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## **Labor Market Report**

### **December 2017**

Today, the State of California Labor Market Information Division (LMID) released its Monthly Press Release on Unemployment and Industry Sector job growth/decline in Santa Barbara County.

The unemployment rate for **December** was **4.4%**, up from 3.7% in November, and below the year-ago rate of 5.4%. This compares with an unadjusted unemployment rate of 4.2% for California and 3.9% for the nation during December 2017.

#### **HIGHLIGHTS:**

**UNEMPLOYMENT RATE\*: 4.4% (up from 3.7% in November 2017)**

**LABOR FORCE: 215,400**

**EMPLOYMENT: 205,900**

**UNEMPLOYMENT: 9,500**

**LARGEST GAIN (Sector)\*\*: Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (200 jobs)**

**LARGEST DECLINE (Sector)\*\*: Farm (-3,600 jobs)**

\*Note: This Unemployment Rate does not capture the “non-participation” numbers of people who have stopped looking for work. This non-participation rate is not measured for Santa Barbara County—but is for the nation, and in most recent data it adds one percentage point to the unemployment rate.

\*\*Indicates change since the November 2017

## Santa Barbara County Unemployment Rate by City

	Unemployment Number	Rate
Buellton City	100	2.8%
Carpinteria City	300	3.9%
Goleta City	400	2.6%
Guadalupe City	100	4.2%
Lompoc City	1,000	5.8%
Santa Barbara City	1,800	3.5%
Santa Maria City	2,500	5.3%
Solvang City	200	5.4%



### **ABOUT THE WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD of Santa Barbara County**

The Workforce Development Board, [www.SBCWDB.org](http://www.SBCWDB.org), is dedicated to serving the workforce needs of businesses, adults, laid-off workers and youth throughout Santa Barbara County. The WDB is a public/private partnership created by the Federal Workforce Innovation & Opportunity Act and is staffed by the County of Santa Barbara.

Job seekers and employers can take advantage of free services at two Workforce Resource Centers (“One-Stops”) to help find work or new employees. Programs include employment services for job seekers, the latest labor market information and regional workforce research for businesses, as well as training that specialize in helping people gain the skills and confidence necessary to find and obtain a job. The One-Stop Shops are at:

1410 S. Broadway in Santa Maria, 805.614.1550

130 E. Ortega Street in Santa Barbara, 805.568.1296

### **Santa Barbara County Industry Clusters of Opportunity (designated by WDB):**

Healthcare

Energy and Environment

Building and Design

Aerospace Vehicles and Defense

Biotechnology and Related Devices

Information and Communication Technologies

Business Services

Food, Beverage and Agriculture

Tourism

For more information please go to: [http://www.labormarketinfo.ca.gov/file/lfmonth/satb\\$pd\\$pdf](http://www.labormarketinfo.ca.gov/file/lfmonth/satb$pd$pdf) for the State Report on Santa Barbara County’s unemployment figures.