

**OAKLAND-FREMONT-HAYWARD METROPOLITAN DIVISION (MD)
(ALAMEDA AND CONTRA COSTA COUNTIES)
Seasonal changes dominated month-over job scene**

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Between November 2009 and December 2009, the total number of jobs in the East Bay counties of Alameda and Contra Costa rose by 300 jobs to reach 988,000.

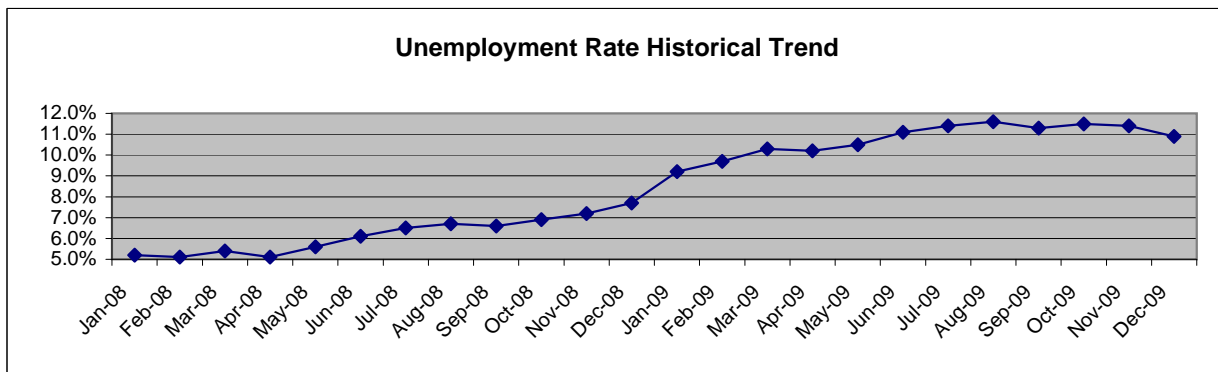
- Trade, transportation, and utilities posted a net seasonal increase of 1,900 jobs, well below its average 3,500-job increase between November and December over the prior 19 years. Retail trade gained 2,100 jobs, and transportation, warehousing, and utilities added 500 jobs. In contrast, wholesale trade fell by 700 jobs, reversing its usual seasonal pattern.
- Private health care establishments boosted payrolls by 800 jobs over the month.
- Leisure and hospitality gained 700 jobs seasonally, as additions in food services and drinking places (up 800 jobs) more than offset cutbacks in accommodations (down 100 jobs).
- Meanwhile, construction fell by 2,500 jobs, a larger-than-usual seasonal decrease. More than two-thirds of the decline occurred in specialty trade contractors.

Between December 2008 and December 2009, industry employment in the Oakland-Fremont-Hayward MD fell by 31,000 jobs or 3.0 percent.

- Private health care gained 900 jobs over the year.
- Trade, transportation, and utilities experienced its 23rd consecutive monthly loss on a year-over basis, a net drop of 7,700 jobs. Retail trade (down 3,400 jobs); wholesale trade (down 2,600 jobs); and transportation, warehousing, and utilities (down 1,700 jobs) each shed jobs compared to last December.
- Construction fell by 5,900 jobs, while the financial activities industry likewise pared 2,000 jobs.
- Professional and business services lost 4,700 jobs over the year. Services to buildings and dwellings (down 1,400 jobs) and employment services (down 1,100 jobs) together accounted for just over half the cutbacks in this major industry.

