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SAN FRANCISCO-REDWOOD CITY-SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO METROPOLITAN DIVISION (SAN FRANCISCO AND SAN MATEO COUNTIES)

Government posted the largest month-over growth and the largest year-over loss

The unemployment rate in the San Francisco-Redwood City-South San Francisco MD was 4.0 percent in September 2021, down from a revised 4.8 percent in August 2021, and below the year-ago estimate of 8.4 percent. This compares with an unadjusted unemployment rate of 6.4 percent for California and 4.6 percent for the nation during the same period. The unemployment rate was 4.1 percent in San Francisco County, and 3.8 percent in San Mateo County.

Between August 2021 and September 2021, the total number of jobs in the San Francisco-Redwood City-South San Francisco MD, which includes the counties of San Francisco and San Mateo, increased by 5,200 jobs to total 1,105,700 jobs.

- Government added 2,500 jobs. Boosts in state government (up 1,700 jobs) and local government (up 900 jobs) were slightly offset by losses in federal government (down 100 jobs).
- Leisure and hospitality netted a positive gain of 2,400 jobs. Food services and drinking places (up 2,000 jobs) made up the bulk of the growth.
- Professional and business services boosted employment by 1,800 jobs mainly due to administrative, support, waste management, and remediation services (up 1,500 jobs).
- On the downside, other services and financial activities both trimmed 1,500 jobs.

Between September 2020 and September 2021, the total number of jobs in the counties of San Francisco and San Mateo increased by 68,400 jobs or 6.6 percent.

- Leisure and hospitality netted an absolute gain of 35,000 jobs, or a percentage gain of 48.8 percent on the year-over basis. Food services and drinking places (up 29,200 jobs) accounted for 83 percent of this upswing.
- Professional and business services (up 23,300 jobs), information (up 3,900 jobs), and other services (up 2,900 jobs) bolstered employment.
- Private educational and health services added 2,800 jobs. While social assistance (up 3,200 jobs) and private schools (up 400) improved, healthcare (down 800 jobs) dwindled.
- Government reported a loss of 2,900 jobs. Local government and federal government both cut back payrolls by 1,600 jobs each. Only state government (up 300 jobs) improved.