



Beacon Economics Employment Report

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Back To School Blues: Education Employment Sags *Not A Job Loss... A 'Job Opportunity Loss'*

Tis' The Season:

Non-seasonally adjusted data shows that California gained 18,000 jobs between August and September 2010. However, when seasonally adjusted, that gain turns into a loss of 63,600 jobs. The explanation revolves around the beginning of the school year. September is a month when many educators across the state return to work after summer break. This year, far fewer had jobs to return to. In recent history, Government (the sector that includes Public Education) had added 65,000 workers in September, but in this month's non-seasonally adjusted report it only added 25,000 - a reduction of 40,000 openings. Although no pink slips were actually handed out to educators this September, they lost the opportunity for a position that would have been available in the past. Beacon Economics calls this a job opportunity loss.

Expanding Labor Force A Positive Sign:

California's unemployment rate remained at a seasonally adjusted 12.4%, even though household employment grew by 6,700. The reason? The labor force increased by 16,600 as previously discouraged workers began to look for work again, offsetting the employment gain and causing household unemployment to rise by 9,900. This trend of rising employment and an expanding labor force indicate that labor markets within the state continue to move in a positive direction.

Tech Leading Employment Growth:

The Silicon Valley, primarily due to increasing business investment in hardware and software, has been leading the state's drive towards employment growth. Between August and September, the San Jose MSA added 4,700 jobs on a seasonally adjusted basis.

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Beacon Economics' interactive monthly employment report processes data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics and data generated and released by the California Employment Development Department (EDD) on the third Friday of every month. Beacon Economics reproduces EDDs data by major MSA in California on a seasonally adjusted basis to facilitate month-to-month comparisons.

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