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| Industry | Nov-2009 | Dec-2009 | Change | | Dec-2008 | Dec-2009 | Change |
|-----------------------------------|----------|----------|---------|--|-----------|----------|----------|
| | Revised | Prelim | | | | Prelim | |
| Total, All Industries | 987,700 | 988,000 | 300 | | 1,019,000 | 988,000 | (31,000) |
| Total Farm | 1,500 | 1,400 | (100) | | 1,300 | 1,400 | 100 |
| Total Nonfarm | 986,200 | 986,600 | 400 | | 1,017,700 | 986,600 | (31,100) |
| Mining and Logging | 1,200 | 1,200 | 0 | | 1,200 | 1,200 | 0 |
| Construction | 56,300 | 53,800 | (2,500) | | 59,700 | 53,800 | (5,900) |
| Manufacturing | 88,400 | 88,100 | (300) | | 91,500 | 88,100 | (3,400) |
| Trade, Transportation & Utilities | 186,400 | 188,300 | 1,900 | | 196,000 | 188,300 | (7,700) |
| Information | 26,900 | 26,800 | (100) | | 27,300 | 26,800 | (500) |
| Financial Activities | 52,600 | 52,800 | 200 | | 54,800 | 52,800 | (2,000) |
| Professional & Business Services | 154,300 | 154,500 | 200 | | 159,200 | 154,500 | (4,700) |
| Educational & Health Services | 129,000 | 129,500 | 500 | | 128,900 | 129,500 | 600 |
| Leisure & Hospitality | 84,800 | 85,500 | 700 | | 88,000 | 85,500 | (2,500) |
| Other Services | 34,400 | 34,600 | 200 | | 35,100 | 34,600 | (500) |
| Government | 171,900 | 171,500 | (400) | | 176,000 | 171,500 | (4,500) |

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

Data Not Seasonally Adjusted

| | Dec 08 | Oct 09 | Nov 09 | Dec 09 | Percent Change | |
|--|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|----------------|-------|
| | | | Revised | Prelim | Month | Year |
| Civilian Labor Force (1) | 1,309,700 | 1,302,700 | 1,298,400 | 1,289,400 | -0.7% | -1.5% |
| Civilian Employment | 1,208,600 | 1,152,800 | 1,150,800 | 1,148,600 | -0.2% | -5.0% |
| Civilian Unemployment | 101,000 | 149,900 | 147,600 | 140,800 | -4.6% | 39.4% |
| Civilian Unemployment Rate (CA Unemployment Rate) | 7.7% | 11.5% | 11.4% | 10.9% | | |
| (U.S. Unemployment Rate) | 9.1% | 12.3% | 12.3% | 12.1% | | |
| | 7.1% | 9.5% | 9.4% | 9.7% | | |

