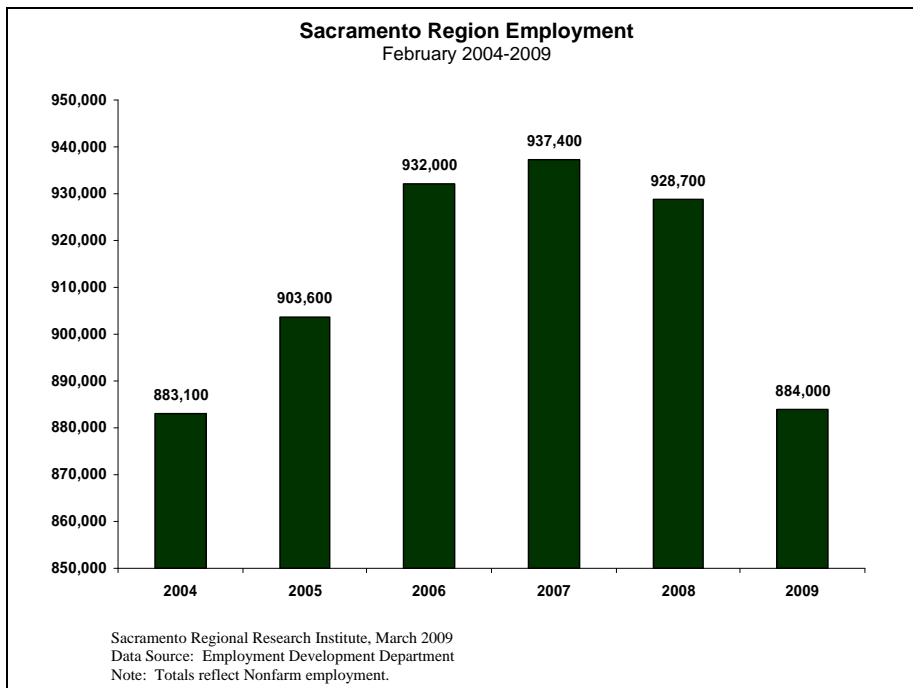
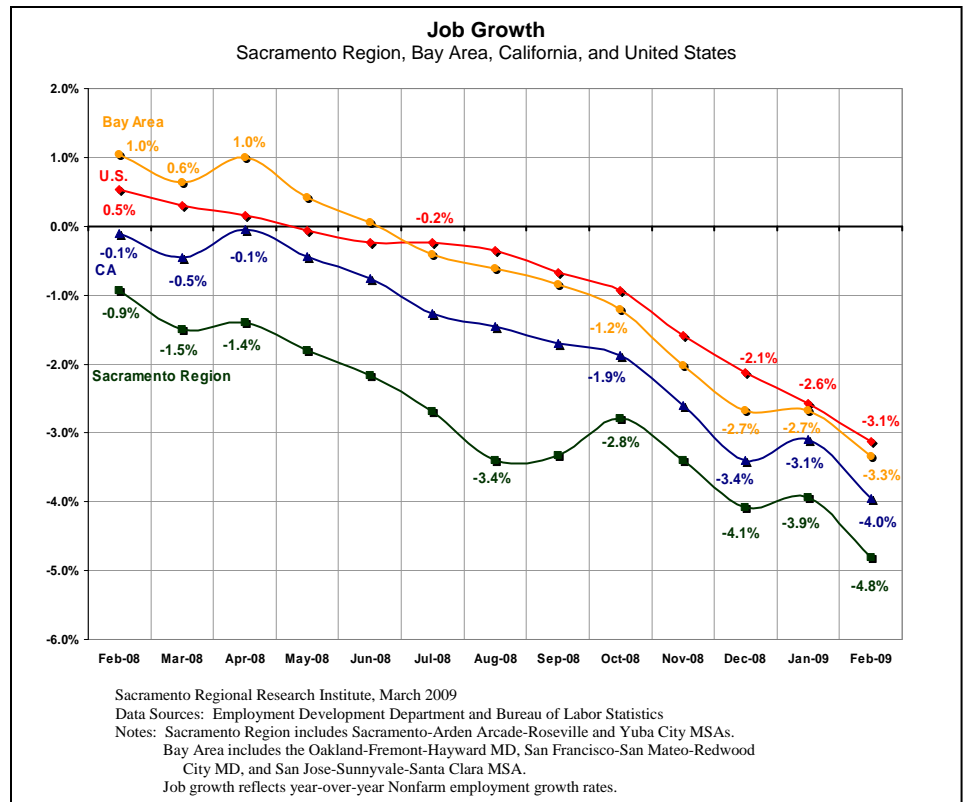


**EMPLOYMENT GROWTH IN THE SACRAMENTO REGION, THE BAY AREA, CALIFORNIA, AND THE UNITED STATES**

Almost 5 percent of all jobs in the Sacramento Region have been lost in the last 12 months, a rate markedly weaker than the statewide and national averages.

Job growth in the six-county Sacramento Region is converging on a 20-year low with another drop in February 2009. Preliminary payroll employment data show that there were 4.8 percent fewer jobs in the Region than there were at the same point last year, reflecting a 44,700-job decline. The accelerating rate of job losses is a result of slowdowns across all of the Region's major industry sectors with essentially only one of the 11 major sectors still adding a notable amount of jobs. Over the past 12 months, slowing growth has been most pronounced in the Trade, Transportation, & Utilities; Information; Professional & Business Services; and Leisure & Hospitality sectors. Sacramento's job growth continues to track well below the statewide and national averages and ranks as one of the weakest among the largest areas of the state.

