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California Blueprint for a Safer Economy

The Four-Tier Reopening Plan...

Tier 1 WIDESPREAD

Many non-essential indoor business operations are closed

Tier 3 MODERATE

Some indoor business operations are open with modifications

Tier 2 SUBSTANTIAL

Some non-essential indoor business operations are closed

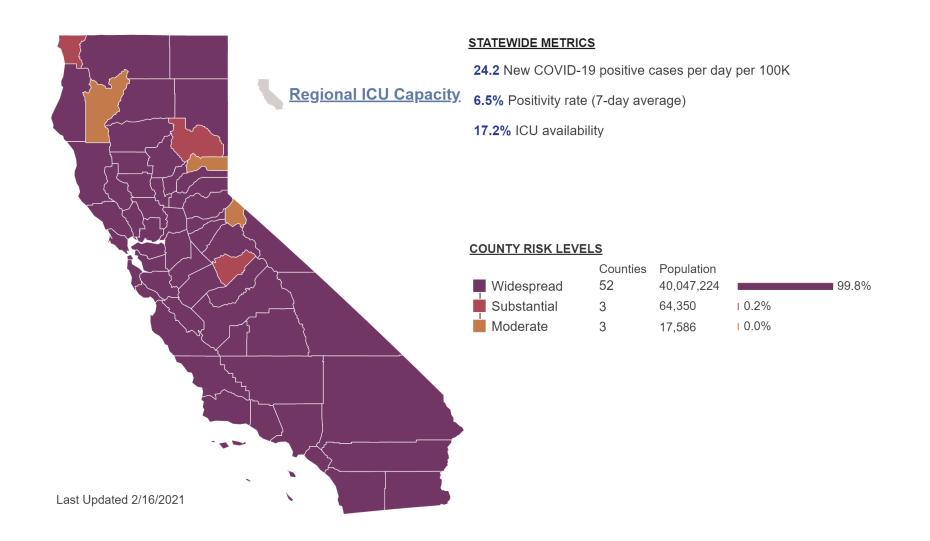
Tier 4 MINIMAL

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California Blueprint for a Safer Economy

Current Tier Assignments as of February 16, 2021





Confirmed COVID-19 Cases

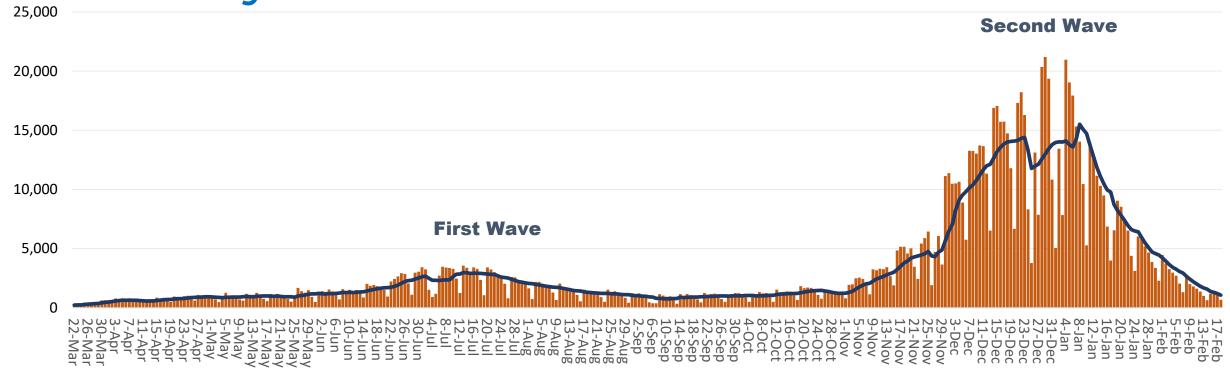
Total Cases Reported in LA County (2/19)

LA County now has 1,179,063 total confirmed cases (2/19)

33% of Cases in CA 40% of COVID-19 Deaths in CA



New Daily Cases of COVID-19 in LA County_(2/18)



Testing 7-Day Daily Average - Target: 15,000 Actual: 56,630-day average (2/13)

Testing Positivity Rate: 5.20% 7-day average (2/19)

Daily Deaths 7-Day Average – Target: No increase over past 14 days Actual: Down -38%

Daily Hospitalizations 3-Day Average – Target: No increase over past 14 days Actual: Down -47%

