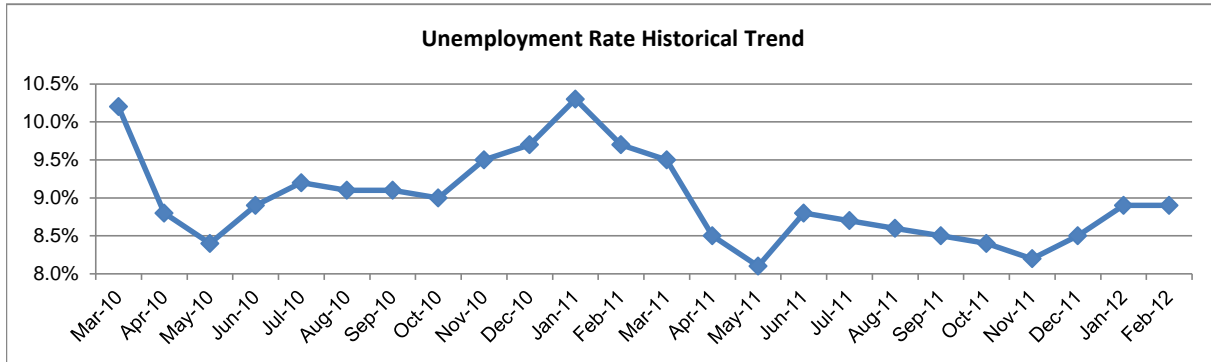


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 SANTA BARBARA-SANTA MARIA-GOLETA METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA (MSA)  
 (Santa Barbara County)

The unemployment rate in the Santa Barbara County was 8.9 percent in February 2012, unchanged from a revised 8.9 percent in January 2012, and below the year-ago estimate of 9.7 percent. This compares with an unadjusted unemployment rate of 11.4 percent for California and 8.7 percent for the nation during the same period.



Industry	Jan-2012	Feb-2012	Change		Feb-2011	Feb-2012	Change
	Revised	Prelim				Prelim	

Total, All Industries	179,100	180,700	1,600		176,200	180,700	4,500
Total Farm	15,000	14,900	(100)		12,800	14,900	2,100
Total Nonfarm	164,100	165,800	1,700		163,400	165,800	2,400
Mining and Logging	1,100	1,100	0		1,000	1,100	100
Construction	6,400	6,400	0		6,600	6,400	(200)
Manufacturing	11,500	11,600	100		11,500	11,600	100
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	24,100	23,600	(500)		24,000	23,600	(400)
Information	3,600	3,600	0		3,500	3,600	100
Financial Activities	6,500	6,500	0		6,600	6,500	(100)
Professional & Business Services	25,100	25,300	200		23,700	25,300	1,600
Educational & Health Services	21,700	22,000	300		21,300	22,000	700
Leisure & Hospitality	21,400	20,900	(500)		21,400	20,900	(500)
Other Services	5,000	5,100	100		5,100	5,100	0
Government	37,700	39,700	2,000		38,700	39,700	1,000

Notes: Data not adjusted for seasonality. Data may not add due to rounding  
 Labor force data are revised month to month  
 Additional data are available on line at [www.labormarketinfo.edd.ca.gov](http://www.labormarketinfo.edd.ca.gov)