

EMPLOYMENT DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT
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(916) 907-4506**RIVERSIDE-SAN BERNARDINO-ONTARIO METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA (MSA)
(RIVERSIDE AND SAN BERNARDINO COUNTIES)****Nonfarm employment up 3,800 over the month and up 10,800 over the year**

The unemployment rate in the Riverside-San Bernardino-Ontario MSA was 5.7 percent in September 2026, down from a revised 5.9 percent in August 2026, and below the year-ago estimate of 5.9 percent. This compares with an unadjusted unemployment rate of 5.1 percent for California and 4.0 percent for the nation during the same period. The unemployment rate was 5.9 percent in Riverside County, and 5.5 percent in San Bernardino County.

Between August 2026 and September 2026, total nonfarm employment increased from 1,711,100 to 1,714,900, an increase of 3,800 jobs. Agricultural employment increased by 1,100 jobs.

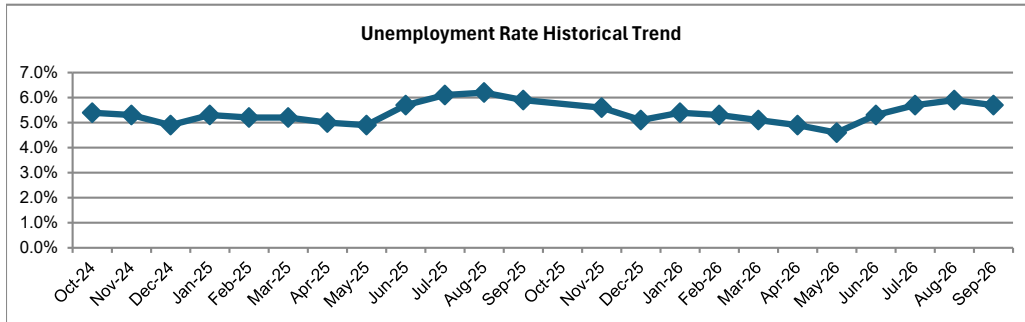
- Government added the most jobs over the month with an increase of 6,600 jobs. Most of the job additions registered in local government (up 6,300), more specifically in local government educational services (up 6,500). State government (up 300) completed the overall sectoral increase. Federal government remained unchanged.
- Private education and health services gained 1,000 jobs over the month. All the job increases registered in private educational services (up 1,200). Health care and social assistance offset job increases with a loss of 200 jobs. Trade, transportation, and utilities was the only other sector to record job growth, adding 400 jobs over the month.
- Construction declined most over the month, decreasing by 1,600 jobs. Within the sector, specialty trade contractors lost 1,400 jobs, followed by job losses in construction of buildings and heavy and civil engineering construction, which lost 100 jobs each. Five other sectors declined over the month, including leisure and hospitality (down 1,000) and manufacturing (down 700). Mining and logging and professional and business services remained unchanged.

Between September 2025 and September 2026, total nonfarm employment increased by 10,800, a 0.6 percent change. Agricultural employment increased by 200 jobs or 1.5 percent.

- Private education and health services gained the most jobs over the year, adding 18,400 jobs. Most of the job expansion registered in health care and social assistance (up 17,500), followed by job gains in private educational services (up 900).
- Trade, transportation, and utilities added 5,200 jobs over the year. Transportation, warehousing, and utilities increased by 4,300 jobs, followed by job additions in retail trade (up 900). Wholesale trade remained unchanged. One other sector gained jobs over the year: leisure and hospitality (up 2,700). Mining and logging remained unchanged.
- Professional and business services declined by 5,800 jobs. Administrative and support and waste management and remediation services (down 4,100) lost the most jobs within the sector, followed by job losses in professional, scientific, and technical services (down 1,600), and management of companies and enterprises (down 100). Six other sectors declined over the year including construction (down 3,900) and manufacturing (down 1,900).