The state also saw its job growth take another dip in February 2009, reaching -4.0 percent with a year-over-year loss of 595,000 jobs. The state's downturn is widespread with conditions deteriorating in most major sectors and every major market area. At the national level, the pattern of consistently decreasing job growth continued in February 2009. In the past year, 3.1 percent, or close to 4.3 million, of all the nation's jobs were lost. Nearly all of the major states are seeing negative job growth – those that remain positive are now only posting minimal gains.



The Bay Area has been experiencing a similar pattern as the state and Sacramento Region, but the magnitude of losses has not been as severe. Between February 2008 and 2009, the Bay Area posted -3.3 percent job growth, equating to a loss of 98,400 jobs. Across almost all major sectors, job growth in February 2009 was considerably slower than the same point in 2008. Construction; Information; and Professional & Business Services have seen the greatest downturns in terms of job growth in the Bay Area's economy throughout the last 12 months. Similar to the past few months, the Bay Area's job growth continued to place between the state and nation benchmarks.

*Nine of the Sacramento Region’s major sectors shed jobs in the last 12 months and essentially only one sector posted positive growth.*

Despite slowing job growth, the Sacramento Region’s Educational & Health Services sector continues to add jobs on a year-over-year basis. With a 3,700-job increase in the 12 months ending February 2009, this was the only sector to see a substantial amount of positive growth in this time period. Five of the Region’s major sectors posted losses of 5,000 or more jobs in the past year with Trade, Transportation, & Utilities seeing the most severe decline at 13,500 jobs. The Government sector shifted back to negative growth after a short period of job gains that were driven mainly by state government education and Indian casinos.

Construction and Trade, Transportation, & Utilities both shed a significant amount of jobs at the statewide level between February 2008 and 2009. Combined, these two sectors lost 310,700 jobs during the last year. Educational & Health Services was really the only sector to experience positive growth in California, posting a 29,300-job gain in the last 12 months.

The Bay Area is in the same position as the state and Sacramento Region with only Educational & Health Services posting an employment increase (2,800 jobs) in the 12 months ending February 2009. Like the other two areas, the Bay Area’s Construction and Trade, Transportation, & Utilities sectors experienced the greatest job losses during the past year.

<b>Major Sector Employment Gains and Losses</b> Sacramento Region, California, and Bay Area			
February 2008-2009			
Sector	Sacramento	California	Bay
	Region		Area
Total Nonfarm	-44,700	-595,000	-98,400
Private Sector	-44,100	-587,300	-94,400
Public Sector	-600	-7,700	-4,000
Edu. & Health Svcs.	3,700	29,300	2,800
Nat. Res. & Mining	100	100	0
Other Services	-600	-5,600	-1,300
Government	-600	-7,700	-4,000
Information	-2,000	-18,700	-3,200
Manufacturing	-2,100	-90,700	-11,000
Financial Activities	-5,000	-51,600	-11,800
Leisure & Hospitality	-6,700	-40,800	-5,200
Prof. & Business Svcs.	-8,100	-98,600	-18,300
Construction	-9,900	-149,300	-21,300
Trade, Trans., & Util.	-13,500	-161,400	-25,100

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Data Source: Employment Development Department

<b>Employment Gains and Losses</b> Components of Sacramento Region and Bay Area		
Area	February 2008-2009	
	Absolute	Rate
<b>Sacramento Region</b>	-44,700	-4.8%
Yuba City MSA	-1,400	-3.4%
Sacramento-Arden Arcade-Roseville MSA	-43,300	-4.9%
<b>Bay Area</b>	-98,400	-3.3%
San Jose-Sunnyvale-Santa Clara MSA	-26,900	-2.9%
San Francisco-San Mateo-Redwood City Div.	-30,600	-3.1%
Oakland-Fremont-Hayward Div.	-40,900	-3.9%

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Data Source: Employment Development Department  
Note: Gains and losses reflect Nonfarm employment.

The Sacramento-Arden Arcade-Roseville Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA—El Dorado, Placer, Sacramento, and Yolo Counties) and Yuba City MSA (Sutter and Yuba Counties), the Sacramento Region’s two sub-markets, both posted weak job growth in February 2009 with year-over-year employment growth rates of -4.9 percent and -3.4 percent, respectively. The Sacramento MSA saw a decline of 43,300 jobs in the last year with Trade, Transportation, & Utilities seeing the greatest losses and Educational & Health Services posting the only job increases. The Yuba City MSA lost 1,400 jobs between February 2008 and 2009 with all major sectors either seeing no or negative growth (Government ranked at the bottom of list).

The Bay Area’s three sub-markets posted job growth between -2.9 percent and -3.9 percent. The Oakland-Fremont-Hayward Metropolitan Division (MD—Alameda and Contra Costa Counties) is the weakest among the three sub-markets, posting a 40,900-job decline in the 12 months ending February 2009. In the East Bay, Trade, Transportation, & Utilities experienced substantial losses while Educational & Health Services posted a modest gain. The San Francisco-San Mateo-Redwood City MD (Marin, San Francisco, and San Mateo Counties) shed 30,600 jobs in the past year with similar industry trends as the East Bay. Almost 27,000 jobs were lost in the San Jose-Sunnyvale-Santa Clara MSA (San Benito and Santa Clara Counties) between February 2008 and 2009. The Silicon Valley is faring a little better than the Bay Area’s other sub-market with two sectors showing notable positive growth including Educational & Health Services and Leisure & Hospitality. Like the other sub-markets, Trade, Transportation, & Utilities was the weakest sector in the Silicon Valley.

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