

Workforce Review

A monthly review of labor market information for Northern Santa Clara County

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Did you know?

Oops. California doesn't have the world's 7th largest economy

It became a proud talking point this year for the Brown administration and other Democratic leaders: California's gross domestic product had beaten out Brazil, giving the Golden State the honor of having the world's seventh largest economy.

Last week we were knocked down a notch.

Revised numbers from the World Bank show that Brazil's economic output slightly overcame California's GDP in 2014, with \$2.31 trillion for California and \$2.35 trillion for Brazil.

With 41 paid vacation days a year, Brazil is not exactly one of the most productive countries on Earth. But it has 200 million people — five times as many as California.

The downgrade of California is not due to a drop in its economic output, rather an increase in the GDP of Brazil.

The original buzz about California being the seventh largest economy came from preliminary economic estimates that were seized upon by Bloomberg News in January as evidence of the state's recovery. Last year California was eighth, up from ninth in 2010 during the recession.

Just last month, new figures from the U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis appeared to reaffirm the state's seventh place standing. But on Wednesday, revised estimates from the World Bank showed that Brazil had in fact ticked upward and pushed closer to the front of the line.

The jostling for seventh place isn't over yet. Stephen Levy, director of the Center for Continuing Study of the California Economy, said the World Bank could revise its 2014 number again next year to show that California actually did beat Brazil to become the world's seventh largest. And if we didn't get it in 2014, we might get it this year, he said.

"California had a great year in 2014. We will probably pass Brazil in 2015," he said.

Source: *San Francisco Business Times* (07/06/15)
<http://bit.ly/1HBPYIz>

Labor Force Statistics (San José–Sunnyvale–Santa Clara MSA)

Unemployment Rate	June 2014	May 2015	June 2015	Percentage Point Change	
				Monthly	Annual
San José–Sunnyvale MSA	5.3%	4.0%	4.1%	+ 0.1	- 1.2
California	7.4%	6.2%	6.2%	0.0	- 1.2
United States	6.3%	5.3%	5.5%	+ 0.2	- 0.8

Labor Force	June 2014	May 2015	June 2015	Percentage Change	
				Monthly	Annual
San José–Sunnyvale MSA	1,022,800	1,057,600	1,063,200	+ 0.5%	+ 3.9%
Civilian Employed	968,900	1,014,900	1,020,000	+ 0.5%	+ 5.3%
Civilian Unemployed	53,900	42,700	43,200	+ 1.2%	- 19.9%

Select Regional Industry Statistics (San José–Sunnyvale–Santa Clara MSA)

Change in Employment	June 2014	May 2015	June 2015	Percentage Change	
				Monthly	Annual
Total Nonfarm	1,005,800	1,055,300	1,061,500	+ 0.6%	+ 5.5%
Specialty Trade Contractors	28,100	31,800	32,900	+ 3.5%	+ 17.1%
Comp. & Periph. Equip. Manf.	42,400	45,000	46,200	+ 2.7%	+ 9.0%
Information	66,300	73,500	76,100	+ 3.5%	+ 14.8%
Comp. Sys. Design & Related	63,200	71,000	72,300	+ 1.8%	+ 14.4%
State Gov. Excluding Edu.	1,800	1,900	2,000	+ 5.3%	+ 11.1%

NOTE: San José–Sunnyvale–Santa Clara MSA (Metropolitan Statistical Area) = Santa Clara and San Benito Counties

Source: California Employment Development Department, LMID

Labor Force by County (Nine-county San Francisco Bay Area)

	Labor Force			Unemployment			Unemployment Rate		
	June 2014	June 2015	Annual Change (%)	June 2014	June 2015	Annual Change (%)	June 2014	June 2015	Annual Change (%age point)
California	18,785,300	19,056,900	+ 1.4%	1,386,100	1,178,500	- 15.0%	7.4%	6.2%	- 1.2
Alameda County	811,100	819,000	+ 1.0%	47,100	38,000	- 19.3%	5.8%	4.6%	- 1.2
Contra Costa County	544,200	548,800	+ 0.8%	33,300	26,800	- 19.5%	6.1%	4.9%	- 1.2
Marin County	140,100	142,600	+ 1.8%	5,900	4,800	- 18.6%	4.2%	3.4%	- 0.8
Napa County	74,900	75,100	+ 0.3%	3,800	3,100	- 18.4%	5.1%	4.1%	- 1.0
San Francisco County	529,400	545,400	+ 3.0%	23,000	19,300	- 16.1%	4.3%	3.5%	- 0.8
San Mateo County	428,200	441,300	+ 3.1%	17,900	14,700	- 17.9%	4.2%	3.3%	- 0.9
Solano County	203,600	205,900	+ 1.1%	14,900	12,100	- 18.8%	7.3%	5.9%	- 1.4
Sonoma County	257,800	260,100	+ 0.9%	14,200	11,300	- 20.4%	5.5%	4.3%	- 1.2
Santa Clara County	993,700	1,033,200	+ 4.0%	51,400	41,100	- 20.0%	5.2%	4.0%	- 1.2

NOTE: Totals may not add correctly due to rounding

Source: California Employment Development Department, LMID

Regional Layoff Activity: June 2015

Company	WARN *	City	Affected	Cause	Layoff Summary
Applied Physics Systems	No	Sunnyvale	13	RIF	
KLA-Tencor	No	Milpitas	43	RIF	
OnLive	Yes	Mountain View	98	Closure	Events Current YTD †: 78
Riverbed Technology	Yes	Sunnyvale	75	RIF	Events Previous YTD †: 88
SanDisk	Yes	Milpitas	61	RIF	
Symantec Corporation	Yes	Mountain View	4	RIF	

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* **WARN: Worker Adjustment and Retraining Notification** (notice of mass layoff or closure)
† **YTD: Year to Date** (Program year: July 1–June 30)

NOTE: Layoff data are reported by NOVA staff responding to layoff events and should be considered only an estimate of regional activity

Source: NOVA's internal Rapid Response database