

**SANTA ANA-ANAHEIM-IRVINE METROPOLITAN DIVISION  
(ORANGE COUNTY)**  
**Seasonal gains and losses dominate monthly employment picture**

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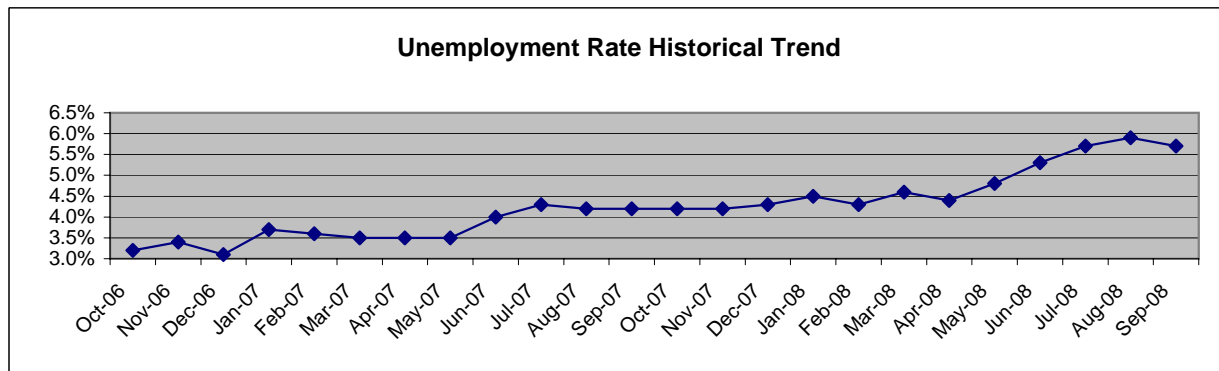
- Government reported the largest month-over increase of 5,300 jobs, primarily due to the return of employees in state government education and local government education following the summer recess.
- Educational and health services posted an increase of 3,600 jobs, led by advances in educational services. Educational services accounted for 89 percent of the growth with 3,200 jobs added, while health care and social assistance grew by 400 jobs.
- Leisure and hospitality posted the largest decrease (down 2,400 jobs) as staffing for the summer tourist season began to wind down.
- Construction payrolls declined by 800 jobs. A small gain in construction of buildings and heavy and civil engineering construction was offset by job losses in specialty trade contractors.

**Between September 2007 and September 2008**, total nonfarm wage and salary employment declined by 29,600, or 2 percent.

- Financial activities reported the largest year-over decrease with the loss of 10,700 jobs, with overall declines in all the major categories. Eighty percent of the decline was in the finance and insurance sector.
- Professional and business services posted an overall loss of 9,000 jobs, led by employment declines in administrative and support services, which includes temporary help firms.
- Government posted the largest gain with the addition of 4,100 jobs over the year. While federal government lost 300 jobs, state government added 600 and local government added 3,800 jobs overall, largely due to growth in local government education.

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| Industry                            | Aug-2008<br>Revised | Sep-2008<br>Prelim | Change  |  | Sep-2007  | Sep-2008<br>Prelim | Change   |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|---------|--|-----------|--------------------|----------|
| Total, All Industries               | 1,480,300           | 1,482,700          | 2,400   |  | 1,512,100 | 1,482,700          | (29,400) |
| Total Farm                          | 4,700               | 4,800              | 100     |  | 4,600     | 4,800              | 200      |
| Total Nonfarm                       | 1,475,600           | 1,477,900          | 2,300   |  | 1,507,500 | 1,477,900          | (29,600) |
| Natural Resources and Mining        | 600                 | 600                | 0       |  | 600       | 600                | 0        |
| Construction                        | 100,200             | 99,400             | (800)   |  | 105,000   | 99,400             | (5,600)  |
| Manufacturing                       | 175,400             | 175,000            | (400)   |  | 178,600   | 175,000            | (3,600)  |
| Trade, Transportation and Utilities | 274,200             | 273,800            | (400)   |  | 276,400   | 273,800            | (2,600)  |
| Information                         | 29,700              | 29,700             | 0       |  | 31,000    | 29,700             | (1,300)  |
| Financial Activities                | 114,200             | 113,100            | (1,100) |  | 123,800   | 113,100            | (10,700) |
| Professional and Business Services  | 265,300             | 264,000            | (1,300) |  | 273,000   | 264,000            | (9,000)  |
| Educational and Health Services     | 140,700             | 144,300            | 3,600   |  | 142,500   | 144,300            | 1,800    |
| Leisure and Hospitality             | 174,100             | 171,700            | (2,400) |  | 173,900   | 171,700            | (2,200)  |
| Other Services                      | 47,500              | 47,300             | (200)   |  | 47,800    | 47,300             | (500)    |
| Government                          | 153,700             | 159,000            | 5,300   |  | 154,900   | 159,000            | 4,100    |

