

**OAKLAND-HAYWARD-BERKELEY METROPOLITAN DIVISION (MD)
(ALAMEDA AND CONTRA COSTA COUNTIES)**

Construction led month-over and year-over job changes

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Between March 2017 and April 2017, the total number of jobs located in the East Bay counties of Alameda and Contra Costa increased by 1,400 jobs to reach 1,152,800.

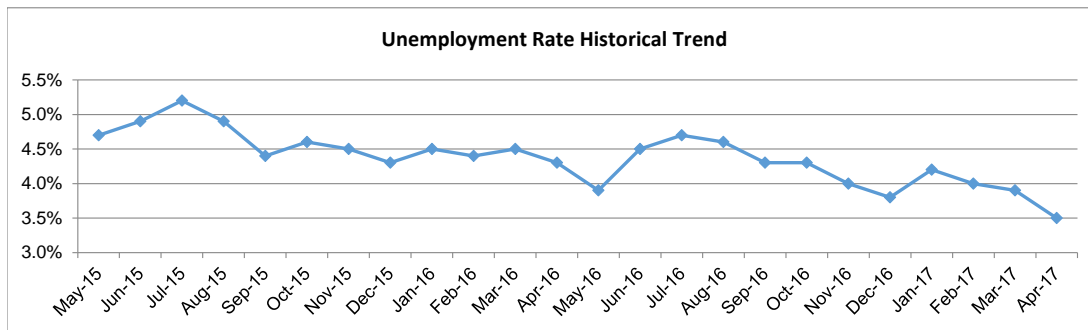
- Construction added 2,500 jobs seasonally, more than four times its usual increase of 600 jobs between March and April over the prior 10 years. Specialty trade contractors (up 1,800 jobs) accounted for most of that gain.
- Government gained 800 jobs over the month, in line with its usual trend. Local public schools increased payrolls by 500 jobs, while state public schools edged up by 100 jobs.
- Meanwhile, private educational and health services countered its usual upward trend, decreasing by 1,200 jobs net. Ambulatory health care services experienced a cutback of 1,300 jobs, partially offset by a gain of 100 jobs in private schools.
- Other significant decreases over the month included manufacturing (down 1,100 jobs) and professional and business services (down 700 jobs).

Between April 2016 and April 2017, the total number of jobs located in the East Bay increased by 20,200, or 1.8 percent.

- Construction led the way, adding 4,800 jobs over the year. Specialty trade contractors; heavy and civil engineering construction; and construction of buildings gained 2,800 jobs, 1,300 jobs, and 700 jobs, respectively.
- Private educational and health services expanded by 4,700 jobs from last April. More than three-fourths of the increase occurred in health care and social assistance (up 3,700 jobs).
- Government grew by 4,600 jobs, nearly all at the local level.
- Financial activities rose by 2,500 jobs from the year-earlier figure. Finance and insurance gained 2,000 jobs, while real estate added 500 jobs.
- All other major industry groups added jobs over the year, with the exception of manufacturing (down 600 jobs) and mining and logging, which remained unchanged.

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Industry	Mar-2017	Apr-2017	Change		Apr-2016	Apr-2017	Change
	Revised	Prelim				Prelim	

Total, All Industries	1,151,400	1,152,800	1,400		1,132,600	1,152,800	20,200
Total Farm	1,100	1,300	200		1,200	1,300	100
Total Nonfarm	1,150,300	1,151,500	1,200		1,131,400	1,151,500	20,100
Mining, Logging, and Construction	69,400	72,000	2,600		67,200	72,000	4,800
Mining and Logging	800	900	100		900	900	0
Construction	68,600	71,100	2,500		66,300	71,100	4,800
Manufacturing	89,600	88,500	(1,100)		89,100	88,500	(600)
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	199,400	199,800	400		199,700	199,800	100
Information	26,700	26,700	0		26,200	26,700	500
Financial Activities	59,900	59,700	(200)		57,200	59,700	2,500
Professional & Business Services	182,800	182,100	(700)		180,200	182,100	1,900
Educational & Health Services	191,200	190,000	(1,200)		185,300	190,000	4,700
Leisure & Hospitality	112,300	112,500	200		111,500	112,500	1,000
Other Services	39,400	39,800	400		39,200	39,800	600
Government	179,600	180,400	800		175,800	180,400	4,600

