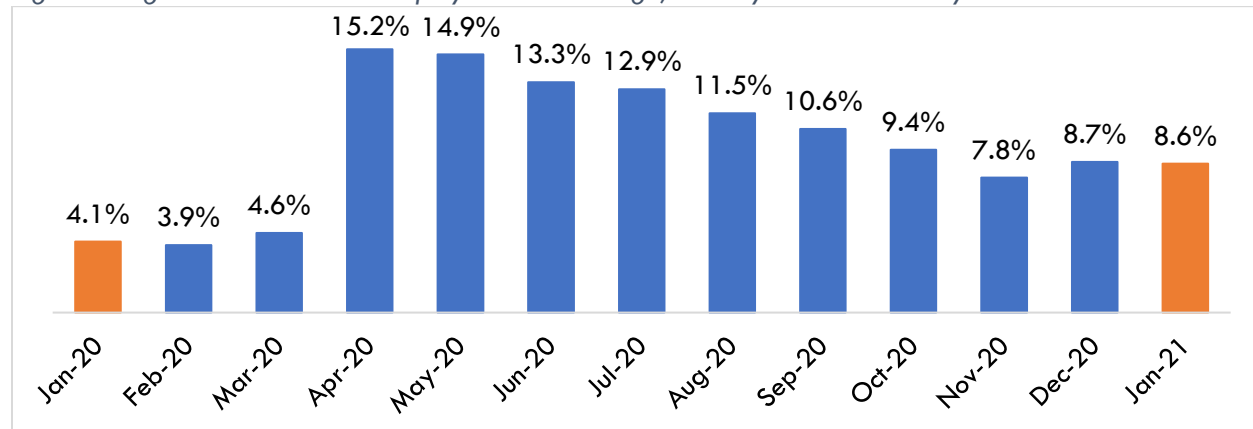


Figure 2 displays the five cities with the highest and lowest current unemployment rates for Riverside and San Bernardino counties. Figure 5 (end of this report) displays the unemployment rates for all cities and census-designated places (CDP) by subregion.

*Figure 2 Riverside and San Bernardino cities with the highest unemployment rates, January 2021**

Riverside County 8.6%			San Bernardino County 8.6%		
Rank	Highest Unemployment Rate	Lowest Unemployment Rate	Rank	Highest Unemployment Rate	Lowest Unemployment Rate
1	Coachella 14.6%	Canyon Lake 3.9%	1	Adelanto 17.0%	Big Bear Lake 3.4%
2	Desert Hot Springs 13.8%	Indian Wells 5.3%	2	Victorville 12.5%	Chino Hills 5.4%
3	Hemet 11.6%	Corona 6.9%	3	San Bernardino 12.0%	Rancho Cucamonga 6.3%
4	San Jacinto 11.1%	Eastvale City 6.9%	4	Hesperia 11.5%	Loma Linda 6.4%
5	Perris 10.8%	Calimesa 7.2%	5	Needles 11.0%	Redlands 6.7%

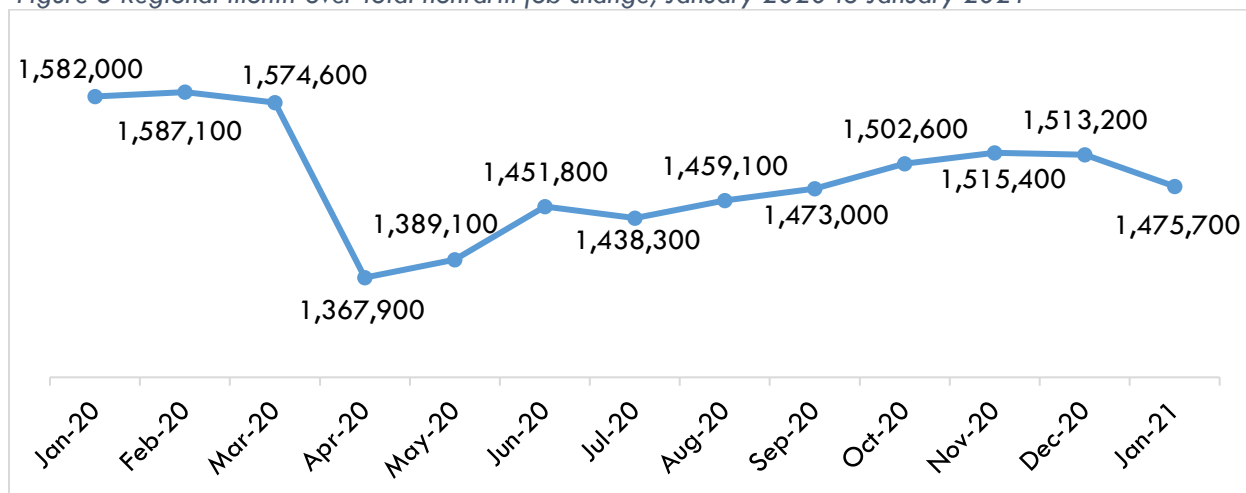
*Incorporated cities only

Industry Employment

Month-over nonfarm payrolls decreased by 37,500 jobs, a 2.5% decrease. Although seasonal month-over job cuts are common this time of year, deeper than usual job cuts were recorded in the following industry sectors: accommodations & food services (down 6,800 jobs); manufacturing (down 2,500 jobs); real estate & rental & leasing (down 900 jobs); and arts, entertainment & recreation (down 600 jobs). Farm employment decreased by 100 jobs over the month.

