

**SANTA ANA-ANAHEIM-IRVINE METROPOLITAN DIVISION  
(ORANGE COUNTY)**

**Orange County gains 13,100 jobs over the month; 26,400 jobs over the year**

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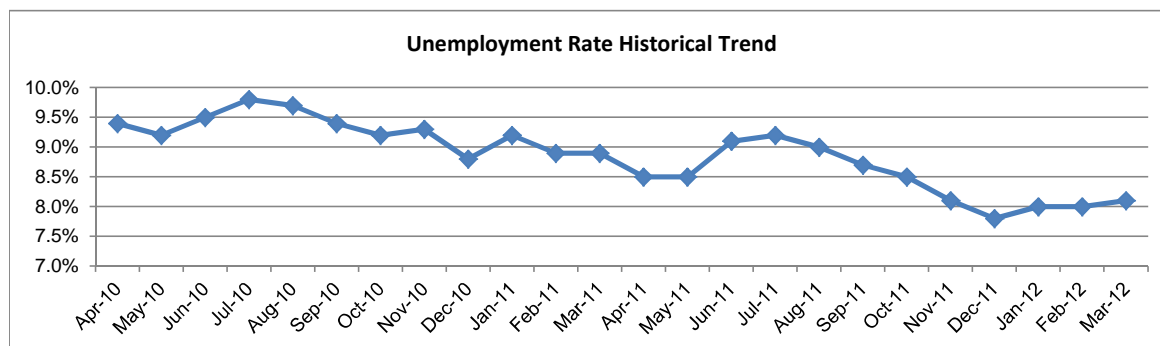
- Professional and business services posted the largest growth over the month with the addition of 6,900 jobs. Administrative and support services, which includes temporary help firms, grew by 5,000.
- Leisure and hospitality employment rose by 3,100 jobs overall. Arts, entertainment, and recreation (up 1,600 jobs) and accommodation and food services (up 1,500 jobs) each contributed to approximately 50 percent of the month over increase.
- Financial activities rose by 700 jobs. Real estate and rental and leasing accounted for 70 percent of the increase (up 500 jobs).
- Manufacturing reported a month over decline of 500 jobs and mining and logging remained unchanged.

**Between March 2011 and March 2012**, total nonfarm employment increased by 26,400 jobs, or 1.9 percent.

- Professional and business reported the largest year-over growth, with an overall increase of 10,500 jobs. Ninety five percent of the growth was in administrative and support services.
- Leisure and hospitality increased by 7,400 jobs. Nearly 60 percent of the growth was in accommodation and food services (up 4,300 jobs)
- Government reported the largest year-over employment decline of 1,600 jobs. Local government decreased by 1,400 jobs while federal government declined by 400 jobs. State government added 200 jobs over the year.

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Industry	Feb-2012	Mar-2012	Change		Mar-2011	Mar-2012	Change
	Revised	Prelim				Prelim	
Total, All Industries	1,375,800	1,389,200	13,400		1,362,900	1,389,200	26,300
Total Farm	3,200	3,500	300		3,600	3,500	(100)
Total Nonfarm	1,372,600	1,385,700	13,100		1,359,300	1,385,700	26,400
Mining and Logging	500	500	0		500	500	0
Construction	65,400	65,700	300		67,200	65,700	(1,500)
Manufacturing	155,600	155,100	(500)		151,900	155,100	3,200
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	248,100	248,600	500		242,200	248,600	6,400
Information	24,100	24,200	100		23,800	24,200	400
Financial Activities	102,900	103,600	700		104,400	103,600	(800)
Professional & Business Services	247,900	254,800	6,900		244,300	254,800	10,500
Educational & Health Services	160,000	160,500	500		159,500	160,500	1,000
Leisure & Hospitality	173,700	176,800	3,100		169,400	176,800	7,400
Other Services	43,000	44,100	1,100		42,700	44,100	1,400
Government	151,400	151,800	400		153,400	151,800	(1,600)

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](http://www.labormarketinfo.edd.ca.gov)

Data Not Seasonally Adjusted

	Mar 11	Jan 12	Feb 12	Mar 12	Percent Change	
			Revised	Prelim	Month	Year
Civilian Labor Force (1)	1,599,100	1,604,800	1,611,700	1,626,100	0.9%	1.7%
Civilian Employment	1,457,500	1,477,200	1,482,300	1,493,800	0.8%	2.5%
Civilian Unemployment	141,600	127,600	129,400	132,300	2.2%	-6.6%
Civilian Unemployment Rate (CA Unemployment Rate)	8.9%	8.0%	8.0%	8.1%		
(U.S. Unemployment Rate)	12.1%	11.3%	11.4%	11.5%		
	9.2%	8.8%	8.7%	8.4%		