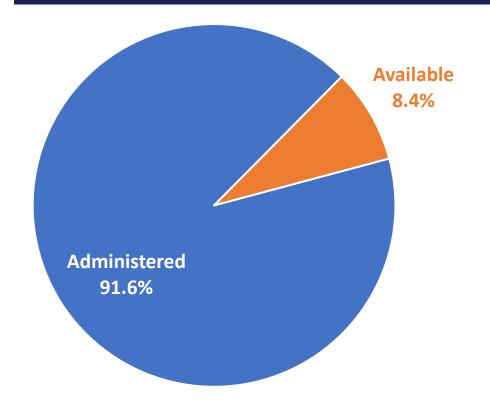
Current Hospitalizations: 3-Day Average: 2,751



Vaccine Distribution in LA County (as of

2/14/21)





ACTIVELY VACCINATING

PHASE 1A

- Healthcare Workers
- Staff & Residents at Skilled Nursing
 Facilities
- Staff & Residents at Long-Term Care Facilities

PHASE 1B

Tier 1

• LA County Residents 65 and Older

FOR REST OF

PHASE 1B

March

Tier 1

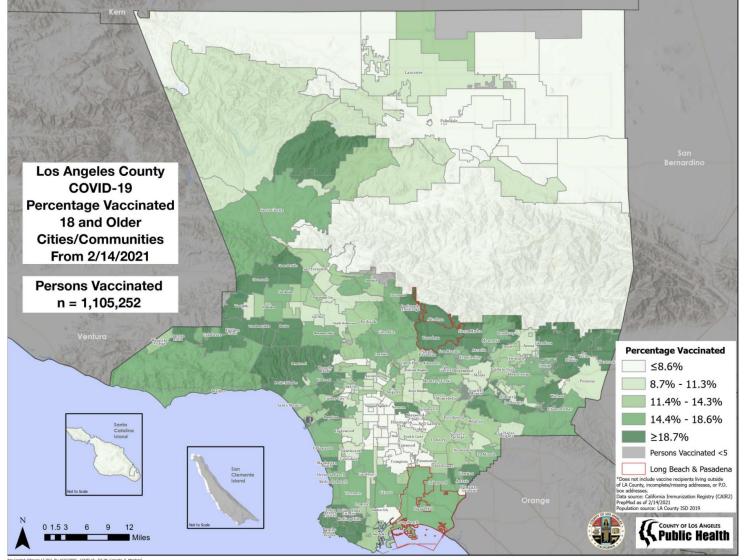
- Education and Childcare
- Emergency Services
- Food and Agriculture

The state has announced that it is changing its vaccine rollout strategy in California after completion of Phase 1B, Tier 1 (Education and Childcare, Emergency Services, Food and Agriculture). The state plans to transition to age-based eligibility, allowing California to scale up and down quickly, while ensuring vaccine goes to disproportionately impacted communities.

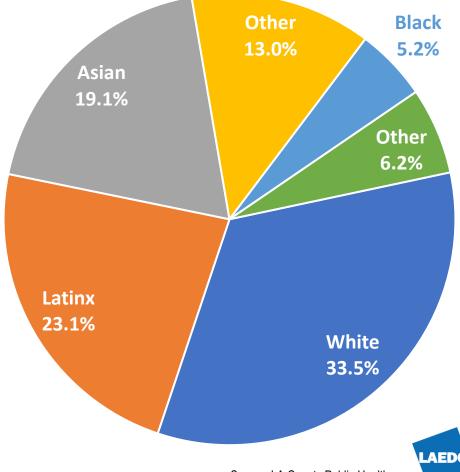


Vaccinations by Cities/Communities

PERCENTAGE VACCINATED 18 AND OLDER (as of 2/14/21)

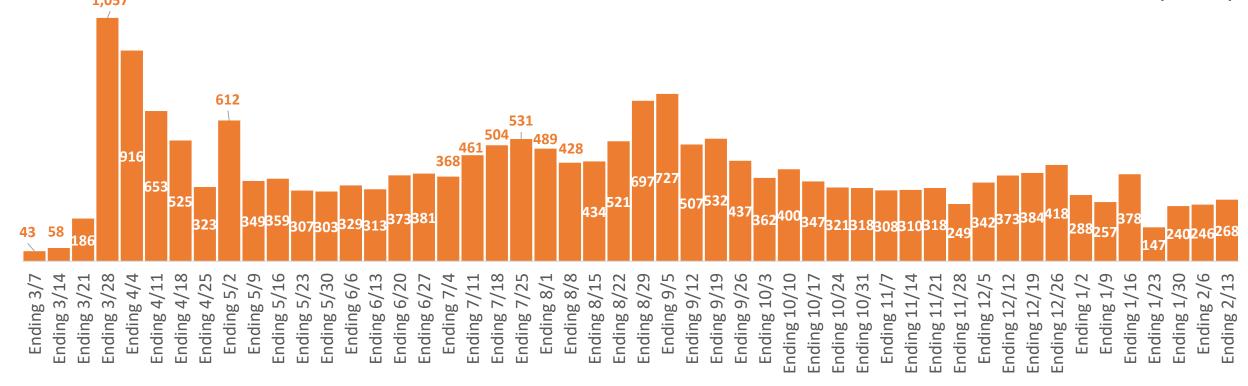


Vaccine Distribution by Race/Ethnicity



Unemployment Insurance Weekly Claims in CA

■ Initial Claims in California (000s)



