

**UPDATE**  
**MONTEREY COUNTY LABOR MARKET**  
**SNAPSHOT**  
**January 2021 Data**



**LABOR FORCE**  
**202,800**



**EMPLOYED**  
**180,000**



**UNEMPLOYED**  
**22,700**

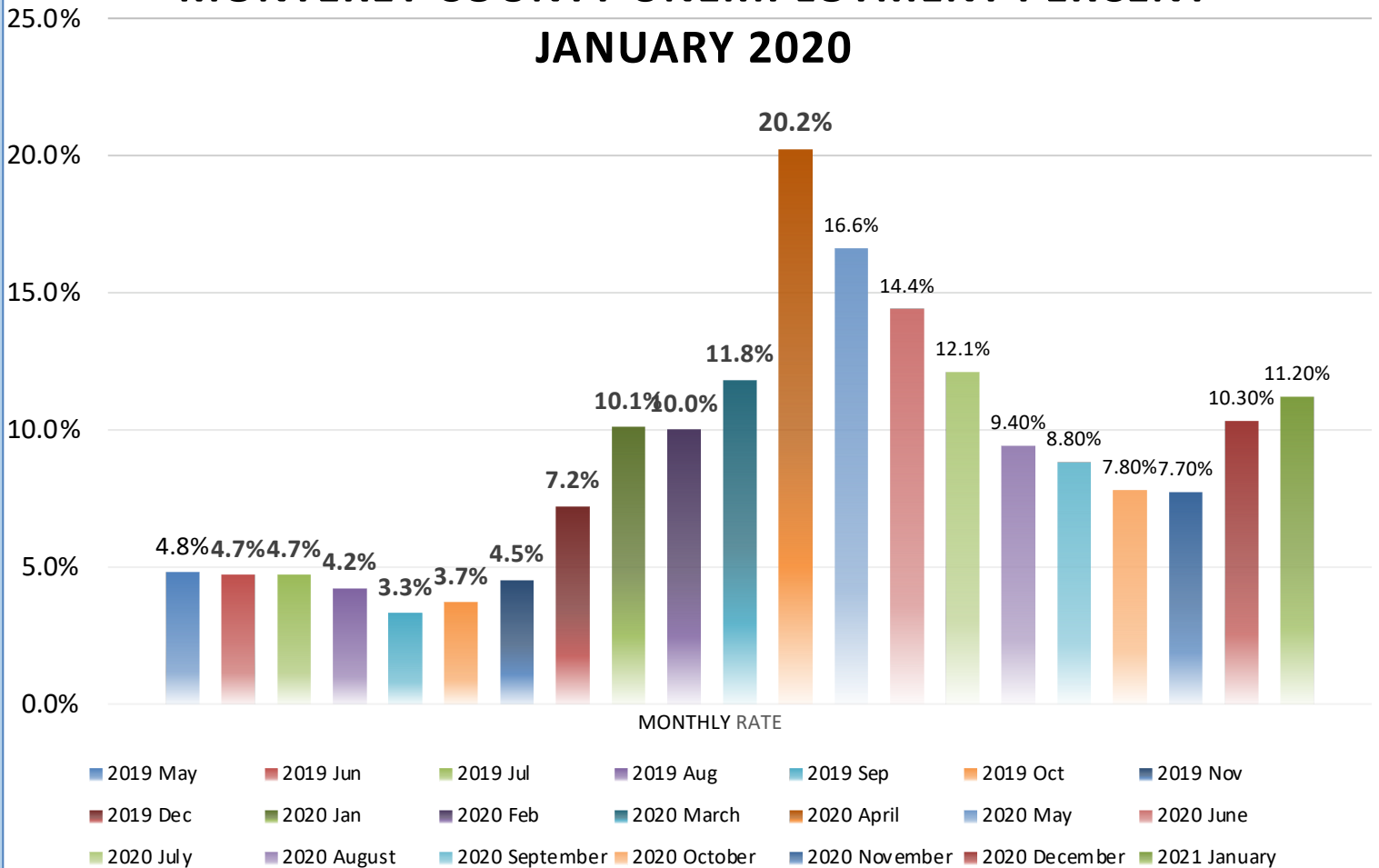


**UNEMPLOYMENT**  
**11.2%**

The unemployment rate in the Monterey County was 11.2 percent in January 2021, up from a revised 10.3 percent in December 2020, and above the year-ago estimate of 10.1 percent. This compares with an unadjusted unemployment rate of 9.2 percent for California and 6.8 percent for the nation during the same period.