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

|   | Sep 07    | Jul 08    | Aug 08<br>Revised | Sep 08<br>Prelim | Percent Change<br>Month Year |       |
|---|-----------|-----------|-------------------|------------------|------------------------------|-------|
| Civilian Labor Force (1)                      | 1,629,100 | 1,645,800 | 1,640,600         | 1,637,700        | -0.2%                        | 0.5%  |
| Civilian Employment                           | 1,560,400 | 1,551,600 | 1,544,400         | 1,543,600        | -0.1%                        | -1.1% |
| Civilian Unemployment                         | 68,700    | 94,300    | 96,200            | 94,100           | -2.2%                        | 37.0% |
| Civilian Unemployment Rate                    | 4.2%      | 5.7%      | 5.9%              | 5.7%             |                              |       |
| (CA Unemployment Rate)                        | 5.4%      | 7.6%      | 7.7%              | 7.5%             |                              |       |
| (U.S. Unemployment Rate)                      | 4.5%      | 6.0%      | 6.1%              | 6.0%             |                              |       |
|   |           |           |                   |                  |                              |       |
| Total, All Industries (2)                     | 1,512,100 | 1,488,900 | 1,480,300         | 1,482,700        | 0.2%                         | -1.9% |
| Total Farm                                    | 4,600     | 5,200     | 4,700             | 4,800            | 2.1%                         | 4.3%  |
| Total Nonfarm                                 | 1,507,500 | 1,483,700 | 1,475,600         | 1,477,900        | 0.2%                         | -2.0% |
| Total Private                                 | 1,352,600 | 1,328,100 | 1,321,900         | 1,318,900        | -0.2%                        | -2.5% |
| Goods Producing                               | 284,200   | 275,500   | 276,200           | 275,000          | -0.4%                        | -3.2% |
| Natural Resources and Mining                  | 600       | 600       | 600               | 600              | 0.0%                         | 0.0%  |
| Construction                                  | 105,000   | 99,400    | 100,200           | 99,400           | -0.8%                        | -5.3% |
| Construction of Buildings                     | 24,600    | 22,700    | 22,700            | 22,800           | 0.4%                         | -7.3% |
| Heavy and Civil Engineering Construction      | 8,800     | 7,900     | 8,000             | 8,100            | 1.3%                         | -8.0% |
| Specialty Trade Contractors                   | 71,600    | 68,800    | 69,500            | 68,500           | -1.4%                        | -4.3% |
| Manufacturing                                 | 178,600   | 175,500   | 175,400           | 175,000          | -0.2%                        | -2.0% |
| Durable Goods                                 | 125,000   | 123,100   | 123,100           | 122,900          | -0.2%                        | -1.7% |
| Fabricated Metal Product Mfg                  | 24,000    | 23,500    | 23,600            | 23,500           | -0.4%                        | -2.1% |
| Machinery Manufacturing                       | 11,000    | 11,100    | 11,000            | 11,000           | 0.0%                         | 0.0%  |
| Computer and Electronic Product Manufacturing | 40,200    | 38,900    | 38,600            | 38,600           | 0.0%                         | -4.0% |
| Semiconductor and Electronic Component Mfg    | 14,400    | 14,000    | 14,000            | 14,000           | 0.0%                         | -2.8% |
| Electronic Instrument Manufacturing           | 16,700    | 16,400    | 16,100            | 16,100           | 0.0%                         | -3.6% |
| Residual-Magnetic Media Manufacturing and     | 9,100     | 8,500     | 8,500             | 8,500            | 0.0%                         | -6.6% |
| Transportation Equipment Manufacturing        | 15,400    | 15,200    | 15,400            | 15,300           | -0.6%                        | -0.6% |
| Aerospace Product and Parts Manufacturing     | 10,800    | 10,800    | 11,100            | 11,100           | 0.0%                         | 2.8%  |
| Residual-Other Transportation Equipment Mfg   | 4,600     | 4,400     | 4,300             | 4,200            | -2.3%                        | -8.7% |
