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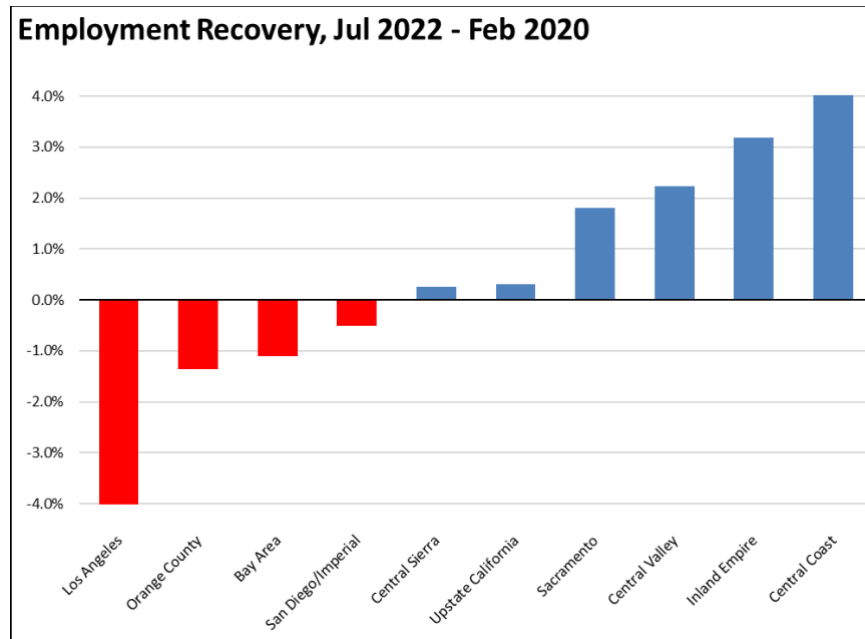
Unemployment rates (not seasonally adjusted) compared to pre-pandemic February 2020 are shown below.

	Jul-22	Feb-20
California	3.9	4.3
Bay Area	2.5	2.7
Orange County	2.8	2.8
Sacramento	3.3	3.7
Central Sierra	3.4	4.5
San Diego/Imperial	3.6	3.8
Central Coast	3.6	7.0
Inland Empire	3.9	3.9
Upstate California	4.2	6.3
Los Angeles	4.8	4.3
Central Valley	5.9	8.4

Figure Source: California Employment Development Department

### Employment Recovery by Region

Los Angeles Region continues to lag the rest of the state in recovery to the pre-pandemic peak employment levels.





### MSAs with the Worst Unemployment Rates

California again had 6 of the MSAs among the 25 regions with the worst unemployment rates in May, including El Centro MSA (Imperial County) with the second worst unemployment rate in the nation. Los Angeles-Long Beach-Anaheim MSA remained out of this group, but dropped to #301 in a tie with 9 other MSAs in other states. The best performing California urban region was again San Jose-Sunnyvale-Santa Clara MSA, edging up to a tie with 4 other MSAs at #17, with an unemployment rate of 2.3% compared to the best performing region, Portsmouth, NH-ME Metropolitan NECTA at 1.8%.

MSA	June Unemp. Rate	Rank (out of 389)
El Centro MSA	13.0%	388
Visalia-Porterville MSA	7.3%	385
Merced MSA	7.0%	384
Bakersfield MSA	6.8%	382
Hanford-Corcoran MSA	6.4%	375
Fresno MSA	5.8%	365