

The unemployment rate in the Monterey County was 11.8 percent in March 2020, up from a revised 10.0 percent in February 2020, and below the year-ago estimate of 9.8 percent. This compares with an unadjusted unemployment rate of 5.6 percent for California and 4.5 percent for the nation during the same period.



**LABOR FORCE**  
220,800



**EMPLOYED**  
194,700



**UNEMPLOYED**  
26,200



**UNEMPLOYMENT**  
11.8%

**“At this time, we cannot quantify the effects of the pandemic on the job market in March 2020. However, it is likely that the unseasonable changes in the industry employment and labor force data can be ascribed to the effects of the illness and efforts to contain the virus. It is important to keep in mind that the March survey reference period, the week that contains the 12<sup>th</sup> day of the month, predated many coronavirus-related business and school closures in the second half of the month”.**

Source: Andriy Moskalyk Labor Market Consultant Economic Development Department 4/17/2020

# Sector Growth Report

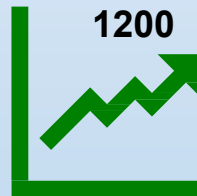
## March 2019 – March 2020



**Total Gains in Jobs  
Non-Farm**  
3300



**Largest Sector Gain  
Professional and  
Business Services**



**Largest Sector Gain  
All Industries**  
5500



### Major Sectors Change March 2019 – March 2020

Industry	Mar-2019	Mar-2020	Change
		Prelim	
<b>Total, All Industries</b>	<b>180,400</b>	<b>185,900</b>	<b>5,500</b>
<b>Total Farm</b>	<b>37,400</b>	<b>40,700</b>	<b>3,300</b>
<b>Total Nonfarm</b>	<b>143,000</b>	<b>145,200</b>	<b>2,200</b>
<b>Government</b>	<b>35,300</b>	<b>34,700</b>	<b>(600)</b>
<b>Manufacturing</b>	<b>5,200</b>	<b>5,000</b>	<b>(200)</b>
<b>Other Services</b>	<b>5,100</b>	<b>5,000</b>	<b>(100)</b>
<b>Mining and Logging</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Information</b>	<b>1,000</b>	<b>1,000</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Financial Activities</b>	<b>4,300</b>	<b>4,400</b>	<b>100</b>
<b>Leisure &amp; Hospitality</b>	<b>25,300</b>	<b>25,400</b>	<b>100</b>
<b>Construction</b>	<b>6,400</b>	<b>6,800</b>	<b>400</b>
<b>Educational &amp; Health Services</b>	<b>20,300</b>	<b>20,800</b>	<b>500</b>
<b>Trade, Transportation &amp; Utilities</b>	<b>25,800</b>	<b>26,600</b>	<b>800</b>
<b>Professional &amp; Business Services</b>	<b>14,000</b>	<b>15,200</b>	<b>1,200</b>

# COVID 19 IMPACT ON UNEMPLOYMENT BY MAY 2020

**COVID-19 will lead to record high unemployment rates across Northern California by May, according to the Center for Business and Policy Research (CBPR) at the University of the Pacific. The center estimates the loss of 1.25 million jobs and a peak unemployment rate of 17.7% in Northern California and a statewide loss of more than 3.8 million jobs with an unemployment rate of 18.8%.**

**Salinas MSA projected Unemployment rate is 19.4% with the impact of a potential loss of 39,340 jobs.**

Geographical Area	Unemployment Rate			Payroll Jobs		
	May 2020 Estimate	2019	2010	2019	COVID-19 IMPACT	% Change
California	18.8%	4.0%	12.2%	17,382,400	-3,859,030	-22.2%
Northern California Megaregion	17.7%	3.4%	11.6%	5,894,840	-1,247,070	-21.2%
Monterey Bay Area	19.4%	5.6%	12.9%	281,940	-64,720	-23.0%
• Salinas MSA	19.4%	6.2%	12.7%	182,970	-39,240	-21.4%
• Santa Cruz-Watsonville MSA	19.3%	4.8%	13.3%	98,970	-25,480	-25.7%

# Lay-Offs by Sector

(3/23/2020 – 4/10/2020)



Major Industry Sectors	Employment	Lay-Offs
AG/Farm	40,700	192
Construction	6800	44
Manufacturing	5,000	138
Retail	16,500	1002
Transportation, Warehousing Utilities	4,300	30
Information - Media - Newspapers - Theatres	1,000	157
Financial Activities	4,400	1
Professional & Business Services	15,200	122
Health Care and Social Assistance	18,100	301
Accommodations and Leisure	7,900	4461
Food Services & Dining Places	14,700	1033
Other Services -	5,000	607
Government	34,700	0