Year-over, regional employment is down 106,300 jobs or 6.7%, primarily due to the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. Farm employers reported 1,600 fewer jobs over the year, or down 10.8%.

Figure 3 Regional month-over total nonfarm job change, January 2020 to January 2021



Notable month-over job changes were recorded in the following major industry sectors:

Accommodations & food services lost 6,800 jobs over the month (down 5.9%) and 45,700 jobs over the year (down 29.6%). Month-over job losses in this sector were reported in the restaurant subsector (down 4,900 jobs), specifically in full-service restaurants (down 4,400 jobs, or 15.4%) and limited-service eating places (example: fast-food restaurants, down 500 jobs or 0.7%). Accommodations reported a loss of 1,200 jobs over the month. The overall accommodations and food services sector accounted for about 43% of the regional job losses (down 45,700 jobs) over the year.

The **transportation & warehousing** sector reported 9,500 fewer jobs in January 2021. The majority of job losses were located in the warehousing & storage subsector (down 7,200 jobs) and couriers & messengers subsectors (down 2,700 jobs). Job losses in these subsectors appear to be seasonal as employers need less support to move and store goods after the holiday season. Employment in the warehousing & storage subsector increased 25.1% (22,100 jobs) over the year, or more than 83% of the year-over job growth in the transportation & warehousing sector (up 26,500 jobs or 17.1%).

Manufacturing employers cut 2,500 jobs over the month, down 2.8%. Most of the job cuts in this sector were in the nondurable goods subsector (down 1,600 jobs).

Real estate & rental & leasing tallied 900 fewer jobs (down 4.8%), mainly in the real estate subsector (down 600 jobs).

Arts, entertainment & recreation was one of the hardest-hit industry sectors over the year, reporting 52% fewer jobs over the year, down 11,900 jobs. This sector reported a loss of 600 jobs over the month.

Month-over job losses were also reported in the following industry sectors: administrative & support & waste services (mostly temp. agencies, down 3,400 jobs), health care & social assistance (down 1,900 jobs), government (down 1,100 jobs), and wholesale trade (down 1,000 jobs).

Month-over and year-over changes for each major industry sector are displayed in Figure 4.

Figure 4 Major industry sector job change, month-over, and year-over, January 2020 to January 2021

Major Industries	January 2021 Jobs	Month-over Change	Month-over % Change	Year-over Change	Year-over % Change
Total Nonfarm	1,475,700	-37,500	-2.5%	-106,300	-6.7%
Total Farm	13,200	-100	-0.8%	-1,600	-10.8%
Government	244,100	-1,100	-0.4%	-21,900	-8.2%
Health Care & Social Assistance	232,100	-1,900	-0.8%	-4,300	-1.8%
Transportation & Warehousing	181,800	-9,500	-5.0%	26,500	17.1%
Retail Trade	173,600	-6,200	-3.4%	-6,300	-3.5%
Accommodation & Food Services	108,500	-6,800	-5.9%	-45,700	-29.6%
Construction	106,900	-2,600	-2.4%	200	0.2%
Administrative & Support & Waste Services	103,100	-3,400	-3.2%	-4,800	-4.4%
Manufacturing	88,400	-2,500	-2.8%	-11,400	-11.4%
Wholesale Trade	63,100	-1,000	-1.6%	-4,200	-6.2%
Professional, Scientific & Technical Services	42,700	-200	-0.5%	-2,500	-5.5%
Other Services	35,900	-700	-1.9%	-11,500	-24.3%
Finance & Insurance	24,600	-100	-0.4%	-300	-1.2%
Educational Services	18,200	0	0.0%	-2,900	-13.7%
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	17,800	-900	-4.8%	-2,700	-13.2%
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	11,000	-600	-5.2%	-11,900	-52.0%
Management of Companies & Enterprises	8,800	-100	-1.1%	-100	-1.1%
Information	8,700	-100	-1.1%	-2,700	-23.7%
Utilities	5,100	100	2.0%	100	2.0%
Mining and Logging	1,300	100	8.3%	100	8.3%

College-level Local Workforce Demand Assessment (LWDA)

To equitably serve residents and maintain career education programs that align with business needs, community colleges should have an awareness of their diverse populations and area employers. With this knowledge, these institutions will have the ability to effectively upskill their communities and develop programs that lead to in-demand and high-wage employment opportunities for students after program completion.

A series of Local Workforce Demand Assessments were developed by the Inland Empire/Desert Region Center of Excellence in partnership with the college's research staff to illuminate the job opportunities surrounding each college. This assessment series provides a hyper-localized view of the population, business activity, and occupational opportunities (middle-skill and higher-skill) near each college. Additionally, these assessments provide recommendations for future career education program development.