Total, All Industries (2)	1,362,900	1,367,700	1,375,800	1,389,200	1.0%	1.9%
Total Farm	3,600	3,000	3,200	3,500	9.4%	-2.8%
Total Nonfarm	1,359,300	1,364,700	1,372,600	1,385,700	1.0%	1.9%
Total Private	1,205,900	1,217,100	1,221,200	1,233,900	1.0%	2.3%
Goods Producing	219,600	219,900	221,500	221,300	-0.1%	0.8%
Mining and Logging	500	500	500	500	0.0%	0.0%
Construction	67,200	65,300	65,400	65,700	0.5%	-2.2%
Construction of Buildings	15,000	15,500	15,700	15,700	0.0%	4.7%
Heavy & Civil Engineering Construction	6,700	6,800	6,900	7,100	2.9%	6.0%
Specialty Trade Contractors	45,500	43,000	42,800	42,900	0.2%	-5.7%
Manufacturing	151,900	154,100	155,600	155,100	-0.3%	2.1%
Durable Goods	108,800	111,800	111,900	112,000	0.1%	2.9%
Fabricated Metal Product Manufacturing	21,100	20,800	20,900	21,100	1.0%	0.0%
Machinery Manufacturing	9,400	9,400	9,500	9,400	-1.1%	0.0%
Computer & Electronic Product Manufacturing	34,100	33,800	33,900	33,800	-0.3%	-0.9%
Semiconductor & Electronic Component Mfg	13,300	13,400	13,500	13,500	0.0%	1.5%
Electronic Instrument Manufacturing	12,500	12,100	12,100	12,100	0.0%	-3.2%
Transportation Equipment Manufacturing	13,300	14,100	14,100	14,200	0.7%	6.8%
Aerospace Product & Parts Manufacturing	9,800	11,200	10,600	10,600	0.0%	8.2%
Nondurable Goods	43,100	42,300	43,700	43,100	-1.4%	0.0%
Service Providing	1,139,700	1,144,800	1,151,100	1,164,400	1.2%	2.2%
Private Service Producing	986,300	997,200	999,700	1,012,600	1.3%	2.7%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	242,200	249,900	248,100	248,600	0.2%	2.6%
Wholesale Trade	77,500	77,500	77,600	77,900	0.4%	0.5%
Merchant Wholesalers, Durable Goods	45,900	46,100	46,200	46,500	0.6%	1.3%
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Wholesale Electronic Markets & Agents & Brok	10,900	11,000	11,000	11,000	0.0%	0.9%
Retail Trade	137,500	145,100	143,400	143,500	0.1%	4.4%
Motor Vehicle & Parts Dealer	15,700	15,600	15,800	15,900	0.6%	1.3%
Building Material & Garden Equipment Stores	9,100	9,000	9,200	9,300	1.1%	2.2%
Food & Beverage Stores	26,500	26,900	26,900	26,900	0.0%	1.5%
Grocery Stores	23,400	23,800	23,900	23,800	-0.4%	1.7%
Health & Personal Care Stores	10,100	10,300	10,400	10,400	0.0%	3.0%
Clothing & Clothing Accessories Stores	15,500	16,600	15,900	16,000	0.6%	3.2%
Sporting Goods, Hobby, Book & Music Stores	7,000	7,000	7,000	6,900	-1.4%	-1.4%
General Merchandise Stores	25,600	27,900	26,700	26,500	-0.7%	3.5%
Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities	27,200	27,300	27,100	27,200	0.4%	0.0%
Utilities	4,300	4,100	4,100	4,100	0.0%	-4.7%
Transportation & Warehousing	22,900	23,200	23,000	23,100	0.4%	0.9%
Couriers & Messengers	5,400	5,300	5,300	5,300	0.0%	-1.9%
Warehousing & Storage	5,900	5,400	5,300	5,300	0.0%	-10.2%
Information	23,800	24,000	24,100	24,200	0.4%	1.7%
Publishing Industries (except Internet)	8,100	8,200	8,200	8,100	-1.2%	0.0%
Telecommunications	9,000	8,700	8,600	8,600	0.0%	-4.4%
Financial Activities	104,400	102,000	102,900	103,600	0.7%	-0.8%
Finance & Insurance	70,800	67,700	67,500	67,700	0.3%	-4.4%
Credit Intermediation & Related Activities	32,500	31,900	32,000	31,900	-0.3%	-1.8%
Depository Credit Intermediation	17,700	17,500	17,500	17,500	0.0%	-1.1%
Nondepository Credit Intermediation	10,000	9,900	9,900	9,900	0.0%	-1.0%
Insurance Carriers & Related	27,000	26,600	26,500	26,500	0.0%	-1.9%