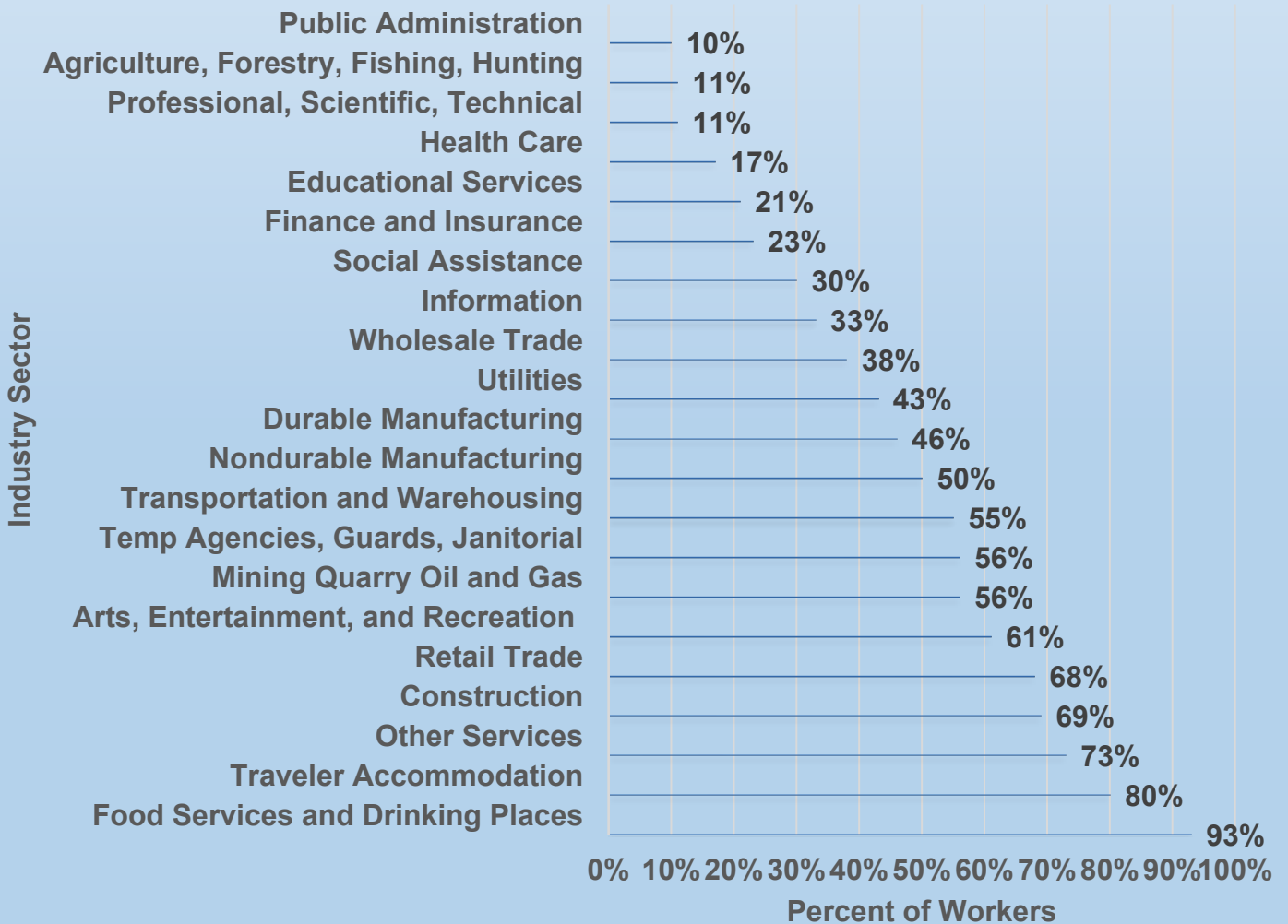
# In Harms Way California's Workers at High Risk of Unemployment in the COVID 19 – Pandemic

Daniel Flaming and Patrick Burns April 2020 – Economic Roundtable

For the full article go to: <https://economicrt.org/publication/in-harms-way/>

In summary, 43 percent of California workers have a high risk of unemployment. The burden of unemployment is unequally distributed. It rests most heavily on young adults, Latinos, and restaurant, hotel, personal care, and janitorial workers. Young adults entering the job market face very difficult challenges, and every industry has at least some workers at high risk.

## Percent of workers at high risk of unemployment by industry sector



Source: Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis - California ACS PUMS 2014-2018, Economic Roundtable

# MONTEREY COUNTY UNEMPLOYMENT CLAIMS



## Weekly Claims

