

California Employment Report for June 2024

The Center for Jobs and the Economy has released our initial analysis of the June Employment Report from the California Employment Development Department. For additional information and data about the California economy visit www.centerforjobs.org/ca.

Positive Results in June Data

Both the nonfarm job and employment numbers showed positive gains in June. At 22,500, the nonfarm job gains were in line with the pre-pandemic average of 20,800 from 2019, while the stronger May gains were revised only marginally. These two months of positive news, however, were not enough to offset California's weak ranking in net jobs growth among the states, which remained in 4th place below North Carolina.

Employment showed the first good results since Spring 2023, with a preliminary gain of 17,500. Total employment over the year, however, remained down by 93,000. Although tied with Nevada, California again had the highest unemployment rate among the states for the 5th month in a row. After 5 straight months with unemployment above 1 million workers, the June results finally slipped below this mark but by only 100.

California Labor Force

Seasonally Adjusted	California		US	
	Jun 2024	Change from May 2024	Jun 2024	Change from May 2024
Unemployment Rate	5.2%	0.0	4.1%	0.1
Labor Force	19,346,100	0.0%	168,009,000	0.2%
Participation Rate	62.0%	0.0	62.6%	0.1
Employment	18,346,200	0.1%	161,199,000	0.1%
Unemployment	999,900	-1.0%	6,811,000	2.4%

Not Seasonally Adjusted	California		US	
	Jun 2024	Change from Jun 2023	Jun 2024	Change from Jun 2023
Unemployment Rate	5.3%	0.6	4.3%	0.5
Labor Force	19,290,600	0.3%	169,007,000	0.7%
Participation Rate	61.8%	0.0	63.0%	0.1
Employment	18,265,300	-0.3%	161,774,000	0.1%
Unemployment	1,025,300	12.2%	7,233,000	13.9%

5.2%

**CA Unemployment
Rate**

California's reported unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted) in June was unchanged at 5.2%. The US rate rose 0.1 point to 4.1%.

California again had the highest unemployment rate among the states, tying with Nevada.

17.5k

CA Employment

Employment rose by 17,500 (seasonally adjusted), with the total employment loss since June 2023 at 93,900.

US employment rose by 116,000.

California unemployment edged down 10,300, while US unemployment rose by 162,000. California unemployment fell below the 1 million mark for the first time in 5 months, but only barely so at 999,900 unemployed.