CA Stay at home order issued March 19th

- Claims processed through the pandemic reached 20.3million
- Extra federal stimulus payment of \$300 started December 27th
- Total unemployment benefits paid to workers through the pandemic reach \$122 billion





Local Employment Data Covering January and February Released in March

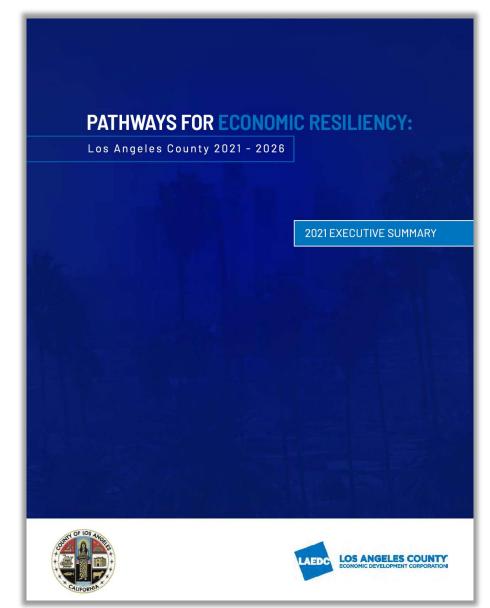
Covered on our next Economic Briefing on

March 29th



Pathways for **Economic** Resiliency: Los Angeles County 2021-2026

Released February 9, 2021



Hardest Hit Industries in Los Angeles County

HOSPITALITY

EMPLOYMENT SEP. 2019: **448,900** EMPLOYMENT SEP. 2020: **323,000** \checkmark **28% 125,900 JOBS LOST YEAR OVER YEAR**

Jobs Added May-October 2020: **94,200** (45.5% Recovered from March/April Job Losses)
Impacted Occupations: **Waiters and Waitresses** (25,090 Jobs Lost); **Cooks, Restaurant** (13,100 Jobs Lost)

ARTS, ENTERTAINMENT & RECREATION

EMPLOYMENT SEP. 2019: **98,200** EMPLOYMENT SEP. 2020: **60,900** $\sqrt{38\%}$ **37,300 JOBS LOST YEAR OVER YEAR**

Jobs Added May-October 2020: **15,700** (38.1% Recovered from March/April Job Losses)
Impacted Occupations: **Amusement & Rec Attendants** (3,670 Jobs Lost); **Ushers & Lobby Attendants** (2,400 Jobs Lost)

MOTION PICTURE & SOUND RECORDING

EMPLOYMENT SEP. 2019: **135,300** EMPLOYMENT SEP. 2020: **98,800** \checkmark **27% 36,500 JOBS LOST YEAR OVER YEAR**

Jobs Added May-October 2020: **8,700** (15.2% Recovered from March/April Job Losses) Impacted Occupations: **Producers & Directors** (6,600 Jobs Lost); **Actors** (4,660 Jobs Lost)



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NON-ESSENTIAL RETAIL

EMPLOYMENT SEP. 2019: **106,000** EMPLOYMENT SEP. 2020: **82,600** ψ **22% 23,400 JOBS LOST YEAR OVER YEAR**

Jobs Added May-October 2020: **31,500** (58.4% Recovered from March/April Job Losses) Impacted Occupations: **Retail Salespersons** (10,570 Jobs Lost); **Cashiers** (5,160 Jobs Lost)

