



LABOR FORCE
188,700



EMPLOYED
167,200



UNEMPLOYED
21,500

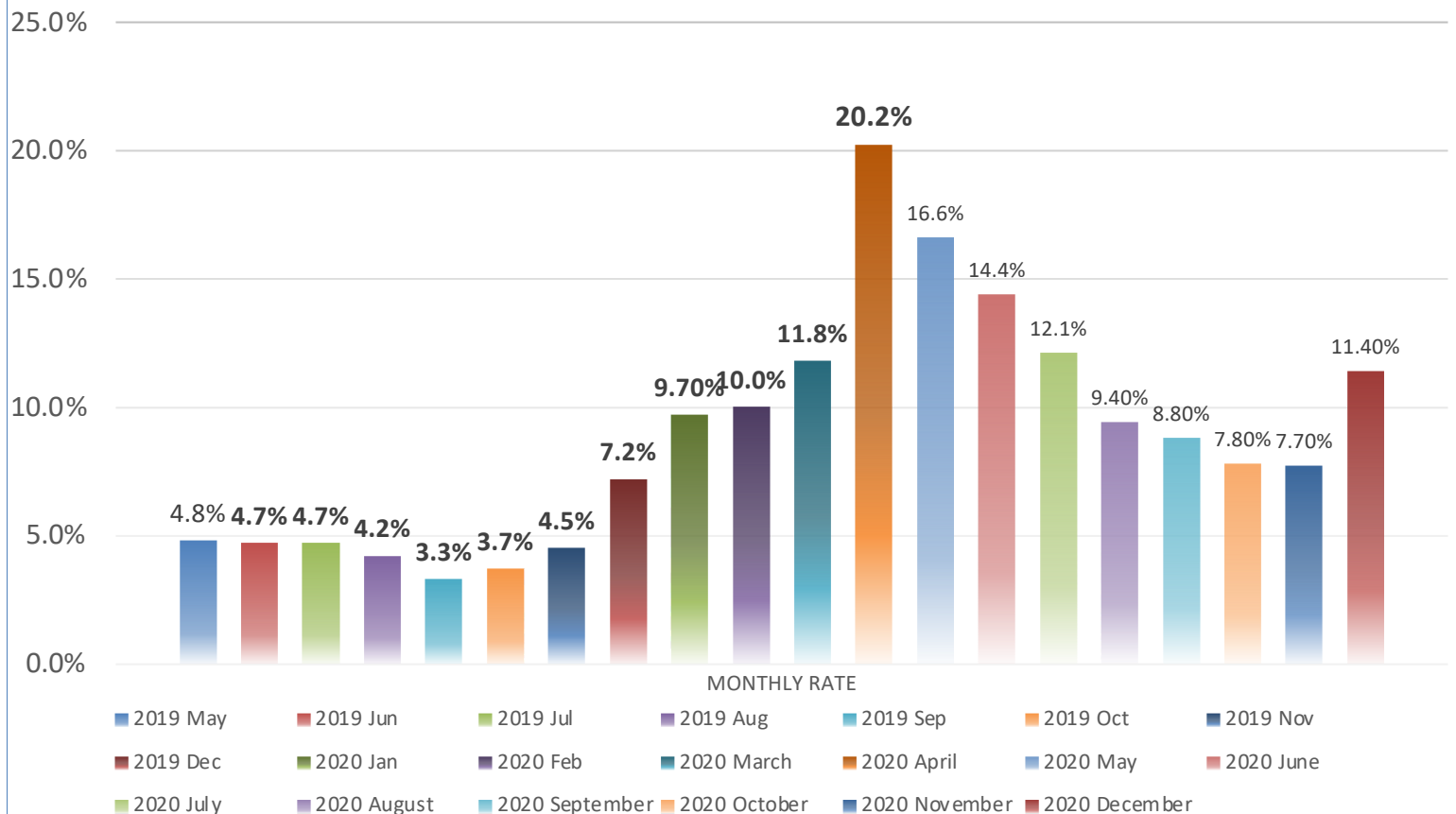


UNEMPLOYMENT
11.4% (p)

The unemployment rate in Monterey County was 11.4 percent in December 2020, up from a revised 7.7 percent in November 2020, and above the year-ago estimate of 7.2 percent. This compares with an unadjusted unemployment rate of 8.8 percent for California and 6.5 percent for the nation during the same period.

(p) Preliminary
EDD December 2020

MONTEREY COUNTY UNEMPLOYMENT RATE
MAY 2019 – DECEMBER 2020



California Ends Strict Virus Restrictions as New Cases Fall

By [Thomas Fuller](#) and [Jill Cowan](#) New York Times – 1/25/2021

The state is returning to a tiered system of rules tied to the prevalence of the coronavirus in each county. Gov. Gavin Newsom has been under pressure from business owners.