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Industry	Aug-2026	Sep-2026	Change		Sep-2025	Sep-2026	Change
	Revised	Prelim				Prelim	
Total, All Industries	1,723,500	1,728,400	4,900		1,717,400	1,728,400	11,000
Total Farm	12,400	13,500	1,100		13,300	13,500	200
Total Nonfarm	1,711,100	1,714,900	3,800		1,704,100	1,714,900	10,800
Mining, Logging and Construction	109,000	107,400	(1,600)		111,300	107,400	(3,900)
Mining and Logging	1,700	1,700	0		1,700	1,700	0
Construction	107,300	105,700	(1,600)		109,600	105,700	(3,900)
Manufacturing	93,200	92,500	(700)		94,400	92,500	(1,900)
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	452,200	452,600	400		447,400	452,600	5,200
Information	11,000	10,900	(100)		12,000	10,900	(1,100)
Financial Activities	42,300	42,100	(200)		42,900	42,100	(800)
Professional and Business Services	151,400	151,400	0		157,200	151,400	(5,800)
Private Education and Health Services	361,300	362,300	1,000		343,900	362,300	18,400
Leisure and Hospitality	187,000	186,000	(1,000)		183,300	186,000	2,700
Other Services	50,800	50,200	(600)		50,700	50,200	(500)
Government	252,900	259,500	6,600		261,000	259,500	(1,500)

Notes: Data not adjusted for seasonality. Data may not add due to rounding
Labor force data are revised month to month
Additional data are available on line at www.labormarketinfo.edd.ca.gov

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Monthly Labor Force Data for Counties
September 2026 - Preliminary
Data Not Seasonally Adjusted

COUNTY	RANK BY RATE	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYMENT	UNEMPLOYMENT	RATE
STATE TOTAL	---	19,643,800	18,647,600	996,200	5.1%
ALAMEDA	15	860,500	820,300	40,200	4.7%
ALPINE	57	420	380	40	10.0%
AMADOR	35	15,160	14,280	870	5.8%
BUTTE	36	90,600	85,200	5,400	5.9%
CALAVERAS	41	17,590	16,490	1,100	6.2%
COLUSA	55	11,780	10,760	1,020	8.6%
CONTRA COSTA	17	577,500	549,700	27,800	4.8%
DEL NORTE	39	9,400	8,840	560	6.0%
EL DORADO	20	89,900	85,500	4,500	5.0%
FRESNO	51	478,400	443,200	35,200	7.4%
GLENN	44	11,930	11,160	780	6.5%
HUMBOLDT	23	60,300	57,200	3,100	5.2%
IMPERIAL	58	76,200	60,400	15,800	20.8%
INYO	13	8,360	7,980	390	4.6%
KERN	52	417,000	384,200	32,900	7.9%
KINGS	53	59,600	54,700	4,800	8.1%
LAKE	49	26,900	24,990	1,910	7.1%
LASSEN	41	8,570	8,040	530	6.2%
LOS ANGELES	11	5,031,000	4,806,500	224,500	4.5%
MADERA	48	71,100	66,200	5,000	7.0%
MARIN	6	123,400	118,100	5,300	4.3%
MARIPOSA	28	7,850	7,410	430	5.5%
MENDOCINO	23	37,130	35,190	1,950	5.2%
MERCED	53	125,100	115,000	10,200	8.1%
MODOC	40	3,090	2,900	190	6.1%
MONO	9	8,500	8,130	370	4.4%
MONTEREY	28	227,600	215,100	12,400	5.5%
NAPA	4	74,300	71,200	3,100	4.2%
NEVADA	17	47,500	45,190	2,300	4.8%
ORANGE	6	1,615,900	1,546,400	69,500	4.3%
PLACER	9	208,500	199,300	9,200	4.4%
PLUMAS	33	7,870	7,430	440	5.6%
RIVERSIDE	36	1,193,400	1,123,000	70,400	5.9%
SACRAMENTO	21	784,900	744,800	40,100	5.1%
SAN BENITO	34	35,200	33,200	2,000	5.7%
SAN BERNARDINO	28	1,029,300	973,200	56,100	5.5%
SAN DIEGO	15	1,656,700	1,578,500	78,200	4.7%
SAN FRANCISCO	2	501,400	481,300	20,100	4.0%
SAN JOAQUIN	41	377,200	353,700	23,500	6.2%
SAN LUIS OBISPO	13	133,300	127,200	6,100	4.6%
SAN MATEO	1	410,700	394,700	16,000	3.9%
SANTA BARBARA	11	226,300	216,100	10,100	4.5%
SANTA CLARA	4	1,040,700	997,400	43,300	4.2%
SANTA CRUZ	21	138,700	131,600	7,100	5.1%
SHASTA	23	81,500	77,300	4,200	5.2%
SIERRA	3	1,540	1,480	60	4.1%
SISKIYOU	47	16,770	15,640	1,120	6.7%
SOLANO	26	218,900	207,300	11,500	5.3%
SONOMA	6	247,200	236,500	10,700	4.3%
STANISLAUS	46	255,300	238,400	16,900	6.6%
SUTTER	49	46,200	42,900	3,300	7.1%
TEHAMA	36	27,800	26,170	1,630	5.9%
TRINITY	27	5,640	5,340	310	5.4%
TULARE	56	217,400	196,100	21,300	9.8%
TUOLUMNE	28	22,010	20,800	1,210	5.5%
VENTURA	19	418,000	397,400	20,600	4.9%
YOLO	28	112,600	106,400	6,200	5.5%
YUBA	44	36,200	33,800	2,300	6.5%