Source EDD March 10, 2021

**MONTEREY COUNTY UNEMPLOYMENT PERCENT**  
**JANUARY 2020**





Monterey County lost 22,700 jobs in January 2021, with only a few sectors (page 3) having any gains year over year. The current Labor Market shows little relief to those who are unemployed. However, the passage of the American Relief Act should bring much needed cash relief to those who are most in need.

### ***What Is in the Third Covid-19 Stimulus Package? A look at the \$1.9 trillion American Rescue Plan Act that President Biden has signed into law***

By the Wall Street Journal. Link: <https://www.wsj.com/articles/whats-new-in-the-third-covid-19-stimulus-bill-11615285802> for the full article by Stephanie Stamm and Maureen Linke

President Biden signed the coronavirus relief bill into law, marking his first major legislative victory in office. The \$1.9 trillion American Rescue Plan Act includes measures ranging from stimulus checks to child tax credits, jobless benefits to vaccine-distribution funds, healthcare subsidies to restaurant aid. The legislation is the largest aid package to pass since widespread restrictions tied to the coronavirus pandemic began in March 2020. What's Different? The current Senate legislation includes \$1,400 checks for individuals making less than \$75,000 annually and for married couples making less than \$150,000 before phasing down—the largest individual section, totaling \$410 billion. The package contains tens of billions of dollars to facilitate the vaccine rollout and \$130 billion for schools to help safely reopen through improving ventilation, hiring more janitors and providing more personal protective equipment.



**Total Gain in Jobs**  
**Farm/AG**  
**3,100**



**Key Sector Gain**  
**Professional & Business**  
**Services**  
**1,600**



**Key Sector Loss**  
**Eating and Drinking and**  
**Accommodations**  
**(7,700)**



**Major Sectors Labor Force Change January 2020 – January 2021**

| Key Sectors  | Jan 2020 Labor Force | Nov 2020 Labor Force | Dec 2020 Labor Force | Jan 2021 Labor Force | % Change Month | % Change Year | Job Gain/Loss Year |
|--|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------|---------------|--------------------|
| <b>Farm</b>  | 34,100               | 51,400               | 40,000               | 37,200               | -7.0%          | 9.1%          | 3,100              |
| <b>Accommodation</b>                               | 7,800                | 5,200                | 4,900                | 4,200                | -14.3%         | -46.2%        | -3,600             |
| <b>Food Services &amp; Drinking Places</b>         | 14,500               | 11,400               | 11,000               | 10,400               | -5.5%          | -28.3%        | -4,100             |
| <b>Information</b>                                 | 1,000                | 700                  | 700                  | 700                  | 0.0%           | -30.0%        | -300               |
| <b>Food and Beverage Stores</b>                    | 3,900                | 4,300                | 4,200                | 4,200                | 0.0%           | 7.7%          | 300                |
| <b>Transportation, Warehousing &amp; Utilities</b> | 3,600                | 4,000                | 4,100                | 3,900                | -4.9%          | 8.3%          | 300                |
| <b>Professional and Business Services</b>          | 14,500               | 15,500               | 15,300               | 16,100               | 5.2%           | 11.0%         | 1,600              |
| <b>Health Care &amp; Social Assistance</b>         | 18,200               | 18,100               | 18,200               | 18,000               | -1.1%          | -1.1%         | -200               |
| <b>State Government Education</b>                  | 1,500                | 1,300                | 1,400                | 1,300                | -7.1%          | -13.3%        | -200               |
| <b>Local Government</b>                            | 23,900               | 22,100               | 21,700               | 21,400               | -1.4%          | -10.5%        | -2,500             |
| <b>Local Government Education</b>                  | 13,100               | 11,500               | 11,400               | 11,100               | -2.6%          | -15.3%        | -2,000             |
| <b>Local Government Excluding Education</b>        | 10,800               | 10,600               | 10,300               | 10,300               | 0.0%           | -4.6%         | -500               |
| <b>County</b>                                      | 5,200                | 5,400                | 5,100                | 5,300                | 3.9%           | 1.9%          | 100                |
| <b>City</b>  | 2,300                | 1,800                | 1,800                | 1,700                | -5.6%          | -26.1%        | -600               |