| Residual-Miscellaneous Manufacturing          | 34,400    | 34,400    | 34,500            | 34,500           | 0.0%                         | 0.3%  |
| Nondurable Goods                              | 53,600    | 52,400    | 52,300            | 52,100           | -0.4%                        | -2.8% |
| Service Providing                             | 1,223,300 | 1,208,200 | 1,199,400         | 1,202,900        | 0.3%                         | -1.7% |
| Private Service Producing                     | 1,068,400 | 1,052,600 | 1,045,700         | 1,043,900        | -0.2%                        | -2.3% |
| Trade, Transportation and Utilities           | 276,400   | 275,100   | 274,200           | 273,800          | -0.1%                        | -0.9% |
| Wholesale Trade                               | 87,400    | 86,900    | 86,800            | 86,600           | -0.2%                        | -0.9% |
| Merchant Wholesalers, Durable Goods           | 49,400    | 49,100    | 49,100            | 48,700           | -0.8%                        | -1.4% |
| Merchant Wholesalers, Nondurable Goods        | 22,900    | 22,600    | 22,500            | 22,600           | 0.4%                         | -1.3% |
| Wholesale Electronic Markets and Agents and   | 15,100    | 15,200    | 15,200            | 15,300           | 0.7%                         | 1.3%  |
| Retail Trade                                  | 159,800   | 159,600   | 158,900           | 158,700          | -0.1%                        | -0.7% |
| Motor Vehicle and Parts Dealer                | 19,500    | 18,600    | 18,500            | 18,300           | -1.1%                        | -6.2% |
| Building Material and Garden Equipment Stores | 11,800    | 11,400    | 11,200            | 11,100           | -0.9%                        | -5.9% |
| Food and Beverage Stores                      | 27,700    | 28,300    | 28,200            | 28,200           | 0.0%                         | 1.8%  |
| Grocery Stores                                | 24,500    | 24,800    | 24,700            | 24,700           | 0.0%                         | 0.8%  |
| Residual-Specialty Food Stores                | 3,200     | 3,500     | 3,500             | 3,500            | 0.0%                         | 9.4%  |
| Health and Personal Care Stores               | 10,400    | 10,400    | 10,100            | 10,200           | 1.0%                         | -1.9% |
| Clothing and Clothing Accessories Stores      | 21,200    | 21,600    | 21,500            | 20,900           | -2.8%                        | -1.4% |
| Sporting Goods, Hobby, Book and Music Stores  | 8,700     | 8,500     | 8,700             | 8,700            | 0.0%                         | 0.0%  |
| General Merchandise Stores                    | 25,100    | 25,200    | 24,900            | 25,400           | 2.0%                         | 1.2%  |
| Residual-Miscellaneous Store Retailers        | 35,400    | 35,600    | 35,800            | 35,900           | 0.3%                         | 1.4%  |
| Transportation, Warehousing and Utilities     | 29,200    | 28,600    | 28,500            | 28,500           | 0.0%                         | -2.4% |
| Utilities                                     | 3,800     | 3,800     | 3,800             | 3,800            | 0.0%                         | 0.0%  |
| Transportation and Warehousing                | 25,400    | 24,800    | 24,700            | 24,700           | 0.0%                         | -2.8% |
| Residual-Air Transportation                   | 13,000    | 12,600    | 12,500            | 12,400           | -0.8%                        | -4.6% |
| Couriers and Messengers                       | 7,000     | 7,200     | 7,200             | 7,300            | 1.4%                         | 4.3%  |
| Warehousing and Storage                       | 5,400     | 5,000     | 5,000             | 5,000            | 0.0%                         | -7.4% |
| Information                                   | 31,000    | 29,700    | 29,700            | 29,700           | 0.0%                         | -4.2% |
| Publishing Industries (except Internet)       | 9,400     | 9,000     | 9,000             | 8,900            | -1.1%                        | -5.3% |
| Telecommunications                            | 12,800    | 12,400    | 12,400            | 12,500           | 0.8%                         | -2.3% |
| Residual-Other Telecommunications             | 8,800     | 8,300     | 8,300             | 8,300            | 0.0%                         | -5.7% |