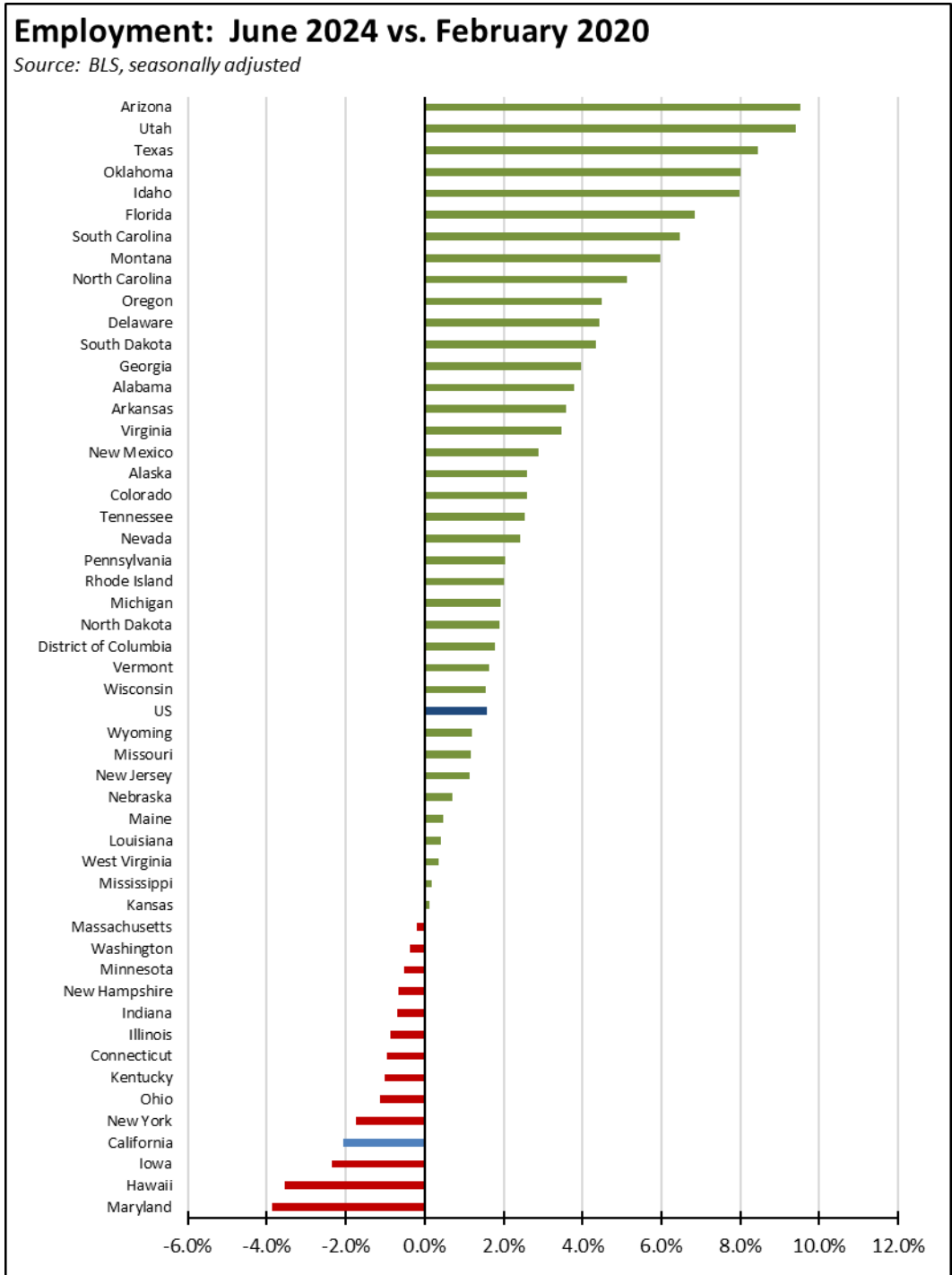
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**CA Labor Force
Participation Rate**

California labor force (seasonally adjusted) remained essentially unchanged with a gain of only 7,200, while the labor force participation rate was level at 62.0%. The US labor force rose 277,000, while the participation rate rose 0.1 point to 63.0%.

Recovery Progress: CA Employment vs. Other States

Compared to the pre-pandemic peak in February 2020, California’s sustained weakness in employment recovery changed only incrementally from 3rd to 4th lowest among the states and DC.



Nonfarm Jobs

22.5k

Nonfarm Jobs
Change

Nonfarm wage and salary jobs rose 22,500 in the preliminary results for June, while the strong results from May were adjusted downwards by only 400.






For the US as a whole, nonfarm jobs rose 206,000 in June.

The seasonally adjusted numbers for California showed gains in 11 industries and losses in 7. Increases were led by Healthcare & Social Assistance (6,500), Government (5,200), and Professional, Scientific & Technical Services (4,700). Losses were led by Private Educational Services as schools began summer vacation (-3,300), Manufacturing (-2,900), and Administrative & Support & Waste Services (-2,900).

