

EMPLOYMENT ANALYSIS

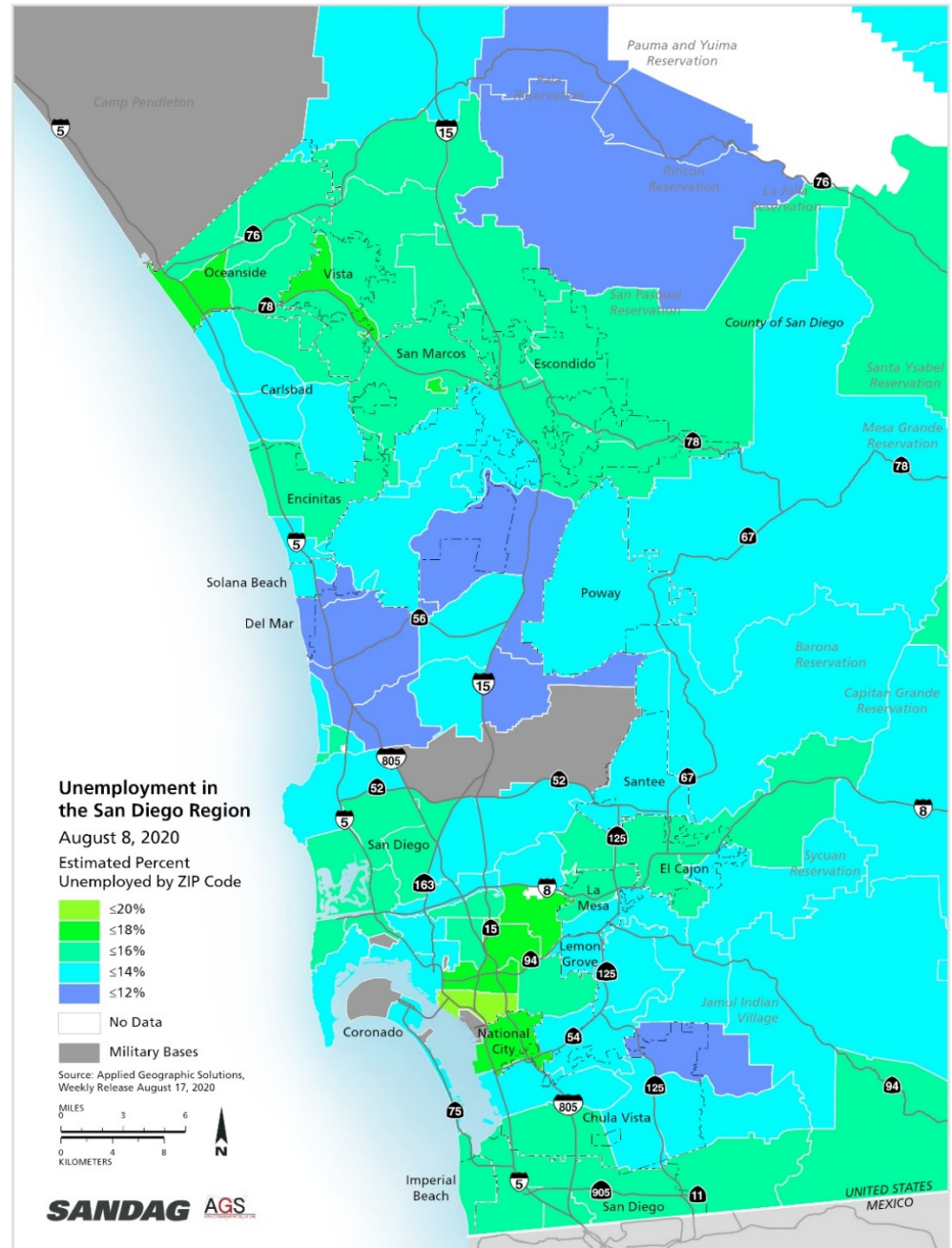
As of August 8, 2020, the San Diego region's unemployment rate remains nearly unchanged from the previous week, at around 14% with an estimated 242,000 unemployed workers. Pre-COVID, the region had just over 50,000 unemployed workers.

As SANDAG noted in the [unemployment report](#) published on August 12, the region's unemployment during the Great Recession reached its peak at 10.8% in 2010.