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| Financial Activities                                  | 123,800 | 115,100 | 114,200           | 113,100          | -1.0%                        | -8.6%  |
| Finance and Insurance                                 | 84,400  | 77,200  | 76,500            | 75,900           | -0.8%                        | -10.1% |
| Credit Intermediation and Related Activities          | 41,100  | 34,300  | 33,900            | 33,600           | -0.9%                        | -18.2% |
| Depository Credit Intermediation                      | 19,000  | 17,600  | 17,600            | 17,600           | 0.0%                         | -7.4%  |
| Nondepository Credit Intermediation                   | 15,700  | 12,400  | 12,100            | 11,900           | -1.7%                        | -24.2% |
| Activities Related to Credit Intermediation           | 6,400   | 4,300   | 4,200             | 4,100            | -2.4%                        | -35.9% |
| Insurance Carriers and Related                        | 32,300  | 32,200  | 32,000            | 31,800           | -0.6%                        | -1.5%  |
| Insurance Carriers                                    | 18,400  | 18,300  | 18,200            | 18,100           | -0.5%                        | -1.6%  |
| Agencies, Brokerages, and Other Insurance             | 13,900  | 13,900  | 13,800            | 13,700           | -0.7%                        | -1.4%  |
| Residual-Other Finance                                | 11,000  | 10,700  | 10,600            | 10,500           | -0.9%                        | -4.5%  |
| Real Estate and Rental and Leasing                    | 39,400  | 37,900  | 37,700            | 37,200           | -1.3%                        | -5.6%  |
| Real Estate   | 32,700  | 31,500  | 31,400            | 31,000           | -1.3%                        | -5.2%  |
| Residual-Rental and Leasing Services                  | 6,700   | 6,400   | 6,300             | 6,200            | -1.6%                        | -7.5%  |
| Professional and Business Services                    | 273,000 | 266,900 | 265,300           | 264,000          | -0.5%                        | -3.3%  |
| Professional, Scientific and Technical Services       | 112,600 | 111,700 | 110,600           | 109,900          | -0.6%                        | -2.4%  |
| Legal Services  | 14,000  | 14,400  | 14,300            | 14,100           | -1.4%                        | 0.7%   |
| Accounting, Tax Preparation and Bookkeeping           | 11,800  | 11,800  | 11,700            | 11,700           | 0.0%                         | -0.8%  |
| Architectural, Engineering and Related Services       | 24,300  | 24,000  | 23,600            | 23,400           | -0.8%                        | -3.7%  |
| Computer Systems Design and Related Services          | 18,100  | 17,800  | 17,800            | 17,900           | 0.6%                         | -1.1%  |
| Management, Scientific and Technical Consulting       | 20,700  | 20,900  | 20,800            | 20,600           | -1.0%                        | -0.5%  |
| Residual-Other Professional, Scientific and Technical | 23,700  | 22,800  | 22,400            | 22,200           | -0.9%                        | -6.3%  |
| Management of Companies and Enterprises               | 27,700  | 26,900  | 26,700            | 26,400           | -1.1%                        | -4.7%  |
| Administrative and Support and Waste Services         | 132,700 | 128,300 | 128,000           | 127,700          | -0.2%                        | -3.8%  |
| Administrative and Support Services                   | 128,400 | 124,000 | 123,700           | 123,400          | -0.2%                        | -3.9%  |
| Employment Services                                   | 58,400  | 53,700  | 53,800            | 53,600           | -0.4%                        | -8.2%  |
| Investigation and Security Services                   | 11,100  | 11,200  | 11,000            | 11,100           | 0.9%                         | 0.0%   |
| Services to Buildings and Dwellings                   | 33,400  | 33,600  | 33,300            | 33,300           | 0.0%                         | -0.3%  |
| Residual-Other Support Services                       | 25,500  | 25,500  | 25,600            | 25,400           | -0.8%                        | -0.4%  |
| Waste Management and Remediation Services             | 4,300   | 4,300   | 4,300             | 4,300            | 0.0%                         | 0.0%   |
| Educational and Health Services                       | 142,500 | 143,000 | 140,700           | 144,300          | 2.6%                         | 1.3%   |
| Educational Services                                  | 21,300  | 21,300  | 18,900            | 22,100           | 16.9%                        | 3.8%   |
| Colleges, Universities and Professional Schools       | 5,300   | 4,600   | 4,400             | 5,200            | 18.2%                        | -1.9%  |