OAKLAND, Calif. — Facing swelling political pressure and numerous lawsuits by businesses forced to shut down, Gov. Gavin Newsom of California on Monday lifted a strict stay-at-home order and handed to local authorities greater control over whether restaurants, hair salons and other commerce could reopen.

The rate of new coronavirus cases in the state has [slowed significantly](#), but experts worry the respite could be brief if the more [contagious variants](#) of the coronavirus raging through Europe become prevalent in the United States.

The relaxation of restrictions comes as large parts of Southern California are still recording high death and hospitalization rates and many hospitals in Los Angeles County continue to be overwhelmed with Covid-19 patients.

The changes on Monday do not by any stretch remove all virus-related restrictions in the state. The rescinding of the stay-at-home order, which had already been lifted in the Sacramento area nearly two weeks ago, returns the state to a [tiered system of rules](#) tied to the prevalence of the virus in each county.

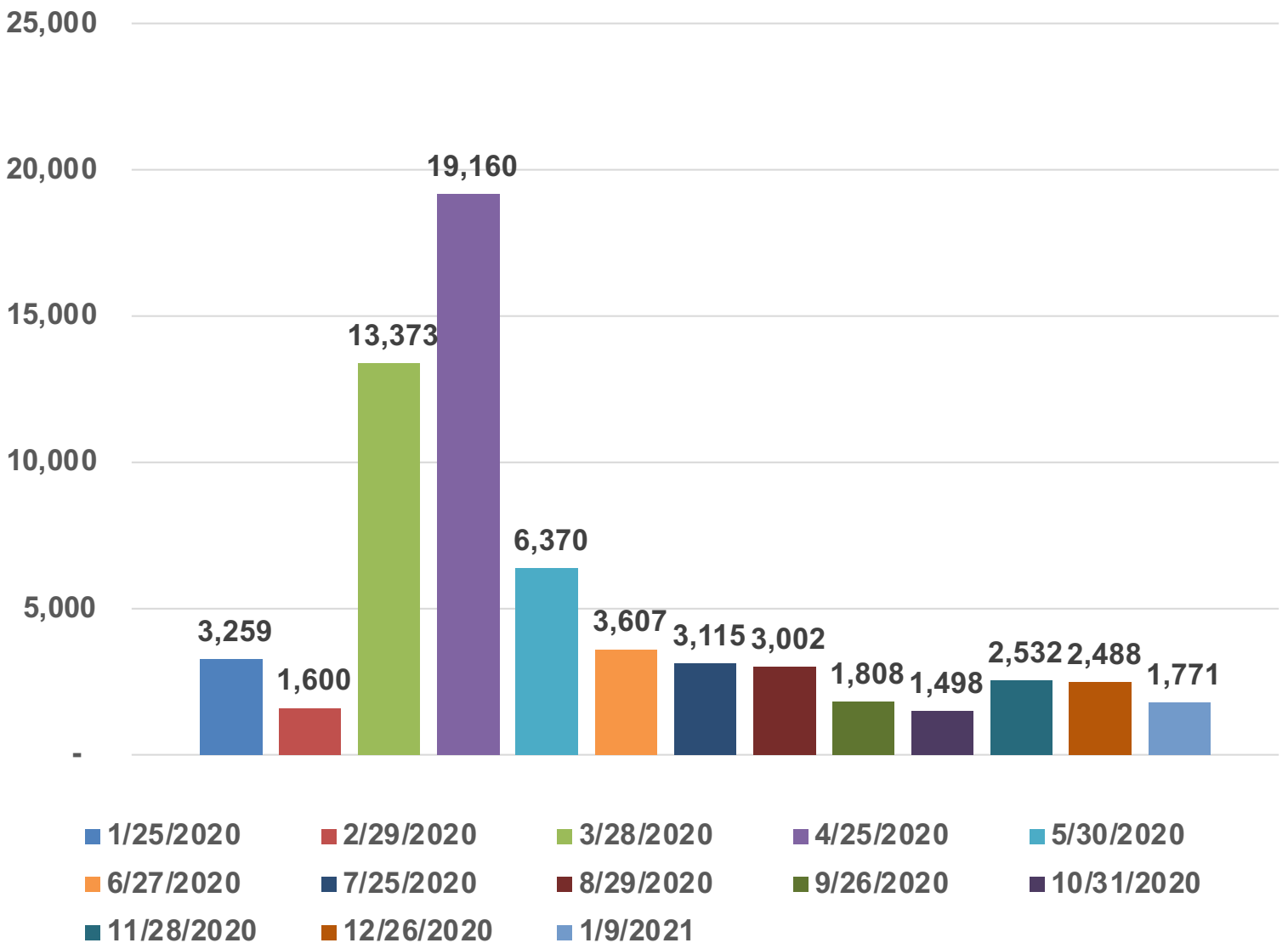
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<https://www.nytimes.com/2021/01/25/us/california-covid-restrictions.html>

With the dramatic rise of COVID-19 cases in California, many counties are experiencing an increase in the unemployment rate as well as a rise in new Unemployment Insurance claims.

