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195,500



EMPLOYED
180,200

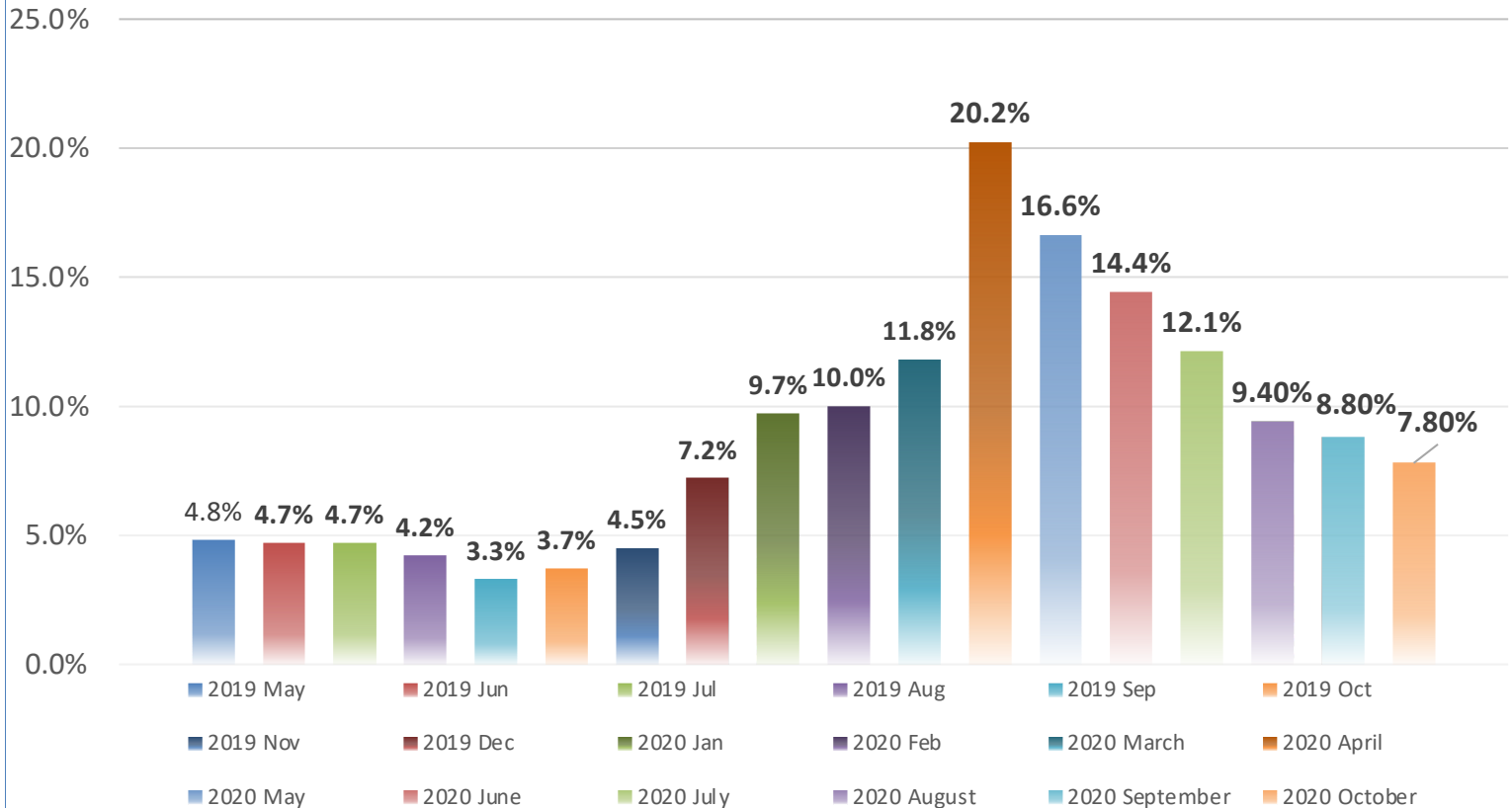


UNEMPLOYED
15,300



UNEMPLOYMENT
7.8%

**MONTEREY COUNTY UNEMPLOYMENT PERCENT
OCTOBER 2020**



The unemployment rate in the Monterey County was 7.8 percent (15,300 unemployed) in October 2020, down from a revised 8.6 percent in September 2020, and above the year-ago estimate of 3.9 percent. This compares with an unadjusted unemployment rate of 9.0 percent for California and 6.6 percent for the nation during the same period.