Notes

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- 2) Labor force data for all geographic areas now reflect the March 2025 benchmark and Census Vintage 2025 population controls at the state level.

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Riverside San Bernardino Ontario MSA
(Riverside and San Bernardino Counties)
Industry Employment & Labor Force
March 2025 Benchmark

Data Not Seasonally Adjusted

	Sep 25	Jul 26	Aug 26 Revised	Sep 26 Prelim	Percent Change Month	Year
Civilian Labor Force (1)	2,261,300	2,195,500	2,202,300	2,222,700	0.9%	-1.7%
Civilian Employment	2,127,300	2,070,200	2,071,500	2,096,200	1.2%	-1.5%
Civilian Unemployment	133,900	125,400	130,700	126,500	-3.2%	-5.5%
Civilian Unemployment Rate	5.9%	5.7%	5.9%	5.7%		
(CA Unemployment Rate)	5.6%	5.3%	5.4%	5.1%		
(U.S. Unemployment Rate)	4.3%	4.4%	4.3%	4.0%		

Total, All Industries (2)	1,717,400	1,720,500	1,723,500	1,728,400	0.3%	0.6%
Total Farm	13,300	14,100	12,400	13,500	8.9%	1.5%
Total Nonfarm	1,704,100	1,706,400	1,711,100	1,714,900	0.2%	0.6%
Total Private	1,443,100	1,455,600	1,458,200	1,455,400	-0.2%	0.9%
Goods Producing	205,700	201,400	202,200	199,900	-1.1%	-2.8%
Mining, Logging and Construction	111,300	108,400	109,000	107,400	-1.5%	-3.5%
Mining and Logging	1,700	1,700	1,700	1,700	0.0%	0.0%
Construction	109,600	106,700	107,300	105,700	-1.5%	-3.6%
Construction of Buildings	16,800	16,600	16,700	16,600	-0.6%	-1.2%
Heavy and Civil Engineering Construction	15,300	15,100	15,100	15,000	-0.7%	-2.0%
Specialty Trade Contractors	77,500	75,000	75,500	74,100	-1.9%	-4.4%
Foundation, Structure, and Building Exterior C	21,200	20,300	20,300	19,400	-4.4%	-8.5%
Building Equipment Contractors	29,500	28,900	29,100	28,700	-1.4%	-2.7%
Building Finishing Contractors	17,200	16,800	16,900	16,700	-1.2%	-2.9%
Manufacturing	94,400	93,000	93,200	92,500	-0.8%	-2.0%
Durable Goods	56,000	55,500	55,600	55,200	-0.7%	-1.4%
Non-Durable Goods	38,400	37,500	37,600	37,300	-0.8%	-2.9%
Service-Providing	1,498,400	1,505,000	1,508,900	1,515,000	0.4%	1.1%
Private Service Providing	1,237,400	1,254,200	1,256,000	1,255,500	0.0%	1.5%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	447,400	451,800	452,200	452,600	0.1%	1.2%
Wholesale Trade	66,900	67,200	67,000	66,900	-0.1%	0.0%
Merchant Wholesalers, Durable Goods	38,400	38,400	38,100	38,100	0.0%	-0.8%
Merchant Wholesalers, Nondurable Goods	25,700	25,800	25,800	25,800	0.0%	0.4%
Retail Trade	178,600	180,200	180,400	179,500	-0.5%	0.5%
Motor Vehicle and Parts Dealers	25,600	25,900	25,800	25,700	-0.4%	0.4%
Building Material and Garden Equipment and S	15,100	14,600	14,600	14,300	-2.1%	-5.3%
Food and Beverage Retailers	40,800	41,100	41,000	41,000	0.0%	0.5%
General Merchandise Retailers	37,800	38,800	39,100	39,000	-0.3%	3.2%
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	201,900	204,400	204,800	206,200	0.7%	2.1%
Utilities	5,500	5,600	5,500	5,600	1.8%	1.8%
Transportation & Warehousing	196,400	198,800	199,300	200,600	0.7%	2.1%
Truck Transportation	31,400	31,600	31,700	31,800	0.3%	1.3%
General Freight Trucking	22,800	22,900	23,000	23,100	0.4%	1.3%
Couriers and Messengers	19,100	18,400	18,200	18,300	0.5%	-4.2%
Warehousing and Storage	124,800	128,200	128,300	129,300	0.8%	3.6%
Information	12,000	11,100	11,000	10,900	-0.9%	-9.2%
Financial Activities	42,900	42,200	42,300	42,100	-0.5%	-1.9%
Finance and Insurance	20,600	20,300	20,300	20,400	0.5%	-1.0%
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	22,300	21,900	22,000	21,700	-1.4%	-2.7%
Professional and Business Services	157,200	151,300	151,400	151,400	0.0%	-3.7%
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	46,000	44,800	44,900	44,400	-1.1%	-3.5%
Management of Companies and Enterprises	8,100	8,000	8,000	8,000	0.0%	-1.2%
Administrative and Support and Waste and Ren	103,100	98,500	98,500	99,000	0.5%	-4.0%
Employment Services	45,700	42,800	43,300	43,900	1.4%	-3.9%
Investigation and Security Services	17,300	16,900	16,800	16,800	0.0%	-2.9%
Services to Buildings and Dwellings	23,100	23,000	22,800	22,700	-0.4%	-1.7%
Private Education and Health Services	343,900	358,800	361,300	362,300	0.3%	5.4%
Private Educational Services	26,300	25,100	26,000	27,200	4.6%	3.4%
Health Care and Social Assistance	317,600	333,700	335,300	335,100	-0.1%	5.5%
Ambulatory Health Care Services	96,700	100,500	101,200	101,100	-0.1%	4.6%
Hospitals	52,400	55,300	55,600	55,600	0.0%	6.1%