| Residual-Elementary and Secondary Schools             | 16,000  | 16,700  | 14,500            | 16,800           | 15.9%                        | 5.0%   |
| Health Care and Social Assistance                     | 121,200 | 121,700 | 121,800           | 122,200          | 0.3%                         | 0.8%   |
| Ambulatory Health Care Services                       | 57,600  | 57,500  | 57,300            | 57,400           | 0.2%                         | -0.3%  |
| Hospitals   | 31,100  | 31,900  | 32,100            | 32,200           | 0.3%                         | 3.5%   |
| Nursing and Residential Care Facilities               | 19,500  | 19,500  | 19,500            | 19,400           | -0.5%                        | -0.5%  |
| Social Assistance                                     | 13,000  | 12,800  | 12,900            | 13,200           | 2.3%                         | 1.5%   |
| Leisure and Hospitality                               | 173,900 | 174,800 | 174,100           | 171,700          | -1.4%                        | -1.3%  |
| Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation                   | 36,100  | 37,600  | 37,400            | 36,200           | -3.2%                        | 0.3%   |
| Amusement, Gambling, and Recreation                   | 30,300  | 32,000  | 31,400            | 30,600           | -2.5%                        | 1.0%   |
| Residual-Performing Arts, Spectator Sports            | 5,800   | 5,600   | 6,000             | 5,600            | -6.7%                        | -3.4%  |
| Accommodation and Food Services                       | 137,800 | 137,200 | 136,700           | 135,500          | -0.9%                        | -1.7%  |
| Accommodation   | 23,300  | 23,400  | 23,300            | 22,700           | -2.6%                        | -2.6%  |
| Food Services and Drinking Places                     | 114,500 | 113,800 | 113,400           | 112,800          | -0.5%                        | -1.5%  |
| Full-Service Restaurants                              | 59,700  | 58,800  | 58,700            | 58,700           | 0.0%                         | -1.7%  |
| Limited-Service Eating Places                         | 48,100  | 47,700  | 47,500            | 47,100           | -0.8%                        | -2.1%  |
| Residual-Special Food Services                        | 6,700   | 7,300   | 7,200             | 7,000            | -2.8%                        | 4.5%   |
| Other Services  | 47,800  | 48,000  | 47,500            | 47,300           | -0.4%                        | -1.0%  |
| Government  | 154,900 | 155,600 | 153,700           | 159,000          | 3.4%                         | 2.6%   |
| Federal Government                                    | 11,500  | 11,100  | 11,100            | 11,200           | 0.9%                         | -2.6%  |
| Department of Defense                                 | 1,000   | 900     | 900               | 1,000            | 11.1%                        | 0.0%   |
| Other Federal Government                              | 10,500  | 10,200  | 10,200            | 10,200           | 0.0%                         | -2.9%  |
| State and Local Government                            | 143,400 | 144,500 | 142,600           | 147,800          | 3.6%                         | 3.1%   |
| State Government                                      | 27,100  | 27,200  | 27,000            | 27,700           | 2.6%                         | 2.2%   |
| State Government Education                            | 16,800  | 17,000  | 16,900            | 17,600           | 4.1%                         | 4.8%   |
| Other State Government                                | 10,300  | 10,200  | 10,100            | 10,100           | 0.0%                         | -1.9%  |
| Local Government                                      | 116,300 | 117,300 | 115,600           | 120,100          | 3.9%                         | 3.3%   |

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## Santa Ana Anaheim Irvine MD

Industry Employment & Labor Force  
March 2007 Benchmark

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|                            | Sep 07 | Jul 08 | Aug 08<br>Revised | Sep 08<br>Prelim | Percent Change |      |
|----------------------------|--------|--------|-------------------|------------------|----------------|------|
|                            |        |        |                   |                  | Month          | Year |
| Local Government Education | 72,100 | 71,200 | 69,500            | 74,600           | 7.3%           | 3.5% |
| County                     | 22,400 | 23,200 | 23,100            | 23,200           | 0.4%           | 3.6% |
| City                       | 17,700 | 18,500 | 18,600            | 17,900           | -3.8%          | 1.1% |
| Other Local Government     | 4,100  | 4,400  | 4,400             | 4,400            | 0.0%           | 7.3% |

### 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: Ann Marshall 949/341-8051 or Maritza Gamboa 714/687-4816

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