Each College LWDA may be accessed by selecting the report image:



Links to Recent Labor Market Reports

1. [Building and Energy Systems Professional](#)
2. [Business Information Worker](#)
3. [Cloud and Internet of Things Administration and Support](#)
4. [Computer Data Science](#)
5. [Fire Technology, Academy, and Leadership](#)
6. [Forklift Operation](#)
7. [Greenhouse Technician](#)
8. [IT Project Management](#)
9. [Magnetic Resonance Imaging \(MRI\) Technologist](#)
10. [Makerspace](#)
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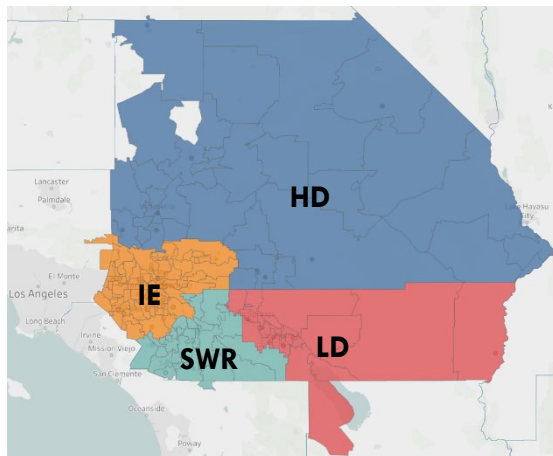
Thank you,

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Sources: CA EDD LMID, COE, North American Industry Classification System



Separating the two-county Inland Empire/Desert Region into four subregions provides a nuanced view of each subregion's unique employment characteristics. The region is divided into the High Desert (HD), Low Desert (LD), Southwestern Riverside (SWR), and the Inland Empire (IE) subregions.

Figure 5 Regional unemployment rate by city and census-designated place by subregion, January 2021

City/Census Designated Place (CDP)	Unemployment Rate
High Desert	
Lenwood CDP	3.0%
Morongo Valley CDP	5.9%
Twentynine Palms city	8.8%
Apple Valley town	9.5%
Barstow city	10.4%
Needles city	11.0%

City/Census Designated Place (CDP)	Unemployment Rate
Hesperia city	11.5%
Joshua Tree CDP	12.1%
Victorville city	12.5%
Searles Valley CDP	12.7%
Yucca Valley town	13.2%
Big River CDP	13.8%
Mountain View Acres CDP	14.1%
Bluewater CDP	15.4%
Adelanto city	17.0%
Inland Empire	
San Antonio Heights CDP	0.5%
Big Bear Lake city	3.4%
Woodcrest CDP	4.2%
Crestline CDP	4.2%
March AFB CDP	4.5%
Chino Hills city	5.4%
Wrightwood CDP	5.8%
El Cerrito CDP	5.9%
Bloomington CDP	6.3%
Rancho Cucamonga city	6.3%
Loma Linda city	6.4%
Home Gardens CDP	6.6%
Big Bear City CDP	6.7%
Redlands city	6.7%
Yucaipa city	6.8%
Corona city	6.9%
Eastvale City city	6.9%
Chino city	6.9%
Norco city	7.1%
Grand Terrace city	7.1%
Upland city	7.3%
Running Springs CDP	7.5%
Mentone CDP	7.6%
Ontario city	7.7%
Montclair city	7.8%
Jurupa Valley city	7.9%
Riverside city	7.9%
Fontana city	8.2%
Lake Arrowhead CDP	8.5%
Highland city	9.0%
Colton city	9.1%
Moreno Valley city	9.6%
Rialto city	10.2%
Perris city	10.8%
San Bernardino city	12.0%
Highgrove CDP	12.1%
Muscoy CDP	19.3%

City/Census Designated Place (CDP)	Unemployment Rate
Low Desert	
Indian Wells city	5.3%
Thousand Palms CDP	7.0%
Rancho Mirage city	7.6%
La Quinta city	8.1%
Palm Desert city	8.6%
Palm Springs city	9.2%
Blythe city	9.6%
Bermuda Dunes CDP	9.7%
Cathedral City city	9.8%
Indio city	9.9%
Mecca CDP	13.5%
Desert Hot Springs city	13.8%
Coachella city	14.6%
Southwestern Riverside	
Canyon Lake city	3.9%
Cabazon CDP	4.1%
Lakeview CDP	5.7%
Idyllwild Pine Cove CDP	5.8%
Cherry Valley CDP	5.9%
Calimesa city	7.0%
Beaumont city	7.1%
Temecula city	7.2%
Murrieta city	7.3%
Wildomar city	7.7%
Nuevo CDP	7.8%
Lake Elsinore city	8.3%
Menifee city	8.7%
Lakeland Village CDP	9.4%
Valle Vista CDP	9.7%
Homeland CDP	9.8%
Romoland CDP	10.0%
Banning city	10.3%
San Jacinto city	11.1%
Hemet city	11.6%
East Hemet CDP	12.3%
Winchester CDP	12.6%