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

Data Not Seasonally Adjusted

	Apr 16	Feb 17	Mar 17 Revised	Apr 17 Prelim	Percent Change	
					Month	Year
Civilian Labor Force (1)	1,385,400	1,390,700	1,398,200	1,388,100	-0.7%	0.2%
Civilian Employment	1,326,400	1,335,300	1,343,100	1,339,300	-0.3%	1.0%
Civilian Unemployment	59,000	55,400	55,200	48,800	-11.6%	-17.3%
Civilian Unemployment Rate (CA Unemployment Rate)	4.3%	4.0%	3.9%	3.5%		
(U.S. Unemployment Rate)	5.4%	5.2%	5.1%	4.5%		
	4.7%	4.9%	4.6%	4.1%		

Total, All Industries (2)	1,132,600	1,140,100	1,151,400	1,152,800	0.1%	1.8%
Total Farm	1,200	1,000	1,100	1,300	18.2%	8.3%
Total Nonfarm	1,131,400	1,139,100	1,150,300	1,151,500	0.1%	1.8%
Total Private	955,600	961,000	970,700	971,100	0.0%	1.6%
Goods Producing	156,300	155,600	159,000	160,500	0.9%	2.7%
Mining, Logging, and Construction	67,200	67,100	69,400	72,000	3.7%	7.1%
Mining and Logging	900	800	800	900	12.5%	0.0%
Construction	66,300	66,300	68,600	71,100	3.6%	7.2%
Construction of Buildings	14,600	14,500	14,900	15,300	2.7%	4.8%
Residential Building Construction	9,100	8,800	9,000	9,300	3.3%	2.2%
Nonresidential Building Construction	5,500	5,700	5,900	6,000	1.7%	9.1%
Heavy & Civil Engineering Construction	7,400	8,100	8,400	8,700	3.6%	17.6%
Specialty Trade Contractors	44,300	43,700	45,300	47,100	4.0%	6.3%
Building Foundation & Exterior Contractors	7,800	7,000	7,300	7,600	4.1%	-2.6%
Building Equipment Contractors	20,000	21,000	21,600	22,200	2.8%	11.0%
Manufacturing	89,100	88,500	89,600	88,500	-1.2%	-0.7%
Durable Goods	57,900	57,600	58,800	57,500	-2.2%	-0.7%
Computer & Electronic Product Manufacturing	18,500	18,500	18,700	18,700	0.0%	1.1%
Nondurable Goods	31,200	30,900	30,800	31,000	0.6%	-0.6%
Service Providing	975,100	983,500	991,300	991,000	0.0%	1.6%
Private Service Providing	799,300	805,400	811,700	810,600	-0.1%	1.4%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	199,700	199,200	199,400	199,800	0.2%	0.1%
Wholesale Trade	48,400	51,000	51,000	51,300	0.6%	6.0%
Merchant Wholesalers, Durable Goods	26,000	27,600	27,600	28,100	1.8%	8.1%
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Retail Trade	113,200	110,200	110,500	111,100	0.5%	-1.9%
Motor Vehicle & Parts Dealer	12,800	12,800	12,800	12,900	0.8%	0.8%
Food & Beverage Stores	25,200	24,700	24,700	24,700	0.0%	-2.0%
Health & Personal Care Stores	7,500	7,700	7,600	7,800	2.6%	4.0%
Clothing & Clothing Accessories Stores	9,500	9,500	9,300	9,400	1.1%	-1.1%
Sporting Goods, Hobby, Book & Music Stores	4,600	4,500	4,600	4,600	0.0%	0.0%
General Merchandise Stores	21,700	22,500	22,400	22,400	0.0%	3.2%
Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities	38,100	38,000	37,900	37,400	-1.3%	-1.8%
Transportation & Warehousing	32,500	32,300	32,200	31,700	-1.6%	-2.5%
Truck Transportation	8,200	8,500	8,600	8,700	1.2%	6.1%
Couriers & Messengers	7,800	8,600	8,500	8,200	-3.5%	5.1%
Warehousing & Storage	3,700	3,800	3,800	3,800	0.0%	2.7%
Information	26,200	26,700	26,700	26,700	0.0%	1.9%
Publishing Industries (except Internet)	6,200	6,500	6,500	6,500	0.0%	4.8%
Telecommunications	7,400	6,800	6,800	6,700	-1.5%	-9.5%
Financial Activities	57,200	59,500	59,900	59,700	-0.3%	4.4%
Finance & Insurance	40,200	42,200	42,500	42,200	-0.7%	5.0%
Credit Intermediation & Related Activities	17,700	18,700	19,000	18,900	-0.5%	6.8%
Insurance Carriers & Related	18,300	19,100	19,400	19,200	-1.0%	4.9%
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	17,000	17,300	17,400	17,500	0.6%	2.9%
Real Estate	12,900	13,200	13,300	13,400	0.8%	3.9%
Professional & Business Services	180,200	180,300	182,800	182,100	-0.4%	1.1%
Professional, Scientific & Technical Services	95,200	98,700	99,300	99,100	-0.2%	4.1%
Architectural, Engineering & Related Services	16,500	17,400	17,500	17,600	0.6%	6.7%
Computer Systems Design & Related Services	27,300	28,100	28,000	28,300	1.1%	3.7%