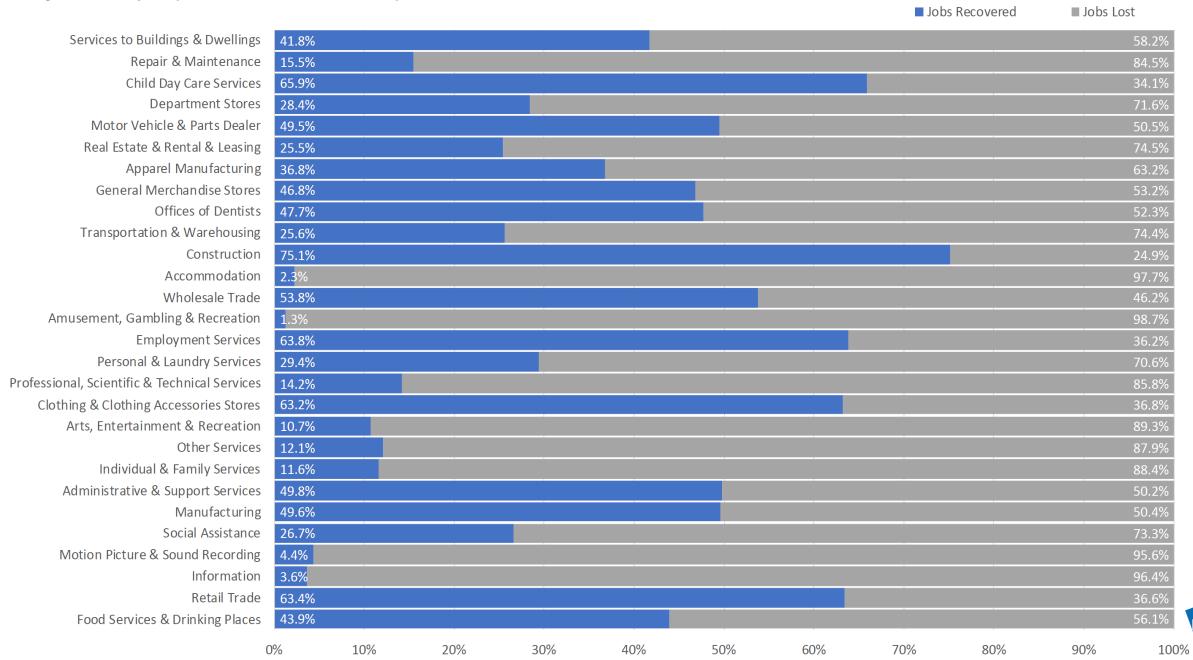
PERSONAL CARE & LAUNDRY SERVICES

EMPLOYMENT SEP. 2019: **58,300** EMPLOYMENT SEP. 2020: **37,900** \checkmark **35% 20,400 JOBS LOST YEAR OVER YEAR**

Jobs Added May-October 2020: **12,400** (44.0% Recovered from March/April Job Losses)
Impacted Occupations: **Hairdressers & Hairstylists** (2,560 Jobs Lost); **Manicurists & Pedicurists** (1,970 Jobs Lost)



Change in Jobs May - Sept as Share of Jobs Lost Mar - Apr 2020

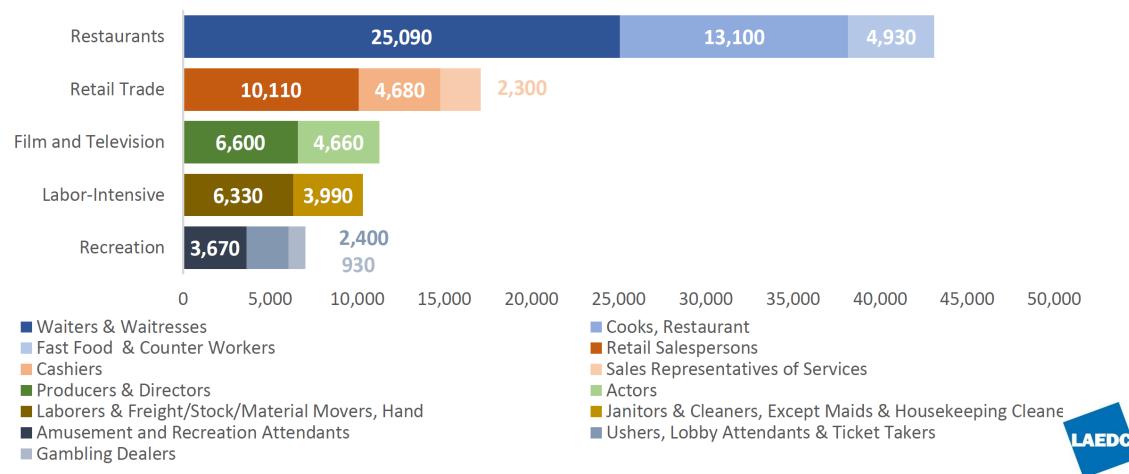


Job Losses by Occupation Group in LA County

February 2020 to October 2020

Job Losses by Detailed Occupation Groupings in LA County

Feb 2020 - Oct 2020



Industries with Growth Potential in LA County

HEALTH CARE

EMPLOYMENT SEP. 2019: **440,110** EMPLOYMENT SEP. 2020: **444,400** ↑ **1**% **4,300 JOBS GAINED YEAR OVER YEAR**

Jobs Added May-October 2020: **33,000** (Over 100% Recovered from March/April Job Losses) Impacted Occupations: **Registered Nurses** (790 Jobs Added); **Medical Assistants** (730 Jobs Added)

