

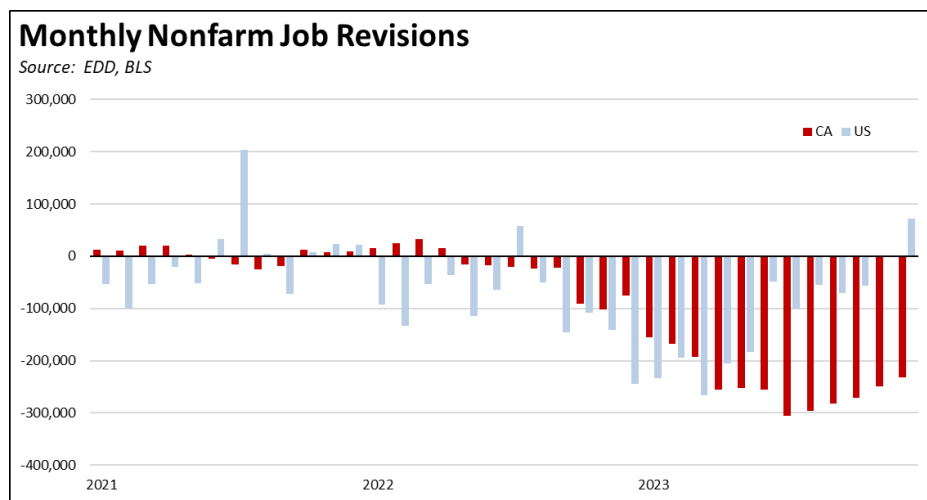
California Employment Report for January 2024

The Center for Jobs and the Economy has released our initial analysis of the January Employment Report from the California Employment Development Department. The additional information we generally address from US Bureau of Labor Statistics will not be released until Monday, at which time we will do a more complete analysis in our Full Jobs Report. For additional information and data about the California economy visit www.centerforjobs.org/ca.

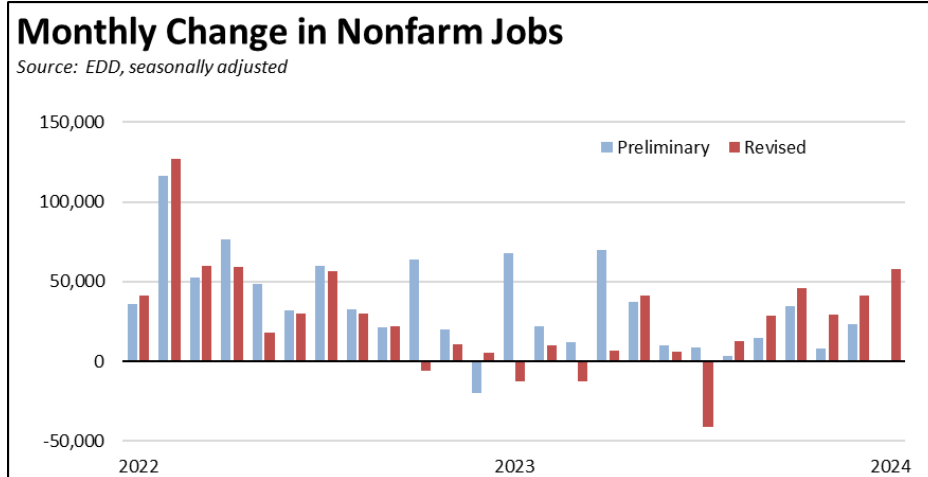
On a data note, the annual data revision process continues with this release and will continue with the February numbers to be released in two weeks. In addition, with this report, we are resuming the employment and unemployment estimates by legislative district. The estimate methodology and previous months results are available on the Center’s website.

Recovery 232,000 Jobs Weaker than Previously Reported

As previously [anticipated](#), the annual data revisions saw a sharp downgrade in the state’s nonfarm job numbers. Nonfarm jobs (seasonally adjusted) in December 2023 were 231,800 lower than previously reported. California accounted for nearly all of the adjustments in the national numbers reported last month.



Nonfarm jobs in January, however, rose a more robust 58,100. This result follows on generally weaker monthly performance in the revised numbers that more closely track with the recessionary conditions prevailing in 2022 and 2023. The numbers moved higher towards the end of the year as state real GDP finally showed recovery in the 3rd quarter.

