



Monthly EDD Labor Market Information Summary

October 2013

The unemployment rate in Sonoma County was **6.1** percent in October 2013, **down** from **6.6** percent in August 2013, **unchanged** from a revised **6.1** percent in September 2013, and below the year-ago estimate of 7.8 percent.

According to the California EDD, the Sonoma County unadjusted unemployment rate **was below both California's rate of 8.3** percent **as well as the national rate of 7.0** percent during the same period.

Of the 58 counties in California, Sonoma County had the **6th** lowest unemployment rate.

Total employment in Sonoma County increased by **2,200** from October 2012 to October 2013. The largest increases from a year ago were in Nonfarm Industries (**2,200**), with Leisure & Hospitality (**800**), Trade, Transportation and Utilities (**800**), Educational and Health Services (**500**), and Government (**400**), Professional and Business Services (**200**) and Financial Activities (**100**).

Total employment in Sonoma County **increased** by **1400** from September 2013 to October 2013. There were gains in several industries, the largest of which were in Total Non-Farm (**1500**) with Government (**2600**), Educational and Health Services (**400**), and Trade, Transportation and Utilities (**300**). There were loses in Manufacturing (**1,000**), Professional and Business Services (**500**), Construction (**200**), Leisure & Hospitality (**100**) and. Total Farm (**100**).

Within Sonoma County, the highest unemployment rates were in **Monte Rio CDP at 13.4 percent**, Guerneville CDP at **12.0** percent, and Cloverdale city at **9.4** percent. The lowest unemployment rates came from **Sebastopol City 3.9 percent** and **Glenn Ellen at 3.9 percent**. Santa Rosa's unemployment rate was **6.1** percent, same as the county average.