INFRASTRUCTURE: CONSTRUCTION

EMPLOYMENT SEP. 2019: **147,900** EMPLOYMENT SEP. 2020: **151,100** \checkmark **2% 3,200 JOBS LOST YEAR OVER YEAR**

Jobs Added May-October 2020: **20,400** (94% Recovered from March/April Job Losses)
Impacted Occupations: **Carpenters** (210 Jobs Added); **Construction Laborers** (190 Jobs Added)

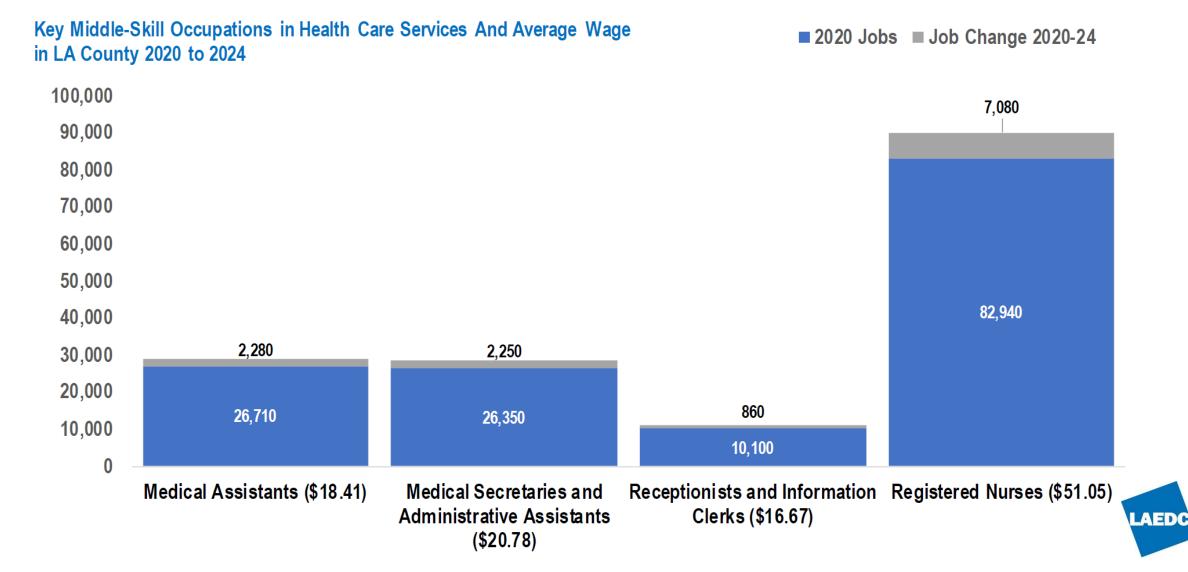
TRADE AND LOGISTICS: TRANSPORTATION AND WAREHOUSING

EMPLOYMENT SEP. 2019: 203,600 EMPLOYMENT SEP. 2020: 191,300 \downarrow 6% 12,300 JOBS LOST YEAR OVER YEAR

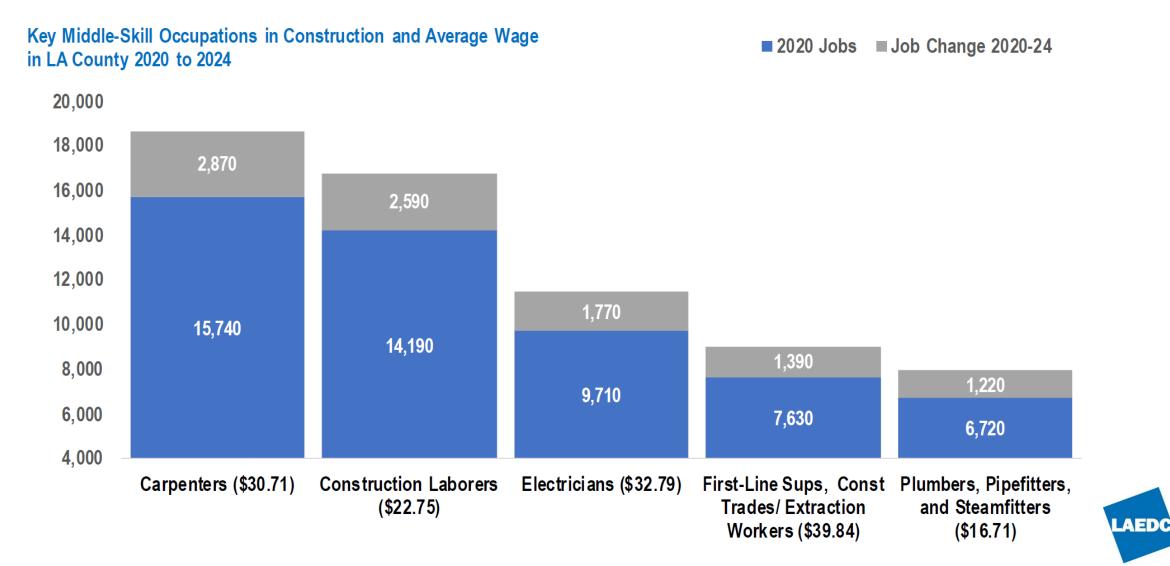
Jobs Added May-October 2020: **8,300** (40.9% Recovered from March/April Job Losses) Impacted Occupations: **Laborers & Freight/Stock/Material Movers** (120 Jobs Lost); **Heavy & Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers** (110 Jobs Lost)