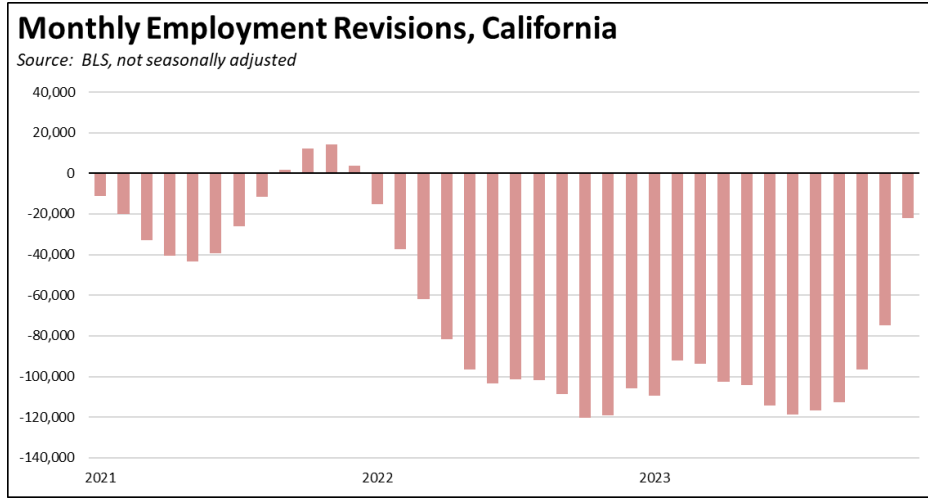


The January results also provide a last-minute boost in the state’s relative performance. Between January 2023 and January 2024, California nonfarm jobs increased by a total of 225,400. This outcome was only 8.2% of total national growth of 2,760,000, well below the state’s 11.4% share of nonfarm jobs.

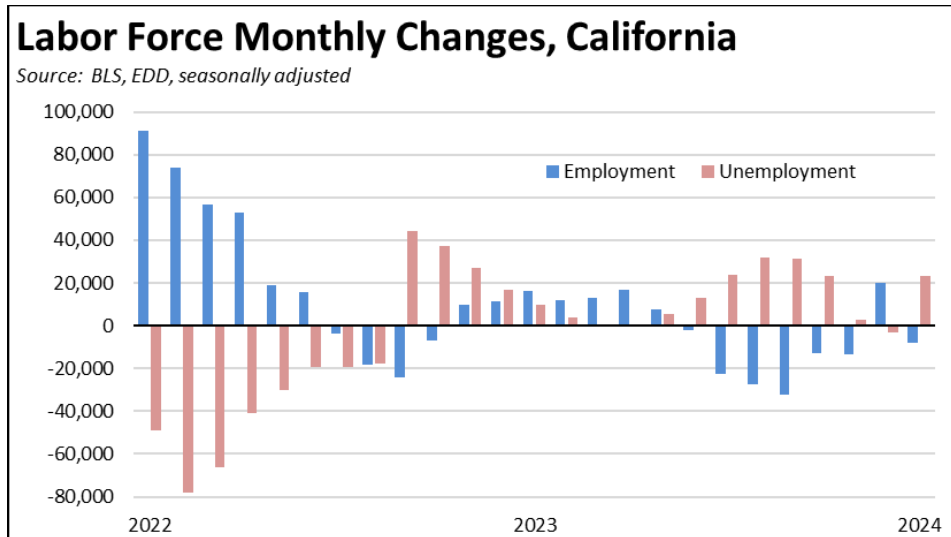
For the pandemic recovery period, the preliminary nonfarm job numbers through December 2023 had California at a net increase of 508,100. Even incorporating the January 2024 results, the revised numbers show the California economy expanding by only 330,000 jobs since the pre-pandemic peak, or an annual average growth rate of only 0.6% since February 2020.

Employment Down/Unemployment Up . . . Again

The labor force numbers also show continued weakness in the number of workers being employed in the state. The annual revisions to seasonally adjusted employment released March 1 in general showed employment lower than previously reported, but the changes were also generally lower than the job number adjustments.



In January, seasonally adjusted employment dropped by 8,000, while the number of unemployed rose 23,300. As a result, the unemployment rate grew by 0.1 point to 5.2%, the highest since January 2022. Under the revised numbers, employment has dropped in 7 of the last 8 months, and the number of unemployed has increased in 15 of the last 16 months. Over the year since January 2023, employment was off by 48,900, and unemployment was up by 155,800.