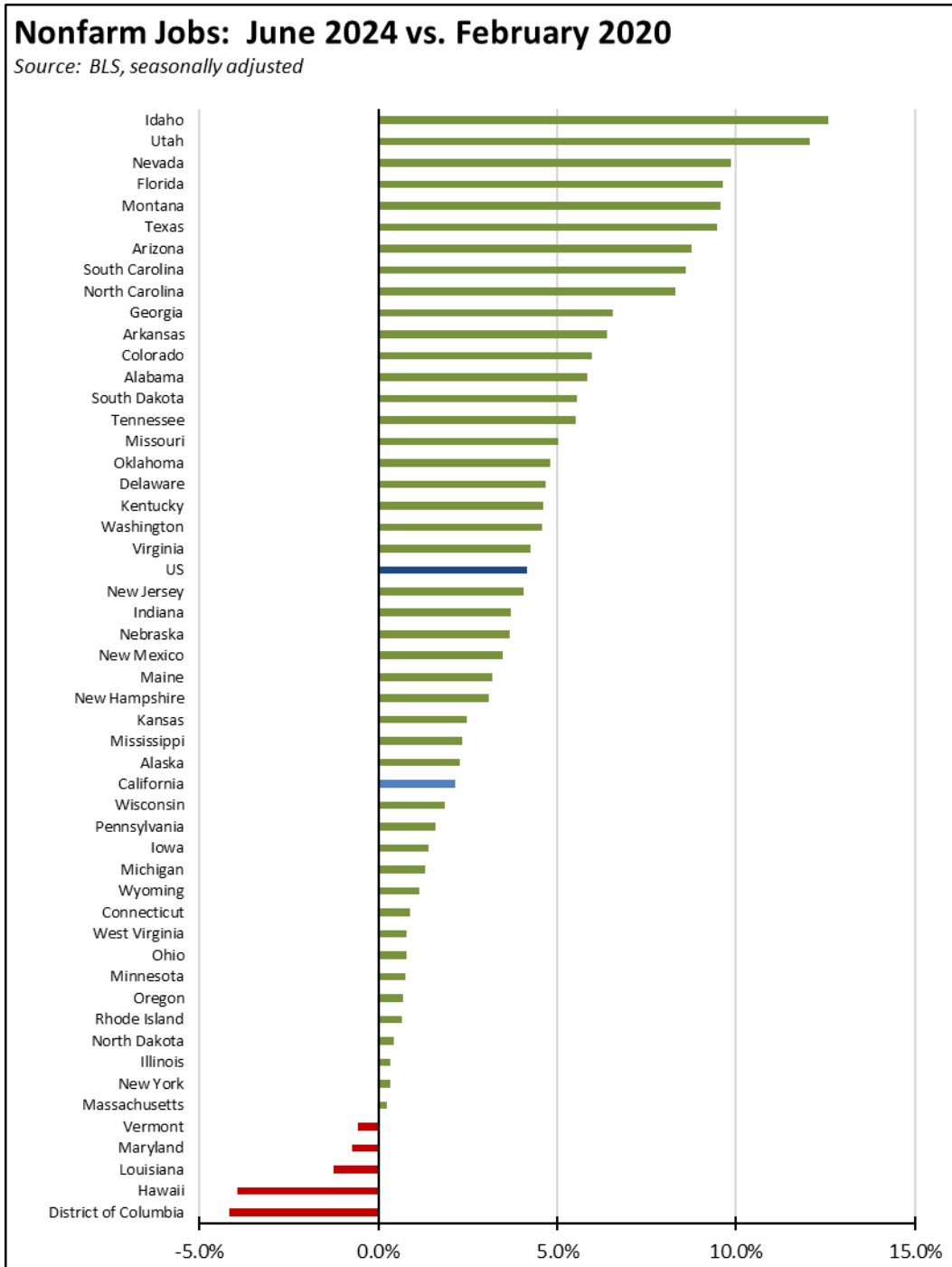
Recovery Progress: CA Nonfarm Jobs vs. Other States

California's monthly job performance in June was the 2nd highest among the states and DC, behind North Carolina with a gain of 23,100 and ahead of Massachusetts with 19,000.

Compared to the pre-pandemic peak, California has now gained a net 379,000 nonfarm jobs, still in 4th place among the states and DC.

	Nonfarm Job Gains, Feb 2020 - Jun 2024	
Texas	1,225,700	
Florida	874,800	
North Carolina	385,900	
California	379,000	
Georgia	306,800	

Adjusted for size, California remained at 31st highest, below the US average.



Nonfarm Jobs by Region

Nonfarm job gains were concentrated in Los Angeles although they remained positive in all areas. The budget-critical Bay Area saw an improved gain of 2,200 nonfarm jobs, but remains 47,500 below the pre-pandemic peak. Once again, the interior regions showed the strongest overall recovery gains.

