# California Employment Situation Summary

## National Employment Data

- Since President Biden took office, more than 6 million jobs have been created nationwide, an average of 565,000 created each month.

- In the month of December, the latest for which national data are available, 199,000 jobs were created, and the unemployment rate dropped to 3.9%, outperforming expectations and reaching a new pandemic-era low.

- The unemployment rate went down for adult men (3.6%), adult women (3.6%), white workers (3.2%), Hispanic workers (4.9%) and Asian workers (3.8%), and rose for Black workers (7.1%).

## State Employment Data

- Since President Biden took office, 1,034,400 jobs have been created in California.

- In the month of December, the latest for which state-level data are available, 50,700 jobs were created in California.
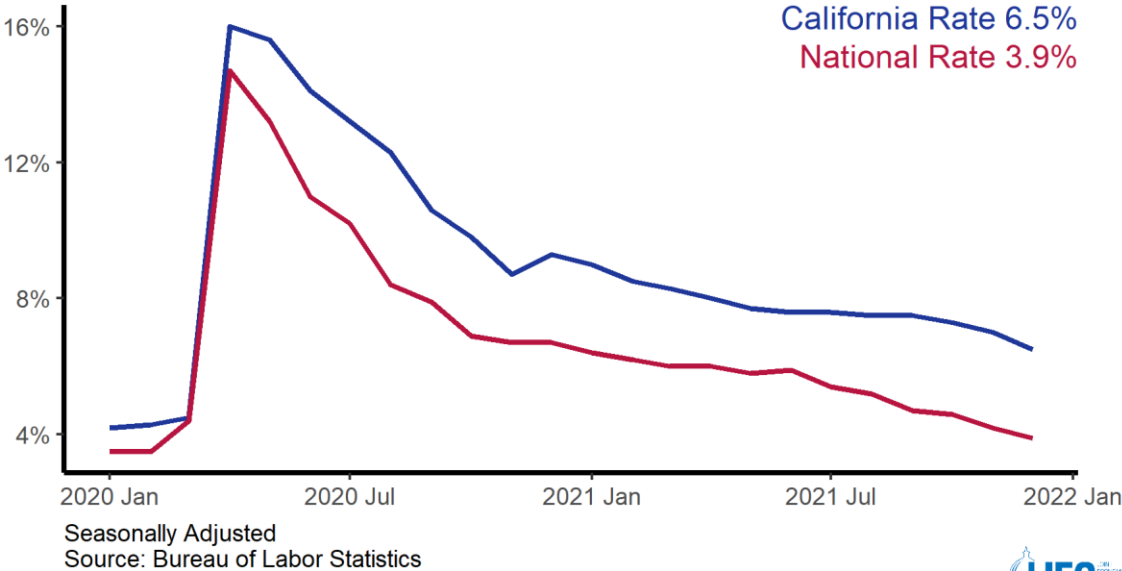
| Sector | Change in Total Jobs in December | Jobs Recovered | Change in Total Jobs Since January 2021 |
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| **Total Nonfarm, California** | **50,700** | **72%** | **1,034,400** |
| Leisure and Hospitality, California | 15,000 | 68% | 485,200 |
| Professional and Business Services, California | 12,000 | 102% | 166,200 |
| Education and Health Services, California | 7,600 | 86% | 99,100 |
| Government, California | 4,100 | 26% | 49,200 |
| Manufacturing, California | 1,800 | 56% | 32,600 |
| Construction, California | 1,200 | 87% | 13,300 |
| Retail Trade, California | -7,300 | 76% | 10,000 |

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics
Note: Positive change reflects net job creation. "Recovered" refers to the share of jobs recovered since the pandemic low point as a share of jobs lost during the pandemic. Jobs lost during the pandemic are measured as the difference between the number of jobs in the industry in February 2020 and the number at the "low point" of the pandemic--the month with the fewest people employed in a given industry. The month of the low point varies by industry.

# California Unemployment Rate

## State and national unemployment rates, since January 2020



California Rate 6.5%
National Rate 3.9%

Seasonally Adjusted
Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics

# California Jobs Recovery

## Total employment since January 2020, in thousands



California Employment 16,892,300

Nonfarm Payroll Employment, Seasonally Adjusted
Source: BLS/CA Employment Development Department