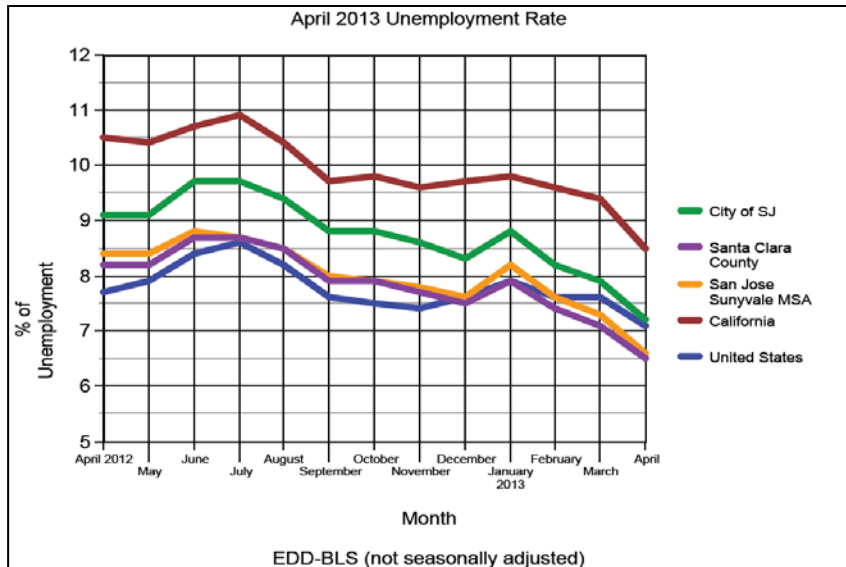


THE ECONOMIC SITUATION MAY 2013 SNAPSHOT

Unemployment for April 2013

San Jose-Sunnyvale-Santa Clara MSA was 6.6%, California 8.5%, United States 7.1%, Santa Clara County 6.5% and the City of San Jose at 7.2%.

Source EDD April 29, 2013



MSA Stats

Between April 2012 and April 2013, total employment in the San Jose-Sunnyvale-Santa Clara MSA, which also includes San Benito County, expanded by 23,900 jobs, or 2.6 percent. This marked the area's **34th consecutive month of increases on a year-over basis**.

- Gains in professional and business services (up 10,400 jobs) accounted for more than 40 percent of the region's year-over job additions. Professional, scientific, and technical services rose by 6,100 jobs from last April.
- Leisure and hospitality, as well as construction, each added 3,500 jobs over the year.
- Trade, transportation, and utilities gained 3,300 jobs. Wholesale trade grew by 1,300 jobs. Retail trade netted a 1,200-job increase, while transportation, warehousing, and utilities added 800 jobs.
- Information increased by 2,600 jobs, and private educational and health services posted a net gain of 2,000 jobs.
- Other services fell by 1,100 jobs, and government (down 800 jobs) as they continued to cut back.

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Job Front: Internships are gateways to getting a job

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Ashlee Crowe didn't have much time to chat. The pediatric medical assistant had just taken a short break from her rounds and she had other patients to attend.

For Crowe, a 2012 Heald College graduate now working at Sutter Medical Foundation Roseville's pediatrics office, a Sutter externship last year at a Rocklin family practice became the proving ground she needed to make health care a career.

Crowe, 36, began her Rocklin stint after graduating last spring, shadowing Sutter employees. Soon, she was assisting with patient care and procedures.

"I didn't want to feel like a third wheel just standing around. I wanted to be involved. That was extremely important to me," she said from Roseville last week. "Now, I'm working in pediatrics. You're dealing one-on-one with patients."

Internships and externships can be invaluable gateways for job-seeking graduates. About 60 percent of 2012 college graduates who worked in paid internships took home at least one job offer, according to the National Association of Colleges and Employers.

"Having an internship is critical," said Christina Rivera, director of career services at Heald College. "It's like a working interview. This is a job."

Internships are also becoming more important to employers seeking graduates who are better prepared for the working world.

Internships and other training are also garnering attention at the Capitol and from human resources researchers.

State Senate President Pro Tem Darrell Steinberg, D-Sacramento, recently proposed legislation to develop closer partnerships between business and education and invest in "career pathways" including internships and apprenticeships.

Meanwhile, researchers at the Society for Human Resource Management, in its new survey of employers on the state's skills gap, say that California employers may begin working more closely with local schools and colleges to "address skills and knowledge gaps, and create a more qualified local talent pool."

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State And Local Government Workforce: 2013 Trends

Annual survey finds top concern is staff development as improving economy hastens retirements

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WASHINGTON, May 14, 2013 -- /PRNewswire-USNewswire/ -- As local and state government workers head for the exits, human resources managers say their top concern is staff development.

"State and Local Government Workforce: 2013 Trends," the annual survey conducted by the Center for State and Local Government Excellence (slge.org) and the International Public Management Association for Human Resources (ipma-hr.org) of human resource professionals, finds that the pace of state and local government retirements continues to be high. Three hundred and twenty-three (323) IPMA-HR members took part in the survey, which was conducted in March and April 2013.

There are signs that the improving economy has begun to reach state and local governments, as they ease up on layoffs and compensation freezes imposed since the economic downturn of 2008. Key survey findings include:

- 33 percent report pay freezes, compared with 51 percent in 2012
- 18 percent report layoffs, compared with 28 percent in 2012
- 27 percent report hiring freezes, compared with 42 percent in 2012

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