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|---|-----------|---------|---------|---------|--------|--------|
| Total, All Industries (2) | 1,019,000 | 988,100 | 987,700 | 988,000 | 0.0% | -3.0% |
| Total Farm | 1,300 | 1,500 | 1,500 | 1,400 | -6.7% | 7.7% |
| Total Nonfarm | 1,017,700 | 986,600 | 986,200 | 986,600 | 0.0% | -3.1% |
| Total Private | 841,700 | 814,400 | 814,300 | 815,100 | 0.1% | -3.2% |
| Goods Producing | 152,400 | 147,000 | 145,900 | 143,100 | -1.9% | -6.1% |
| Mining and Logging | 1,200 | 1,200 | 1,200 | 1,200 | 0.0% | 0.0% |
| Construction | 59,700 | 57,400 | 56,300 | 53,800 | -4.4% | -9.9% |
| Construction of Buildings | 14,500 | 13,400 | 13,200 | 13,000 | -1.5% | -10.3% |
| Residential Building Construction | 9,100 | 7,800 | 7,600 | 7,400 | -2.6% | -18.7% |
| Nonresidential Building Construction | 5,400 | 5,600 | 5,600 | 5,600 | 0.0% | 3.7% |
| Heavy & Civil Engineering Construction | 7,900 | 7,300 | 7,300 | 6,700 | -8.2% | -15.2% |
| Highway, Street, & Bridge Construction | 3,400 | 3,400 | 3,500 | 3,000 | -14.3% | -11.8% |
| Heavy and Civil Engineering Construction - Residual | 4,500 | 3,900 | 3,800 | 3,700 | -2.6% | -17.8% |
| Specialty Trade Contractors | 37,300 | 36,700 | 35,800 | 34,100 | -4.7% | -8.6% |
| Building Foundation & Exterior Contractors | 8,200 | 8,200 | 8,100 | 7,800 | -3.7% | -4.9% |
| Building Equipment Contractors | 14,200 | 13,600 | 13,400 | 13,300 | -0.7% | -6.3% |
| Specialty Trade Contractors - Residual | 14,900 | 14,900 | 14,300 | 13,000 | -9.1% | -12.8% |
| Manufacturing | 91,500 | 88,400 | 88,400 | 88,100 | -0.3% | -3.7% |
| Durable Goods | 56,600 | 53,500 | 53,800 | 53,600 | -0.4% | -5.3% |
| Computer & Electronic Product Manufacturing | 19,200 | 17,900 | 18,100 | 18,100 | 0.0% | -5.7% |
| Transportation Equipment Manufacturing | 7,200 | 7,000 | 7,000 | 7,000 | 0.0% | -2.8% |
| Durable Goods - Residual | 30,200 | 28,600 | 28,700 | 28,500 | -0.7% | -5.6% |
| Nondurable Goods | 34,900 | 34,900 | 34,600 | 34,500 | -0.3% | -1.1% |
| Petroleum & Coal Products Manufacturing | 8,000 | 8,200 | 8,100 | 8,000 | -1.2% | 0.0% |
| Chemical Manufacturing | 7,000 | 6,900 | 6,900 | 6,900 | 0.0% | -1.4% |
| Non-Durable Goods - Residual | 19,900 | 19,800 | 19,600 | 19,600 | 0.0% | -1.5% |
| Service Providing | 865,300 | 839,600 | 840,300 | 843,500 | 0.4% | -2.5% |
| Private Service Producing | 689,300 | 667,400 | 668,400 | 672,000 | 0.5% | -2.5% |
| Trade, Transportation & Utilities | 196,000 | 184,600 | 186,400 | 188,300 | 1.0% | -3.9% |
| Wholesale Trade | 47,600 | 45,900 | 45,700 | 45,000 | -1.5% | -5.5% |
| Merchant Wholesalers, Durable Goods | 23,600 | 22,600 | 22,400 | 22,100 | -1.3% | -6.4% |
| Merchant Wholesalers, Nondurable Goods | 18,700 | 18,500 | 18,500 | 18,200 | -1.6% | -2.7% |
| Wholesale Electronic Markets & Agents & Brokers | 5,300 | 4,800 | 4,800 | 4,700 | -2.1% | -11.3% |
| Retail Trade | 111,600 | 103,900 | 106,100 | 108,200 | 2.0% | -3.0% |
| Motor Vehicle & Parts Dealer | 11,400 | 11,100 | 11,000 | 10,900 | -0.9% | -4.4% |
| Food & Beverage Stores | 25,500 | 24,800 | 25,100 | 25,100 | 0.0% | -1.6% |
| Grocery Stores | 22,300 | 21,600 | 21,800 | 21,800 | 0.0% | -2.2% |
| Food and Beverage Stores - Residual | 3,200 | 3,200 | 3,300 | 3,300 | 0.0% | 3.1% |
| Health & Personal Care Stores | 7,500 | 7,200 | 7,100 | 7,200 | 1.4% | -4.0% |
| Clothing & Clothing Accessories Stores | 10,000 | 9,600 | 10,300 | 10,800 | 4.9% | 8.0% |
| Sporting Goods, Hobby, Book & Music Stores | 5,600 | 5,000 | 5,300 | 5,400 | 1.9% | -3.6% |
| General Merchandise Stores | 21,000 | 17,700 | 18,800 | 19,200 | 2.1% | -8.6% |
| Miscellaneous Store Retailers | 6,600 | 6,300 | 6,500 | 6,700 | 3.1% | 1.5% |
| Retail Trade - Residual | 24,000 | 22,200 | 22,000 | 22,900 | 4.1% | -4.6% |
| Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities | 36,800 | 34,800 | 34,600 | 35,100 | 1.4% | -4.6% |
| Utilities | 3,700 | 3,600 | 3,500 | 3,500 | 0.0% | -5.4% |
| Transportation & Warehousing | 33,100 | 31,200 | 31,100 | 31,600 | 1.6% | -4.5% |
| Air Transportation | 2,900 | 3,000 | 3,000 | 2,900 | -3.3% | 0.0% |
| Truck Transportation | 6,900 | 6,700 | 6,600 | 6,400 | -3.0% | -7.2% |
| Couriers & Messengers | 7,400 | 6,300 | 6,300 | 6,900 | 9.5% | -6.8% |