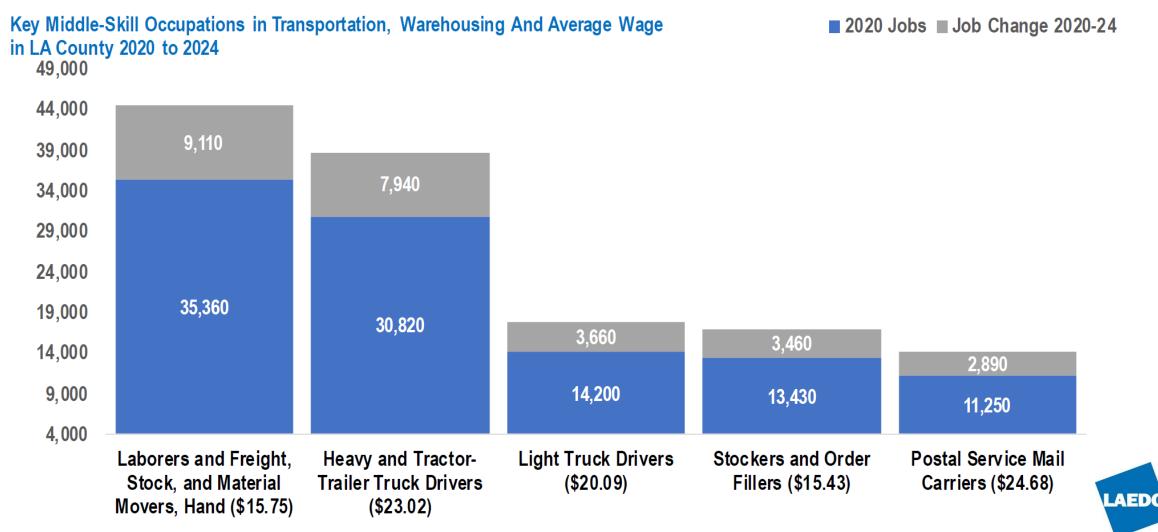
Key Middle-Skill Occupations in Health Care



Key Middle-Skill Occupations in Construction

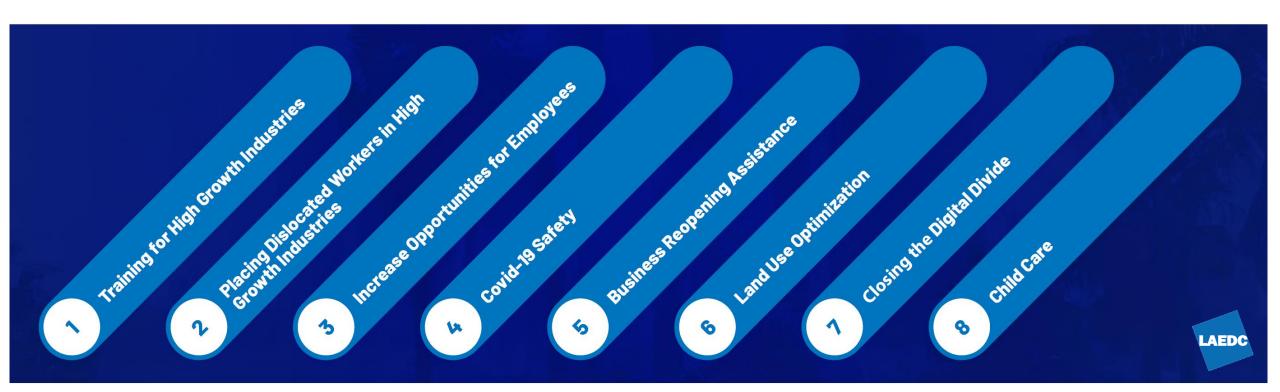


Key Middle-Skill Occupations in Transportation & Warehousing



Recommendations

To support the inclusive recovery of the Los Angeles economy...





