

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.

	Apr-21	Feb-20
<i>California</i>	8.1	4.3
Bay Area	5.7	2.7
Orange County	6.2	2.8
Sacramento	6.6	3.7
Central Sierra	6.9	4.5
San Diego/Imperial	7.1	3.8
Central Coast	7.6	7.0
Inland Empire	7.6	3.9
Upstate California	7.6	6.3
Central Valley	9.9	8.4
Los Angeles	10.5	4.6

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 February.

MSA	February Unemployment Rate	US Rank out of 389
El Centro, CA Metropolitan Statistical Area	15.7%	389
Visalia-Porterville, CA Metropolitan Statistical Area	11.6%	385
Merced, CA Metropolitan Statistical Area	11.4%	384
Bakersfield, CA Metropolitan Statistical Area	11.1%	381
Hanford-Corcoran, CA Metropolitan Statistical Area	10.5%	378
Salinas, CA Metropolitan Statistical Area	10.4%	377
Yuba City, CA Metropolitan Statistical Area	10.0%	374
Fresno, CA Metropolitan Statistical Area	9.9%	373
Los Angeles-Long Beach-Anaheim, CA Metropolitan Statistical Area	9.8%	372
Madera, CA Metropolitan Statistical Area	9.7%	370
Stockton-Lodi, CA Metropolitan Statistical Area	9.2%	367