

Unemployment Rates by Region

Unemployment rates (not seasonally adjusted) compared to pre-pandemic February 2020 continue to show the Los Angeles region with the worst outcome in the state.

	Jun-21	Feb-20
<i>California</i>	8.0	4.3
Bay Area	5.8	2.7
Orange County	6.4	7.0
Sacramento	6.8	4.5
Central Sierra	6.8	8.4
San Diego/Imperial	7.4	3.9
Central Coast	6.8	4.6
Upstate California	7.4	2.8
Inland Empire	7.9	3.7
Central Valley	9.8	3.8
Los Angeles	10.0	6.3

Figure Source: California Employment Development Department

MSAs with the Worst Unemployment Rates

California had 11 of the MSAs among the 25 regions with the worst unemployment rates in May.

MSA	May Unemp. Rate	Rank (out of 389)
El Centro MSA	15.9%	388
Visalia-Porterville MSA	10.2%	386
Bakersfield MSA	10.1%	384
Merced MSA	9.9%	383
Hanford-Corcoran MSA	9.2%	380
Los Angeles-Long Beach-Anaheim MSA	9.1%	378
Fresno MSA	8.8%	376
Yuba City MSA	8.5%	373
Madera MSA	8.4%	371
Stockton-Lodi MSA	8.3%	370
Modesto MSA	8.0%	365