LAEDC 2021 Economic Forecast A tale of two recoveries

Released February 17, 2021

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

LAEDC 2021 ECONOMIC FORECAST

A tale of two recoveries



LOS ANGELES COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
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LAEDC 2021 Economic Forecast

- Early 2020 proved to be the height of nearly ten years of strong economic growth for LA County; rapidly reversed beginning in March
- The severity of the economic crisis varies greatly across different cohorts, industries and sizes of business
- LA County alone lost 716,000 jobs during March and April, and the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate peaked at 21.1 percent in May 2020.
- The next two years will be characterized by economic recovery, the speed of which remains tied to the public health crisis.
- Under current conditions, it is estimated that the majority of industries will return to pre-pandemic employment levels by 2024.
- Mass inoculation against the COVID-19 virus is a clear and viable solution to the current public health crisis. Solving the subsequent economic crisis will prove much more difficult

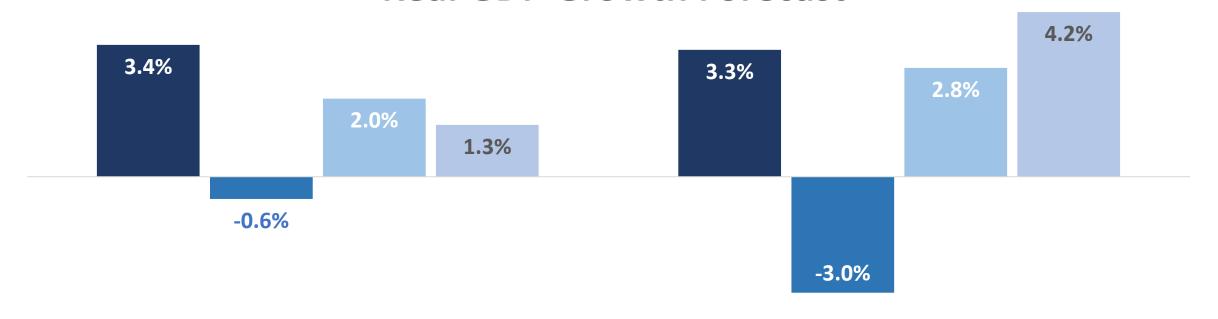
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• COVID-19 has only increased the severity of pre-existing challenges and inequalities in Los Angeles County, and if left unchecked, it may continue to do so for years to come.

Economic Growth in California:

Expected to return this year...

Real GDP Growth Forecast



California Los Angeles County



2020

2021f

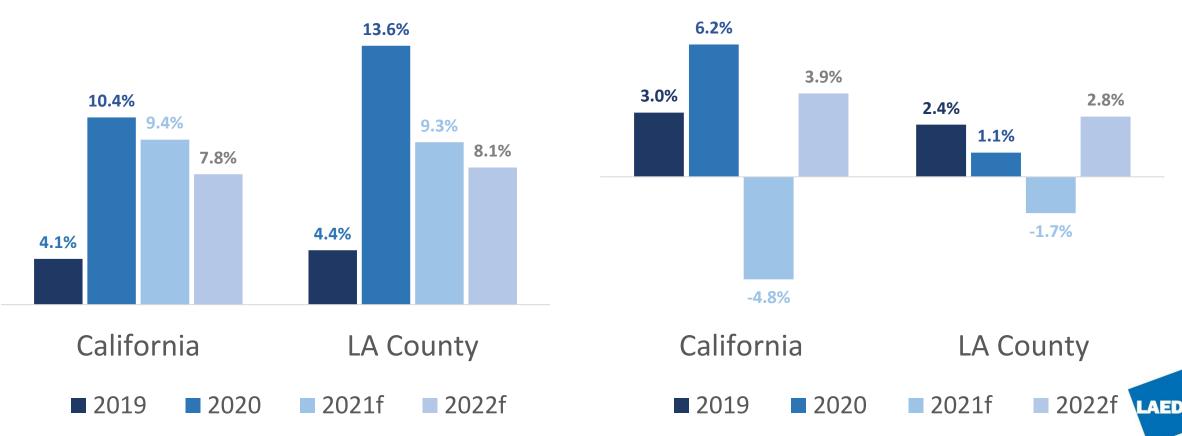
2022f



The Labor Market Will Take More Time to Recover...

