

Unemployment Rates by Region

Unemployment rates (not seasonally adjusted) compared to pre-pandemic February 2020 show Los Angeles Region remaining the second worst in the state.

	Oct-21	Feb-20
<i>California</i>	6.4	4.3
Bay Area	4.6	2.7
Orange County	5.0	7.0
Central Coast	5.3	4.6
Sacramento	5.5	4.5
Central Sierra	5.5	8.4
Upstate California	5.9	2.8
San Diego/Imperial	6.1	3.9
Inland Empire	6.6	3.7
Los Angeles	7.9	6.3
Central Valley	8.0	3.8

Figure Source: California Employment Development Department

MSAs with the Worst Unemployment Rates

California again had 11 of the MSAs among the 25 regions with the worst unemployment rates in September, including El Centro MSA (Imperial County) with the worst unemployment rate in the nation.

MSA	September Unemp. Rate	Rank (out of 389)
El Centro MSA	18.1%	389
Visalia-Porterville MSA	9.3%	387
Bakersfield MSA	8.7%	385
Merced MSA	8.2%	384
Hanford-Corcoran MSA	8.0%	380
Fresno MSA	7.8%	379
Stockton-Lodi MSA	7.5%	376
Los Angeles-Long Beach-Anaheim MSA	7.4%	374
Madera MSA	7.3%	372
Yuba City MSA	7.2%	371
Modesto MSA	6.9%	365