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	Sep 25	Jul 26	Aug 26 Revised	Sep 26 Prelim	Percent Change	
					Month	Year
Nursing & Residential Care Facilities	30,000	30,800	30,900	30,800	-0.3%	2.7%
Leisure and Hospitality	183,300	187,200	187,000	186,000	-0.5%	1.5%
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	22,100	23,400	23,300	22,900	-1.7%	3.6%
Accommodation and Food Services	161,200	163,800	163,700	163,100	-0.4%	1.2%
Accommodation	16,900	17,400	17,200	17,100	-0.6%	1.2%
Food Services and Drinking Places	144,300	146,400	146,500	146,000	-0.3%	1.2%
Restaurants and Other Eating Places	138,600	140,600	140,800	139,700	-0.8%	0.8%
Full-Service Restaurants	52,000	52,600	52,900	52,600	-0.6%	1.2%
Limited-Service Restaurants and Other Eat	86,600	88,000	87,900	87,100	-0.9%	0.6%
Other Services	50,700	51,800	50,800	50,200	-1.2%	-1.0%
Government	261,000	250,800	252,900	259,500	2.6%	-0.6%
Federal Government	19,500	18,300	18,300	18,300	0.0%	-6.2%
Department of Defense	5,600	5,000	5,000	5,000	0.0%	-10.7%
Federal Government excluding Department of	13,900	13,300	13,300	13,300	0.0%	-4.3%
State & Local Government	241,500	232,500	234,600	241,200	2.8%	-0.1%
State Government	28,000	27,400	26,600	26,900	1.1%	-3.9%
State Government Educational Services	9,600	9,500	8,700	9,000	3.4%	-6.3%
State Government Excluding Education	18,400	17,900	17,900	17,900	0.0%	-2.7%
Local Government	213,500	205,100	208,000	214,300	3.0%	0.4%
Local Government Educational Services	125,300	115,300	118,600	125,100	5.5%	-0.2%
Local Government Excluding Education	88,200	89,800	89,400	89,200	-0.2%	1.1%
County Government	31,900	32,700	32,100	32,400	0.9%	1.6%
City Government	18,600	19,300	19,000	18,900	-0.5%	1.6%
Special Districts plus Tribes	37,700	37,800	38,300	37,900	-1.0%	0.5%

Notes:

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