California Labor Force

Seasonally Adjusted	California		US	
	Jan 2024	Change from Dec 2023	Jan 2024	Change from Dec 2023
Unemployment Rate	5.2%	0.1	3.7%	0.0
Labor Force	19,357,500	0.0%	167,276,000	-0.1%
Participation Rate			62.5%	0.0
Employment	18,343,900	0.0%	161,152,000	0.0%
Unemployment	1,013,600	2.4%	6,124,000	-2.3%

5.2%
CA Unemployment
Rate

California's reported unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted) in January was up 0.1 point to 5.2% as employment showed little change and unemployment continued to increase. The US rate was unchanged at 3.7%.

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CA Employment

Employment dipped by 8,000 (seasonally adjusted), adding to a total loss since June of 96,200.

US employment dipped by 31,000 in January.

California unemployment rose 23,300, while US unemployment dropped 144,000.

Nonfarm Jobs by Region

In spite of continuing tech industry layoffs, the Bay Area again posted a positive jobs growth in January, and Los Angeles Region again showed higher jobs numbers. Under the revised numbers, however, neither region along with Orange has recovered from the pandemic era job losses.

Nonfarm Jobs by Region

Source: EDD, seasonally adjusted

	Change from December 2023	Change from February 2020
Inland Empire	-2,800	103,800
Central Valley	2,900	95,500
Sacramento	800	54,900
San Diego	1,600	44,300
Orange County	4,500	13,600
Central Coast	1,100	-11,300
Bay Area	13,600	-41,100
Los Angeles	17,200	-43,200

Because the data in the table is seasonally adjusted, the numbers should be considered as the total for the counties in each region rather than the regional number. This job series also is not available for all areas in California.

Counties with Double-Digit Unemployment

7

Counties with
Unemployment Above
10%

The number of counties with an unemployment rate (not seasonally adjusted) at 10% or more increased to 7. The unadjusted rates ranged from 3.7% in San Mateo to 19.3% in Colusa.

Unemployment Rate by Legislative District

The estimated unemployment rates are shown below for the highest and lowest districts. The full data and methodology are available on the Center’s website.

January 2024: Unemployment Rate by Legislative District	
Legislator	Highest Unemployment Rate
CD14 Swalwell (D)	7.0
CD02 Huffman (D)	7.1
CD03 Kiley (R)	7.4
CD38 Sánchez (D)	7.4
CD51 Jacobs (D)	7.7
CD45 Steel (R)	7.9
CD35 Torres (D)	9.2
CD28 Chu (D)	10.2
CD36 Lieu (D)	10.4
CD41 Calvert (R)	11.5
SD04 Alvarado-Gil (D)	6.6
SD28 Smallwood-Cuevas (D)	6.7
SD17 Laird (D)	6.8
SD21 Wilk (R)	6.8
SD33 Gonzalez (D)	6.9
SD05 Eggman (D)	7.2
SD12 Grove (R)	7.3
SD18 Padilla (D)	8.6
SD14 Caballero (D)	10.7
SD16 Hurtado (D)	11.5
AD03 Gallagher (R)	7.6
AD22 Alanis (R)	7.9
AD32 Fong (R)	8.1
AD57 Jones-Sawyer (D)	8.3
AD29 Rivas (D)	9.2
AD35 Bains (D)	10.3
AD31 Arambula (D)	10.6
AD27 Soria (D)	10.7
AD36 Garcia (D)	11.1
AD33 Mathis (R)	12.3

January 2024: Unemployment Rate by Legislative District	
Legislator	Lowest Unemployment Rate
CD40 Kim (R)	3.7
CD15 Mullin (D)	3.9
CD50 Peters (D)	3.9
CD11 Pelosi (D)	3.9
CD16 Eshoo (D)	3.9
CD47 Porter (D)	4.1
CD49 Levin (D)	4.2
CD17 Khanna (D)	4.3
CD10 DeSaulnier (D)	4.3
CD48 Issa (R)	4.5
SD13 Becker (D)	3.5
SD37 Min (D)	3.8
SD39 Atkins (D)	3.8
SD40 Jones (R)	3.8
SD38 Blakespear (D)	3.9
SD11 Wiener (D)	4.1
SD15 Cortese (D)	4.5
SD10 Wahab (D)	4.5
SD34 Umberg (D)	4.5
SD36 Nguyen (R)	4.5
AD23 Berman (D)	3.4
AD76 Maienschein (D)	3.5
AD19 Ting (D)	3.6
AD26 Low (D)	3.7
AD72 Dixon (R)	3.7
AD16 Bauer-Kahan (D)	3.8
AD21 Papan (D)	3.8
AD68 Valencia (D)	4.0
AD77 Boerner (D)	4.0
AD59 Chen (R)	4.1