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| | | | | | Month | Year |
| Warehousing & Storage | 5,100 | 4,900 | 4,900 | 4,900 | 0.0% | -3.9% |
| Transportation and Warehousing - Residual | 10,800 | 10,300 | 10,300 | 10,500 | 1.9% | -2.8% |
| Information | 27,300 | 26,800 | 26,900 | 26,800 | -0.4% | -1.8% |
| Publishing Industries (except Internet) | 6,200 | 6,000 | 6,000 | 6,000 | 0.0% | -3.2% |
| Newspaper, Periodical, Book & Directory Publications | 2,900 | 2,900 | 2,900 | 2,900 | 0.0% | 0.0% |
| Software Publishers | 3,300 | 3,100 | 3,100 | 3,100 | 0.0% | -6.1% |
| Telecommunications | 12,100 | 11,400 | 11,300 | 11,300 | 0.0% | -6.6% |
| Information - Residual | 9,000 | 9,400 | 9,600 | 9,500 | -1.0% | 5.6% |
| Financial Activities | 54,800 | 52,800 | 52,600 | 52,800 | 0.4% | -3.6% |
| Finance & Insurance | 38,700 | 37,200 | 37,100 | 37,300 | 0.5% | -3.6% |
| Credit Intermediation & Related Activities | 17,000 | 16,300 | 16,200 | 16,300 | 0.6% | -4.1% |
| Finance and Insurance - Residual | 6,000 | 5,700 | 5,700 | 5,800 | 1.8% | -3.3% |
| Insurance Carriers & Related | 15,700 | 15,200 | 15,200 | 15,200 | 0.0% | -3.2% |
| Real Estate & Rental & Leasing | 16,100 | 15,600 | 15,500 | 15,500 | 0.0% | -3.7% |
| Real Estate | 11,300 | 11,200 | 11,100 | 11,200 | 0.9% | -0.9% |
| Real Estate and Rental and Leasing - Residual | 4,800 | 4,400 | 4,400 | 4,300 | -2.3% | -10.4% |
| Professional & Business Services | 159,200 | 154,500 | 154,300 | 154,500 | 0.1% | -3.0% |
| Professional, Scientific & Technical Services | 83,100 | 82,800 | 83,300 | 83,500 | 0.2% | 0.5% |
| Architectural, Engineering & Related Services | 16,500 | 15,700 | 15,800 | 15,800 | 0.0% | -4.2% |
| Computer Systems Design & Related Services | 18,700 | 18,800 | 18,800 | 18,900 | 0.5% | 1.1% |
| Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services - Residual | 47,900 | 48,300 | 48,700 | 48,800 | 0.2% | 1.9% |
| Management of Companies & Enterprises | 22,700 | 22,700 | 22,700 | 22,600 | -0.4% | -0.4% |
| Administrative & Support & Waste Services | 53,400 | 49,000 | 48,300 | 48,400 | 0.2% | -9.4% |
| Administrative & Support Services | 48,300 | 44,300 | 43,700 | 43,800 | 0.2% | -9.3% |
| Employment Services | 17,900 | 16,300 | 16,400 | 16,800 | 2.4% | -6.1% |
| Investigation & Security Services | 8,000 | 7,500 | 7,300 | 7,400 | 1.4% | -7.5% |
| Services to Buildings & Dwellings | 12,700 | 12,000 | 11,600 | 11,300 | -2.6% | -11.0% |
| Administrative and Support Services - Residual | 9,700 | 8,500 | 8,400 | 8,300 | -1.2% | -14.4% |
| Waste Management & Remediation Services | 5,100 | 4,700 | 4,600 | 4,600 | 0.0% | -9.8% |
| Educational & Health Services | 128,900 | 128,900 | 129,000 | 129,500 | 0.4% | 0.5% |