The ten hardest-hit ZIP codes remain unchanged since the August 12 report. Estimated unemployment rates for those ZIP codes are:

- 92113 Logan Heights (18.9%)
- 92102 Golden Hill (17.7%)
- 92115 College (17.6%)
- 92105 City Heights (17.0%)
- 92054 Oceanside S (16.5%)
- 91950 National City (16.4%)
- 92083 Vista W (16.1%)
- 92081 Vista S (15.9%)
- 92173 San Ysidro (15.7%)
- 92025 Escondido S (15.7%)

Figure 1: Estimated Unemployment Rate by ZIP Code as of August 8, 2020

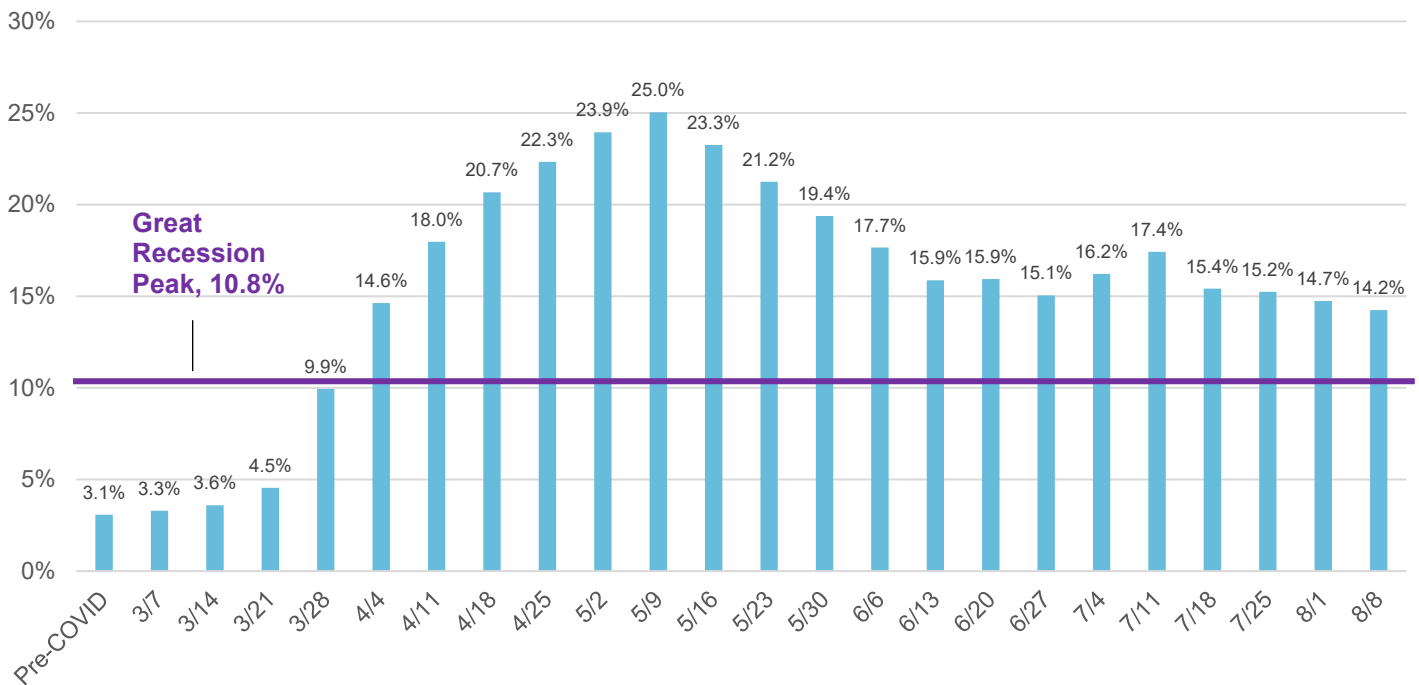


Source: Applied Geographic Solutions, Inc., Thousand Oaks, California, Weekly Release August 17, 2020

Figure 2 represents the estimated unemployment rate in the region from week to week. These unemployment estimates are based on unemployment insurance claims, unemployment insurance payments, and unemployment statistics from the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

This data will continue to be revised as new federal and state data become available.

Figure 2: Estimated Unemployment Rate in the San Diego Region as of August 8, 2020



Source: Applied Geographic Solutions, Inc., Thousand Oaks, California, Weekly Release June 23, 2020 (for data until June 13), and Weekly Release August 17, 2020 (after June 13)

Experts predict it will take some time for the unemployment rate to return to pre-COVID rates, especially if a full reopening of the economy continues to be delayed for public health reasons. SANDAG will continue to monitor the San Diego regional economic recovery through various data.

Stay tuned for a future report that examines how COVID-19 has affected the region’s disadvantaged communities.