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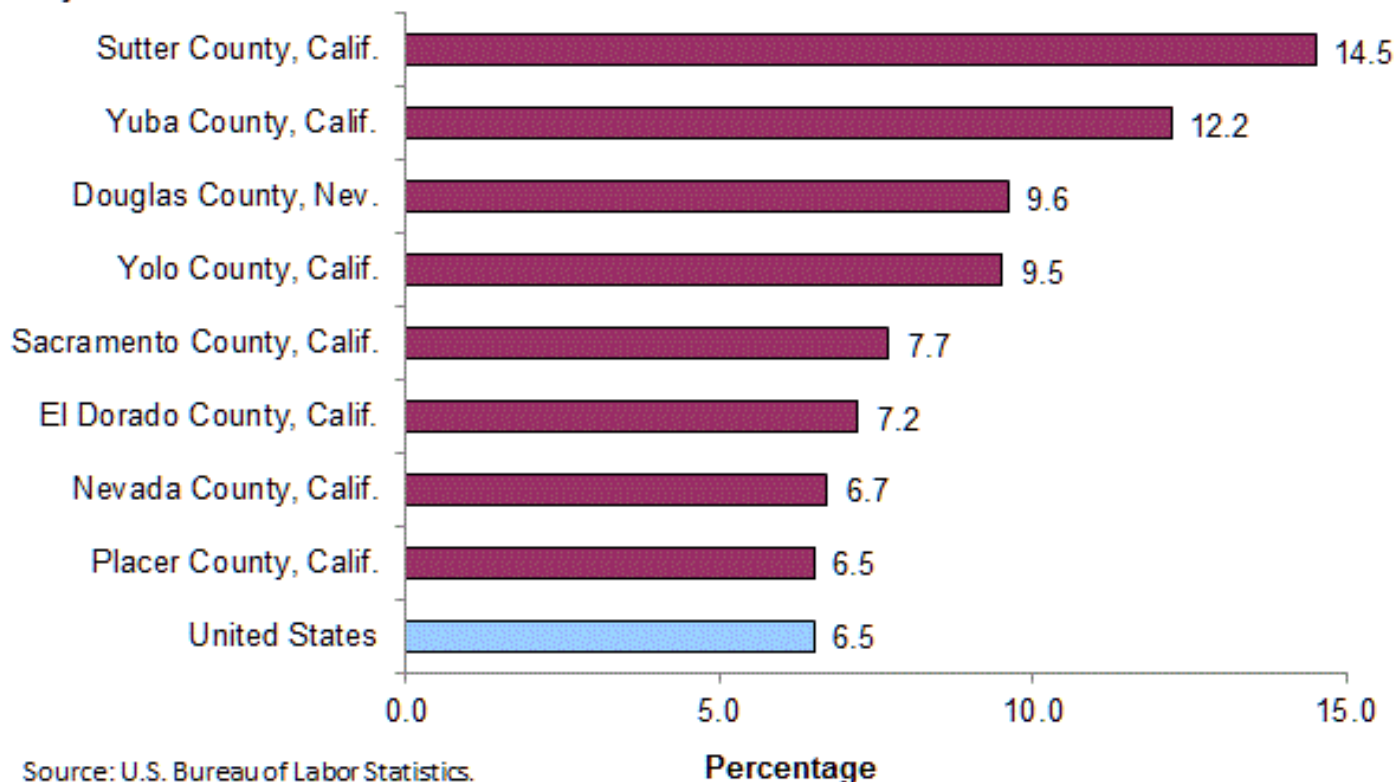
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Unemployment in the Sacramento Area by County - December 2013 **All Counties Posted Lower Unemployment Rates than in the Previous Year**

In December, Placer County reported the lowest unemployment rate, 6.5 percent, in the Sacramento—Arden-Arcade—Yuba City, Calif.-Nev. Combined Statistical Area, followed by Nevada County, at 6.7 percent, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported today. Richard J. Holden, the Bureau’s regional commissioner, noted that Sutter County registered the highest jobless rate in the area, at 14.5 percent. All eight counties in the Sacramento area posted unemployment rates that were at or above the U.S. rate of 6.5 percent. (See [chart 1](#). The Technical Note at the end of this release contains the metropolitan area definition. All data in this release are not seasonally adjusted; accordingly, over-the-year analysis is used throughout.)

