

Sources: EDD LMID

The unemployment rate in the Monterey County was 7.2 percent (15,400 unemployed) in December 2019, up from a revised 4.5 percent in November 2019, and below the year-ago estimate of 7.9 percent. This compares with an unadjusted unemployment rate of 3.7 percent for California and 3.4 percent for the nation during the same period.

(Source EDD Labor Market Division 1/24/2020)



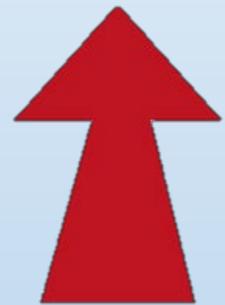
**LABOR FORCE**  
228,100



**EMPLOYED**  
214,500



**UNEMPLOYED**  
15,400

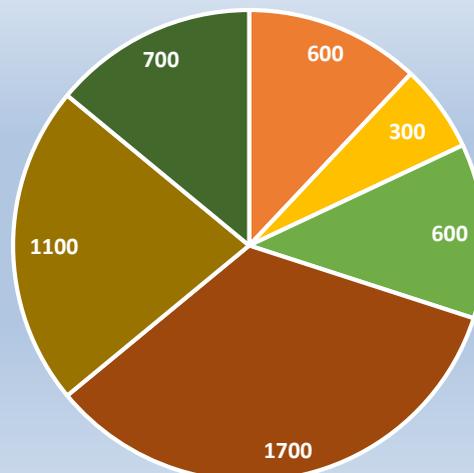


**UNEMPLOYMENT**  
7.2 %

## Job Growth by Sector December 2018 - December 2019

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- Education and Health Services
- Construction
- Professional and Business Services
- Leisure and Hospitality
- Government
- Farm



# MONTEREY COUNTY LABOR MARKET SNAPSHOT

## Sector Growth Report

December 2018 – December 2019



**Total Gains in Jobs  
Non-Farm**

**4700**



**Largest Sector Gain  
Leisure & Hospitality**

**1700**



**Largest Sector Gain  
All Industries**

**5400**



## December 2019 Job Postings Salinas MSA

### Employers with Most Job Ads

- Memorial Health - 153
- Macys – 116
- Lone Cypress Company – 109
- Hyatt – 96
- State of California -88
- Community Hosp. of Monterey Peninsula – 82
- State of California -88
- Salinas City Elementary – 75
- California State University System- 70
- Joie de Vivre Carmel Valley Ranch – 58
- Costco Wholesale - 57

### Occupations with Most Job Ads

- Retail Salespersons 262
- Registered Nurses – 203
- First-Line Supervisors of Retail -171
- First-Line Supervisors of Food Workers – 118
- Security Guards – 106
- Customer Service Representative – 83
- First-Line Supervisor of Office & Admin - 80
- Maid and Housekeepers - 77
- Maintenance and Repair Workers - 76
- Cooks, Restaurants - 67

## The 2010s may have seen the slowest population growth in U.S. history, census data show

“The 2020s are beginning on the heels of a decade that saw considerable demographic stagnation, highlighting important implications for immigration, congressional apportionment, and the country’s future.

The nation’s population growth from 2018 to 2019 grew by a mere 0.48%, according to newly released Census Bureau estimates. This is the lowest annual growth rate since 1918, and caps off a decade that should show the slowest 10-year population growth since the first census was taken in 1790.

The new numbers update annual population statistics through July 1, 2019, nine months before the 2020 census is to begin. They provide for a final projection on what the census will show for 2010-20 state growth, as well as the likely reapportionment of congressional seats. Additionally, they provide a series of annual estimates that allow one to track the trends accounting for the decade’s shifts, some of which are likely to continue.

The decade’s patterns reveal a nation with unprecedented growth stagnation, an absolute decline in its under-18 youth population, higher growth for states in the Mountain West and Southeast, low growth in the Midwest and Northeast, and population loss in four states. Moreover, declining growth in California could lead to its first-ever loss of a congressional seat.”

The Key Takeaways from the report is that we have:

- a lower birth-rate and an increase in deaths due to the aging population
- and the census projecting that after 2030, immigration will account for ½ the population growth.

***How important are immigrants and immigration policy to the economy in the future we will have to wait and see.***

By William H. Frey for more on this report go to the following link:

Source: <https://www.brookings.edu/research/population-change-and-the-projected-change-in-congressional-representation/>