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Management of Companies & Enterprises	22,200	22,100	22,300	22,500	0.9%	1.4%
Administrative & Support & Waste Services	62,800	59,500	61,200	60,500	-1.1%	-3.7%
Administrative & Support Services	57,300	53,300	55,200	54,300	-1.6%	-5.2%
Employment Services	23,300	22,000	22,300	21,800	-2.2%	-6.4%
Investigation & Security Services	9,300	9,400	9,700	9,500	-2.1%	2.2%
Services to Buildings & Dwellings	15,800	15,200	15,400	15,200	-1.3%	-3.8%
Educational & Health Services	185,300	190,200	191,200	190,000	-0.6%	2.5%
Educational Services	23,800	24,600	24,700	24,800	0.4%	4.2%
Health Care & Social Assistance	161,500	165,600	166,500	165,200	-0.8%	2.3%
Ambulatory Health Care Services	62,900	65,400	65,900	64,600	-2.0%	2.7%
Hospitals	25,000	24,800	25,000	24,900	-0.4%	-0.4%
Nursing & Residential Care Facilities	22,200	22,900	23,000	23,000	0.0%	3.6%
Social Assistance	51,400	52,500	52,600	52,700	0.2%	2.5%
Leisure & Hospitality	111,500	110,400	112,300	112,500	0.2%	0.9%
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	16,400	16,000	16,200	16,700	3.1%	1.8%
Accommodation & Food Services	95,100	94,400	96,100	95,800	-0.3%	0.7%
Accommodation	7,600	7,900	7,900	8,000	1.3%	5.3%
Food Services & Drinking Places	87,500	86,500	88,200	87,800	-0.5%	0.3%
Other Services	39,200	39,100	39,400	39,800	1.0%	1.5%
Repair & Maintenance	11,200	11,100	11,200	11,300	0.9%	0.9%
Personal & Laundry Services	11,800	11,800	11,900	12,000	0.8%	1.7%
Religious, Grants, Civic, Professional & Like Org	16,200	16,200	16,300	16,500	1.2%	1.9%
Government	175,800	178,100	179,600	180,400	0.4%	2.6%
Federal Government	13,800	13,900	13,800	13,800	0.0%	0.0%
Department of Defense	300	300	300	300	0.0%	0.0%
Federal Government excluding Department of	13,500	13,600	13,500	13,500	0.0%	0.0%
State & Local Government	162,000	164,200	165,800	166,600	0.5%	2.8%
State Government	40,800	40,100	40,800	40,900	0.2%	0.2%
State Government Education	29,000	28,500	29,100	29,200	0.3%	0.7%
State Government Excluding Education	11,800	11,600	11,700	11,700	0.0%	-0.8%
Local Government	121,200	124,100	125,000	125,700	0.6%	3.7%
Local Government Education	63,100	65,000	66,600	67,100	0.8%	6.3%
Local Government Excluding Education	58,100	59,100	58,400	58,600	0.3%	0.9%
County	25,000	25,300	24,800	24,700	-0.4%	-1.2%
City	17,500	17,900	17,700	17,800	0.6%	1.7%
Special Districts plus Indian Tribes	15,600	15,900	15,900	16,100	1.3%	3.2%

Notes:

(1) Civilian labor force data are by place of residence; include self-employed individuals, unpaid family workers, household domestic workers, & workers on strike. Data may not add due to rounding. The unemployment rate is calculated using unrounded data.

(2) Industry employment is by place of work; excludes self-employed individuals, unpaid family workers, household domestic workers, & workers on strike. Data may not add due to rounding.

These data are produced by the Labor Market Information Division of the California Employment Development Department (EDD). Questions should be directed to: Cindy Sugrue 925/602-5029 or Nati Martinez 209/941-6551

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