Nonfarm Jobs by Region

Source: EDD, seasonally adjusted

	Change from May 2024	Change from February 2020
Inland Empire	4,800	119,100
Central Valley	2,400	100,800
Sacramento	2,100	60,900
San Diego	2,300	46,700
Orange County	4,800	19,300
Central Coast	400	-9,800
Los Angeles	14,100	-30,900
Bay Area	2,200	-47,300

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.

Unemployment Rates by Region

Unemployment rates (not seasonally adjusted) remain higher in all regions except the Central Coast and Upstate California compared to pre-pandemic February 2020 levels.

Unemployment Rate by Region

Source: EDD, not seasonally adjusted

	Jun-24	Feb-20
California	5.3	4.3
Orange County	4.0	2.8
Bay Area	4.2	2.7
Central Sierra	4.6	4.5
Sacramento	4.7	3.7
San Diego/Imperial	5.0	3.8
Central Coast	5.3	7.0
Inland Empire	5.3	3.9
Los Angeles	5.8	4.3
Upstate California	6.0	6.3

Counties with Double-Digit Unemployment

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**Counties with
Unemployment Above
10%**

Three counties had an unemployment rate (not seasonally adjusted) at 10% or more. The unadjusted rates ranged from 3.5% in San Mateo to 16.5% in Imperial.

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.

June 2024: Unemployment Rate by Legislative District	
Legislator	Highest Unemployment Rate
CD24 Carbajal (D)	6.5
CD48 Issa (R)	6.7
CD46 Correa (D)	6.7
CD51 Jacobs (D)	6.9
CD14 Swalwell (D)	7.0
CD45 Steel (R)	7.1
CD38 Sánchez (D)	8.8
CD35 Torres (D)	8.9
CD26 Brownley (D)	9.0
CD04 Thompson (D)	10.4
SD05 Eggman (D)	6.3
SD26 Durazo (D)	6.4
SD12 Grove (R)	6.5
SD21 Wilk (R)	6.7
SD35 Bradford (D)	6.7
SD28 Smallwood-Cuevas (D)	6.7
SD33 Gonzalez (D)	6.9
SD18 Padilla (D)	8.1
SD14 Caballero (D)	9.3
SD16 Hurtado (D)	10.3
AD65 Gipson (D)	7.0
AD39 Carrillo (D)	7.2
AD22 Alanis (R)	7.3
AD32 Fong (R)	7.3

June 2024: Unemployment Rate by Legislative District	
Legislator	Lowest Unemployment Rate
CD11 Pelosi (D)	3.5
CD40 Kim (R)	3.6
CD50 Peters (D)	3.6
CD15 Mullin (D)	3.7
CD16 Eshoo (D)	3.7
CD47 Porter (D)	4.0
CD49 Levin (D)	4.0
CD17 Khanna (D)	4.0
CD02 Huffman (D)	4.0
CD10 DeSaulnier (D)	4.1
SD13 Becker (D)	3.3
SD39 Atkins (D)	3.6
SD40 Jones (R)	3.6
SD37 Min (D)	3.7
SD38 Blakespear (D)	3.7
SD11 Wiener (D)	3.7
SD10 Wahab (D)	4.2
SD15 Cortese (D)	4.2
SD02 McGuire (D)	4.2
SD34 Umberg (D)	4.3
AD23 Berman (D)	3.2
AD76 Maienschein (D)	3.3
AD19 Ting (D)	3.3
AD26 Low (D)	3.5

AD57 Jones-Sawyer (D)	8.3
AD27 Soria (D)	9.2
AD31 Arambula (D)	9.3
AD35 Bains (D)	9.7
AD36 Garcia (D)	10.4
AD33 Mathis (R)	10.4

AD72 Dixon (R)	3.6
AD21 Papan (D)	3.6
AD16 Bauer-Kahan (D)	3.6
AD77 Boerner (D)	3.8
AD17 Haney (D)	3.8
AD68 Valencia (D)	3.9