| Educational Services | 20,000 | 20,300 | 20,500 | 20,200 | -1.5% | 1.0% |
| Health Care & Social Assistance | 108,900 | 108,600 | 108,500 | 109,300 | 0.7% | 0.4% |
| Ambulatory Health Care Services | 38,800 | 38,800 | 38,600 | 39,300 | 1.8% | 1.3% |
| Hospitals | 34,300 | 34,400 | 34,400 | 34,500 | 0.3% | 0.6% |
| Nursing & Residential Care Facilities | 18,900 | 19,100 | 19,100 | 19,100 | 0.0% | 1.1% |
| Social Assistance | 16,900 | 16,300 | 16,400 | 16,400 | 0.0% | -3.0% |
| Leisure & Hospitality | 88,000 | 85,300 | 84,800 | 85,500 | 0.8% | -2.8% |
| Arts, Entertainment & Recreation | 14,300 | 14,500 | 14,100 | 14,100 | 0.0% | -1.4% |
| Accommodation & Food Services | 73,700 | 70,800 | 70,700 | 71,400 | 1.0% | -3.1% |
| Accommodation | 7,200 | 6,500 | 6,600 | 6,500 | -1.5% | -9.7% |
| Food Services & Drinking Places | 66,500 | 64,300 | 64,100 | 64,900 | 1.2% | -2.4% |
| Other Services | 35,100 | 34,500 | 34,400 | 34,600 | 0.6% | -1.4% |
| Repair & Maintenance | 10,500 | 10,300 | 10,200 | 10,300 | 1.0% | -1.9% |
| Personal & Laundry Services | 9,500 | 9,100 | 9,100 | 9,100 | 0.0% | -4.2% |
| Religious, Grants, Civic, Professional & Like Organizations | 15,100 | 15,100 | 15,100 | 15,200 | 0.7% | 0.7% |
| Government | 176,000 | 172,200 | 171,900 | 171,500 | -0.2% | -2.6% |
| Federal Government | 17,100 | 17,100 | 17,000 | 16,800 | -1.2% | -1.8% |
| Department of Defense | 300 | 300 | 300 | 300 | 0.0% | 0.0% |
| Federal Government excluding Department of Defense | 16,800 | 16,800 | 16,700 | 16,500 | -1.2% | -1.8% |
| State & Local Government | 158,900 | 155,100 | 154,900 | 154,700 | -0.1% | -2.6% |
| State Government | 39,700 | 39,100 | 39,100 | 38,700 | -1.0% | -2.5% |
| State Government Education | 27,500 | 26,800 | 26,900 | 26,600 | -1.1% | -3.3% |
| State Government Excluding Education | 12,200 | 12,300 | 12,200 | 12,100 | -0.8% | -0.8% |
| Local Government | 119,200 | 116,000 | 115,800 | 116,000 | 0.2% | -2.7% |
| Local Government Education | 61,100 | 59,800 | 59,900 | 60,500 | 1.0% | -1.0% |
| County | 23,100 | 23,000 | 22,900 | 22,900 | 0.0% | -0.9% |
| City | 19,100 | 17,500 | 17,400 | 17,200 | -1.1% | -9.9% |

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| | Dec 08 | Oct 09 | Nov 09 Revised | Dec 09 Prelim | Percent Change | |
|--------------------------------------|--------|--------|-------------------|------------------|----------------|-------|
| | | | | | Month | Year |
| Special Districts plus Indian Tribes | 15,900 | 15,700 | 15,600 | 15,400 | -1.3% | -3.1% |

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: Janice Shriver 408/558-0689 or Ruth Kavanagh 650/413-1812

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