The unemployment rate in Monterey county dropped to 7.8% in October, a drop of .8% from September, according to figures released by the state Employment Development Department. Which was good news. However with the extension of the Purple Tier through December 21 and a mandated curfew from 10:00pm to 5:00am we could have a substantial impact on job growth during the Holiday period. In the purple tier, places of worship, movie theaters, restaurants, gyms and fitness centers will only be allowed to have outdoor services with health and safety modifications.

According to the EDD, total nonfarm employment in Monterey County decreased by -14,800 jobs from October 2019 – October 2020, while farm employment contracted from 63,100 to 31,700 for the same period, losses in leisure/hospitality were -5,700 and accommodation and food services -5200.

There were some positive job gains, professional and business services led all industry sectors in month- over-month job gains at 500. Six other industries posted month-over-month job gains: educational and health services 200; leisure and hospitality 200; trade, transportation and utilities 300; financial activities 100 and government by 200.

What is the Purple Tier

County risk level	Adjusted cases	Positivity rate
<p>WIDESPREAD</p> <p>Many non-essential indoor business operations are closed</p>	<p>More than 7</p> <p>Daily new cases (per 100k)</p>	<p>More than 8%</p> <p>Positive tests</p>
<p>SUBSTANTIAL</p> <p>Some non-essential indoor business operations are closed</p>	<p>4-7</p> <p>Daily new cases (per 100k)</p>	<p>5 – 8%</p> <p>Positive tests</p>
<p>MODERATE</p> <p>Some indoor business operations are open with modifications</p>	<p>1 – 3.9</p> <p>Daily new cases (per 100k)</p>	<p>2 – 4.9%</p> <p>Positive tests</p>
<p>MINIMAL</p> <p>Most indoor business operations are open with modifications</p>	<p>Less than 1</p> <p>Daily new cases (per 100k)</p>	<p>Less than 2%</p> <p>Positive tests</p>

Sector Growth Report

October 2019 – October 2020



**Total loss in Jobs
Farm/AG**

(31,400)



**Largest Sector Loss Non-Farm
Leisure and Hospitality**

(5,700)



**All Sector Loss
Non-Farm**

(14,800)



Major Sectors Change

Industry	October-19	October-20	Change
Total Farm	63,100	31,700	-31,400
Total Nonfarm	146,600	131,800	-14,800
Mining and Logging	300	300	0
Construction	6,600	6,600	0
Manufacturing	5,400	4,900	-500
Retail Trade, Transportation & Utilities	27,100	24,900	-2,200
Information	1,000	900	-100
Financial Activities	4,400	4,400	0
Professional & Business Services	15,200	13,000	-2,200
Educational & Health Services	20,600	19,900	-700
Leisure & Hospitality	26,400	20,700	-5,700
Other Services	5,100	4,300	-800
Government	34,500	31,900	-2,600