Unemployment Rate

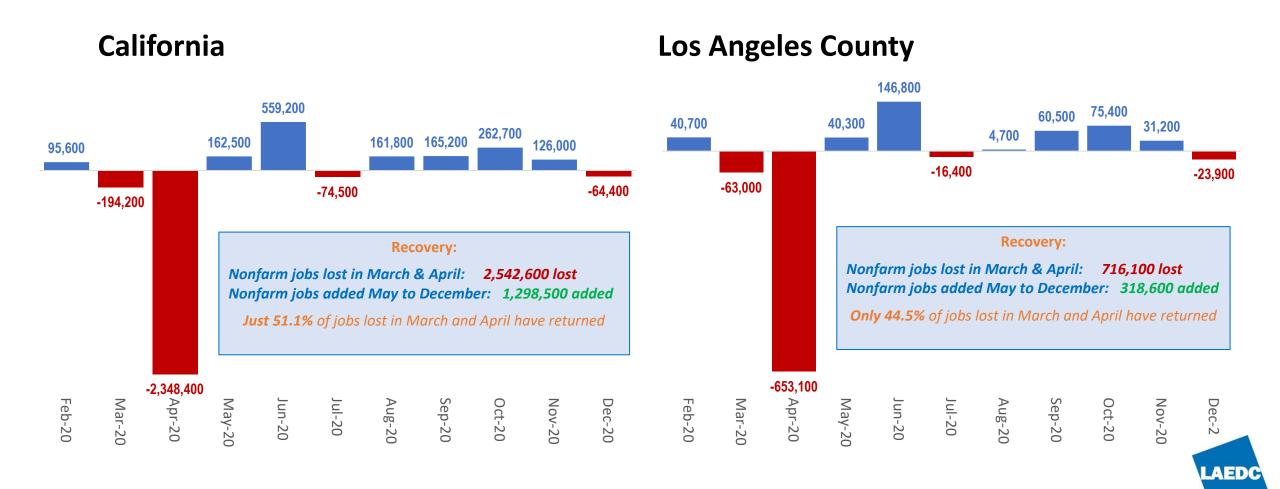
Real Personal Income Growth



Sources: BLS, BEA, Forecast by LAEDC

Nonfarm Employment

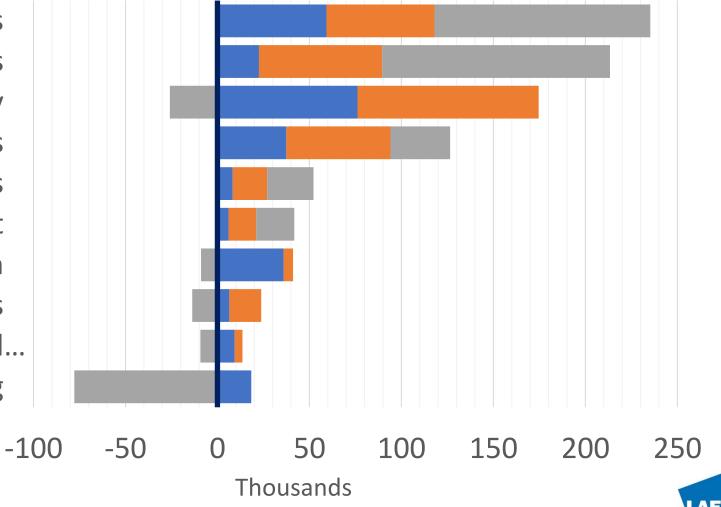
Monthly changes throughout the pandemic



California Employment Forecast:

2 Year Employment Forecast





Los Angeles

Other Southern CA

■ Rest of CA

Sources: IHS, Forecast by LAEDC

A Tale of Two Recoveries:

The Disparate
Impacts of
COVID-19

- Cases
 - Hispanic
- Unemployment
 - High School Education
 - Generation Z (ages 16 to 23 years)
 - Identify as Black/Asian
- Low-Income Households
- Unemployment Benefits
- Remote Work
- The Digital Divide
- Small and Micro-Businesses
- Women
- Industry
 - Hospitality
 - Arts, Entertainment and Leisure
 - Nonessential Retail
 - Personal Care Services







UPCOMING REPORT RELEASE



REGISTER NOW

Feb 24, 2021 2:00PM PST

Living-Wage Jobs at LA Basin Air and Sea Ports Register at the CCW website:

https://competitiveworkforce. la/port-report-webinar/

Wednesday, February 24, 2021 2:00pm-3:00pm



QUESTIONS



Thank you!

- Next LAEDC Economic Briefing: March 29, 2021
- Visit the LAEDC COVID-19 Response page for additional resources at https://laedc.org/coronavirus/.
- Do you have questions you would like answered on these webinars? Please send to <u>shane.cullen@laedc.org</u>.