Chart 1. Unemployment rates for the United States and counties in the Sacramento--Arden-Arcade--Yuba City, Calif.-Nev. Combined Statistical Area, December 2013, not seasonally adjusted



In December, all eight Sacramento area counties registered over-the-year unemployment rate declines, with the rate of decline ranging from 3.6 percentage points in Yuba County to 1.3 points in Douglas County. Nationally, the unemployment rate fell 1.1 percentage points from December a year ago. (See [table A](#)).

Table A. Unemployment rates for the United States, California, the Sacramento—Arden-Arcade—Yuba City, Calif.-Nev. Combined Statistical Area, and its components, not seasonally adjusted

Table A

Area	Unemployment rate			Net change from	
	Dec 2011	Dec 2012	Dec 2013	Dec 2011 to Dec 2013 ⁽¹⁾	Dec 2012 to Dec 2013 ⁽¹⁾
United States.....	8.3	7.6	6.5	-1.8	-1.1
Sacramento—Arden-Arcade—Yuba City, Calif.-Nev. CSA	11.4	10.1	8.0	-3.4	-2.1
Douglas County.....	13.5	10.9	9.6	-3.9	-1.3
El Dorado County.....	11.2	9.5	7.2	-4.0	-2.3
Nevada County.....	9.6	8.7	6.7	-2.9	-2.0
Placer County.....	9.6	8.6	6.5	-3.1	-2.1
Sacramento County.....	11.0	9.8	7.7	-3.3	-2.1
Sutter County.....	19.5	17.5	14.5	-5.0	-3.0
Yolo County.....	13.1	11.6	9.5	-3.6	-2.1
Yuba County.....	16.9	15.8	12.2	-4.7	-3.6

Footnotes:

(1) Data for the Sacramento-Arden-Arcade-Yuba City, Calif.-Nev. Combined Statistical Area and its components are preliminary for the most recent month.

Unemployment rates fell in all Sacramento area counties from December 2011 to December 2013. The largest decreases occurred in Sutter County, down 5.0 percentage points, followed by Yuba County, 4.7 points. All area counties posted decreases that exceeded the nationwide decrease of 1.8 percentage points. Sutter County has registered the highest unemployment rate in December for each of the past three years.

Technical Note

This release presents unemployment rate data for states and counties from the Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS) program, a federal-state cooperative endeavor.

Definitions. The labor force and unemployment data are based on the same concepts and definitions as those used for the official national estimates obtained from the Current Population Survey (CPS), a sample survey of households that is conducted for the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) by the U.S. Census Bureau. The LAUS program measures employment and unemployment on a place-of-residence basis. The universe for each is the civilian noninstitutional population 16 years of age and over. Employed persons are those who did any work at all for pay or profit in the reference week (the week including the 12th of the month) or worked 15 hours or more without pay in a family business or farm, plus those not working who had a job from which they were temporarily absent, whether or not paid, for such reasons as labor-management dispute, illness, or vacation. Unemployed persons are those who were not employed during the reference week (based on the definition above), had actively looked for a job sometime in the 4-week period ending with the reference week, and were currently available for work; persons on layoff expecting recall need not be looking for work to be counted as unemployed. The labor force is the sum of employed and unemployed persons. The unemployment rate is the number of unemployed as a percent of the labor force.

Method of estimation. Estimates for the substate areas in this release are prepared through indirect estimation procedures using a building-block approach. Employment estimates, which are based largely on "place of work" estimates from the Current Employment Statistics (CES) program, are adjusted to refer to place of residence as used in the CPS. Unemployment estimates are aggregates of persons previously employed in industries covered by state unemployment insurance (UI) laws and entrants to the labor force data from the CPS. The substate estimates of employment and unemployment, which geographically exhaust the entire state, are adjusted proportionally to ensure that they add to the independently estimated state or balance-of-state totals. A detailed description of the estimation procedures is available from BLS upon request.

Annual revisions. Labor force and unemployment data for prior years reflect adjustments made at the end of each year, usually implemented with January estimates. The adjusted estimates reflect updated population data from the U.S. Census Bureau, any revisions in the other data sources, and model reestimation.

Area definitions. The substate area data published in this release reflect the standards and definitions established by the U.S. Office of Management and Budget, dated December 1, 2009. A detailed list of the geographic definitions is available at <https://www.bls.gov/lau/lausmsa.htm>.

The **Sacramento—Arden-Arcade—Yuba City, Calif.-Nev. Combined Statistical Area (CSA)** includes El Dorado, Nevada, Placer, Sacramento, Sutter, Yolo, and Yuba Counties in California, and Douglas County in Nevada.

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