MONTEREY COUNTY TOP JOB ADS BY OCCUPATION

November 2020

Occupation	Emplo y	Avg Ann Wages ²	Avg Hourly Wage	Online Job Ads ³	Ann % Growth
Retail Salespersons	4,013	\$35,300	16.97	398	-0.4%
First-Line Supervisors of Retail Sales Workers	1,532	\$46,900	22.55	233	-0.3%
Registered Nurses	2,706	\$133,600	64.23	230	0.7%
Stockers and Order Fillers	2,329	\$31,800	15.29	183	-0.5%
First-Line Supervisors of Food Preparation and Serving Workers	1,016	\$40,600	19.52	129	0.9%
Fast Food and Counter Workers	4,168	\$26,900	12.93	115	1.3%
Social and Human Service Assistants	531	\$37,100	17.84	114	1.8%
Maintenance and Repair Workers, General	1,499	\$48,100	23.13	106	0.5%
Speech-Language Pathologists	157	\$99,100	47.64	101	1.8%
Secretaries and Administrative Assistants, Except Legal, Medical, and Executive	2,236	\$45,200	21.73	81	-1.1%
Food Preparation Workers	1,107	\$29,600	14.23	78	0.7%
Customer Service Representatives	1,341	\$43,900	21.11	76	-0.5%
Security Guards	1,300	\$33,800	16.25	70	0.2%
Sales Representatives of Services, Except Advertising, Insurance, Financial Services, and Travel	875	\$60,800	29.23	65	0.5%
Cashiers	4,247	\$28,800	13.85	62	-0.5%
Janitors and Cleaners, Except Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners	2,159	\$35,200	16.92	62	0.4%
Computer User Support Specialists	415	\$67,000	32.21	56	0.6%
Medical and Health Services Managers	351	\$154,400	74.23	56	1.3%
Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners	2,582	\$33,500	16.11	54	-0.5%
Medical Assistants	748	\$38,700	18.61	54	1.8%
Medical Secretaries and Administrative Assistants	736	\$50,300	24.18	54	1.1%
Cooks, Restaurant	1,950	\$35,500	17.07	52	1.8%
Nursing Assistants	940	\$46,200	22.21	51	0.8%

Source: JobsEQ 11/24/2020

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This year Facebook announced half its employees can now [permanently work from home](#). And elsewhere in the Bay Area, local newspapers even reported that a regional government agency voted in September to “move forward” with a proposal to require large, office-based companies to implement working from home for employees at least 60% of each week by the year 2035. Though that proposal quickly [drew criticism from other local officials](#), it points to something new: a widespread reappraisal of the possibilities of remote working. In fact, because of remote working, millions of teleworkers are now thinking about moving, according to a new survey by the freelancing platform Upwork. They suggest it could be “the [biggest, fastest transformation of the labor market since the World War II mobilization](#).”

New Opportunities

America’s civilian labor workforce is over 160 million, according to the [Bureau of Labor Statistics](#). Yet Upwork calculates that a surprisingly large percentage are now planning to relocate because of new opportunities created by remote work: between 14 million and 23 million Americans. That’s between 6.9% and 11.5% of all American households — but that may be just the beginning. “Combined with those who are moving regardless of remote work, near-term migration rates may be three to four times what they normally are.”

Their results are based on a survey of 20,000 people conducted using Google Consumer Surveys during the first 15 days of October. (The range of results reflects a slightly different wording of the question in different versions of the survey.)

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BLS is not the only one that has spotted the trend. NPR also [cites research from United Van Lines](#) (conducted from March through August) which found Americans were 32% more interested in moving this year than the year before. It seems like those statistics could be influenced by the pandemic. One commonly cited reason was concern for personal health — and that survey also found people wanted to leave New York State at higher-than-average rates. But it also found the number of people who wanted to leave San Francisco was more than twice the national average — though that city has remained [one of the healthiest](#) throughout the pandemic.

That suggests another possible reason: housing prices. And San Francisco's rental market remains the most expensive in all of America, according to stats from the real estate site Zumper [cited by the San Francisco Chronicle](#). In fact, Upwork's survey found that more than half of the respondents (52.5%) were specifically planning to move into housing that was "significantly more affordable" than their current homes (at least 10% cheaper) — while only 25% specified they'd be moving into a more expensive home. And the desire for cheaper housing was most pronounced among those who planned to move out of a major city

Reevaluating What's Important

United Van Lines also found other factors at work, NPR reports. "Customers told the moving company that the pandemic made them reevaluate what was important to their family, which meant being closer to extended family and friends. Other customers said they had to widen their job search to out of state."

For more on this intriguing article go to:

<https://thenewstack.io/millions-of-remote-workers-are-now-thinking-about-moving/>