

MSAs with the Worst Unemployment Rates: Los Angeles Rises to 15th Worst in Nation

California had 6 MSAs among the 25 regions with the worst unemployment rates in November. As a result of a pattern of jobs growth in recent years that concentrated on the hardest-hit lower wage, population-serving and tourism service industries in Los Angeles County, Los Angeles-Long Beach-Anaheim MSA (Los Angeles and Orange Counties) had the 15th worst in the nation.

MSA	November Unemployment Rate	US Rank out of 389
El Centro MSA	16.4%	389
Visalia-Porterville MSA	9.8%	376
Los Angeles-Long Beach-Anaheim MSA	9.6%	374
Bakersfield MSA	9.4%	371
Merced MSA	9.0%	364
Stockton-Lodi MSA	9.0%	364

Data Notes

This month begins the annual revision process for the labor force and establishment data series. The US labor force numbers reflect revisions in the seasonally adjusted series beginning in 2016. Upcoming revisions: (1) March 12—revised industry employment, hours, and earnings 1990-2020; revised labor force for California and Los Angeles Metro Division 1990-2020; revised labor force for counties 2020; (2) March 26—revised labor force for counties 2010-2019. While monthly reports will reflect the most recent data as it is reported, our historical estimates for the legislative districts will be revised based on the 2019 American Community Survey factors following the March 26th release. Comparisons between geographic levels should take note of these differences during the revision period.