In Monterey County, we have seen a steady increase in claims with a jump of over 1,000 claims from October month end to November month end. For the first two weeks of January 2021, new claims stood at 1,771 as of January 9, 2021.

New Unemployment Claims Monterey County WDB



January 2021
MONTEREY COUNTY LABOR MARKET
Sector Growth December 2020



**Total loss in Jobs
Farm/AG
(17,600)**



**Largest Sector Loss Non-Farm
Leisure and Hospitality
(6,300)**



**All Sector Loss
Non-Farm (15,000)**



Major Sectors Change December 2019 – December 2020

Sector	December-19 Employment	December-20 Employment	Change
Total Farm	37,000	19,400	(17,600)
Total Nonfarm	147,000	132,000	(15,000)
Mining and Logging	300	300	0
Construction	6,600	6,500	(100)
Manufacturing	5,000	4,800	(200)
Retail Trade, Transportation & Utilities	27,800	25,700	(2,100)
Information	1,000	900	(100)
Financial Activities	4,400	4,400	0
Professional & Business Services	15,000	13,400	(1,600)
Educational & Health Services	20,700	19,900	(800)
Leisure & Hospitality	26,500	20,200	(6,300)
Other Services	5,000	4,200	(800)
Government	34,700	31,700	(3,000)



January 2021 MONTEREY COUNTY LABOR MARKET Top Job Ads

Occupation	Empl	Mean Ann Wages	Average Hourly Wage	Online Job Ads	Ann %	Ann % Growth
Retail Salespersons	3,825	\$35,300	\$16.97	377	-1.7%	-0.1%
Registered Nurses	2,729	\$133,600	\$64.23	272	2.8%	0.5%
First-Line Supervisors of Retail Sales Workers	1,464	\$46,900	\$22.55	201	-2.0%	-0.7%
Stockers and Order Fillers	2,353	\$31,800	\$15.29	172	0.6%	-0.1%
First-Line Supervisors of Food Preparation and Serving Workers	951	\$40,600	\$19.52	147	-0.1%	0.5%
Speech-Language Pathologists	154	\$99,100	\$47.64	137	3.0%	1.7%
Fast Food and Counter Workers	4,017	\$26,900	\$12.93	129	1.2%	1.0%
Social and Human Service Assistants	522	\$37,100	\$17.84	118	1.5%	1.8%
Secretaries and Administrative Assistants, Except Legal, Medical, and Executive	2,113	\$45,200	\$21.73	99	1.1%	-1.2%
Maintenance and Repair Workers, General	1,456	\$48,100	\$23.13	98	0.4%	0.4%
Customer Service Representatives	1,310	\$43,900	\$21.11	83	2.1%	-0.6%
Janitors and Cleaners, Except Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners	2,117	\$35,200	\$16.92	75	0.2%	0.3%
Sales Representatives of Services, Except Advertising, Insurance, Financial Services, and Travel	843	\$60,800	\$29.23	71	4.0%	0.3%
Medical and Health Services Managers	341	\$154,400	\$74.23	70	3.0%	2.5%
Security Guards	1,165	\$33,800	\$16.25	67	2.3%	0.2%
Computer User Support Specialists	401	\$67,000	\$32.21	67	1.8%	0.2%
Accountants and Auditors	1,259	\$97,600	\$46.92	66	0.4%	0.2%
Medical Assistants	740	\$38,700	\$18.61	62	1.9%	1.6%
Demonstrators and Product Promoters	130	\$38,300	\$18.41	60	-0.4%	0.2%
Food Preparation Workers	1,052	\$29,600	\$14.23	59	-1.3%	-0.1%
Light Truck Drivers	999	\$38,800	\$18.65	53	0.0%	0.4%
Cashiers	4,165	\$28,800	\$13.85	50	-0.6%	-0.9%
Nursing Assistants	966	\$46,200	\$22.21	47	0.4%	0.8%

Source EDD 1/21/2021