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Insurance Carriers	14,500	14,200	14,100	14,100	0.0%	-2.8%
Agencies, Broker, & Other Insurance Related	12,500	12,400	12,400	12,400	0.0%	-0.8%
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	33,600	34,300	35,400	35,900	1.4%	6.8%
Real Estate	28,600	27,800	27,900	28,000	0.4%	-2.1%
Professional & Business Services	244,300	248,200	247,900	254,800	2.8%	4.3%
Professional, Scientific & Technical Services	109,400	108,800	108,400	110,200	1.7%	0.7%
Legal Services	15,000	14,900	14,900	14,900	0.0%	-0.7%
Accounting, Tax Preparation & Bookkeeping S	13,700	13,200	13,500	13,900	3.0%	1.5%
Architectural, Engineering & Related Services	20,800	21,100	21,200	21,300	0.5%	2.4%
Computer Systems Design & Related Services	17,000	17,200	17,200	17,300	0.6%	1.8%
Management, Scientific & Technical Consulting	20,000	20,000	19,900	20,200	1.5%	1.0%
Management of Companies & Enterprises	22,700	22,300	22,300	22,400	0.4%	-1.3%
Administrative & Support & Waste Services	112,200	117,100	117,200	122,200	4.3%	8.9%
Administrative & Support Services	108,400	113,300	113,400	118,400	4.4%	9.2%
Employment Services	46,900	49,600	50,700	51,900	2.4%	10.7%
Investigation & Security Services	8,700	9,000	9,000	9,600	6.7%	10.3%
Services to Buildings & Dwellings	27,500	27,500	27,500	27,900	1.5%	1.5%
Waste Management & Remediation Services	3,800	3,800	3,800	3,800	0.0%	0.0%
Educational & Health Services	159,500	158,300	160,000	160,500	0.3%	0.6%
Educational Services	25,500	22,900	24,500	24,800	1.2%	-2.7%
Colleges, Universities & Professional Schools	6,900	6,100	6,800	6,900	1.5%	0.0%
Health Care & Social Assistance	134,000	135,400	135,500	135,700	0.1%	1.3%
Ambulatory Health Care Services	66,300	67,200	67,500	67,500	0.0%	1.8%
Hospitals	31,500	31,000	30,900	30,900	0.0%	-1.9%
Nursing & Residential Care Facilities	20,800	21,200	21,100	21,200	0.5%	1.9%
Social Assistance	15,400	16,000	16,000	16,100	0.6%	4.5%
Leisure & Hospitality	169,400	172,300	173,700	176,800	1.8%	4.4%
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	34,500	35,200	36,000	37,600	4.4%	9.0%
Amusement, Gambling & Recreation	29,700	29,700	30,400	31,800	4.6%	7.1%
Accommodation & Food Services	134,900	137,100	137,700	139,200	1.1%	3.2%
Accommodation	22,000	22,000	22,100	22,200	0.5%	0.9%
Food Services & Drinking Places	112,900	115,100	115,600	117,000	1.2%	3.6%
Full-Service Restaurants	59,200	60,400	60,500	61,100	1.0%	3.2%
Limited-Service Eating Places	47,800	49,500	50,000	50,600	1.2%	5.9%
Other Services	42,700	42,500	43,000	44,100	2.6%	3.3%
Government	153,400	147,600	151,400	151,800	0.3%	-1.0%
Federal Government	11,600	11,300	11,300	11,200	-0.9%	-3.4%
Department of Defense	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	0.0%	0.0%
Federal Government excluding Department of	10,600	10,300	10,300	10,200	-1.0%	-3.8%
State & Local Government	141,800	136,300	140,100	140,600	0.4%	-0.8%
State Government	28,400	28,400	28,700	28,600	-0.3%	0.7%
State Government Education	18,400	18,400	18,700	18,600	-0.5%	1.1%
State Government Excluding Education	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	0.0%	0.0%
Local Government	113,400	107,900	111,400	112,000	0.5%	-1.2%
Local Government Education	73,000	68,500	72,600	72,500	-0.1%	-0.7%
County	20,200	19,600	19,200	19,800	3.1%	-2.0%
City	16,200	15,900	15,700	15,800	0.6%	-2.5%
Special Districts plus Indian Tribes	3,900	3,900	3,900	3,900	0.0%	0.0%

**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,

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**Santa Ana Anaheim Irvine MD**  
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Industry Employment & Labor Force  
March 2011 Benchmark

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