

EMPLOYMENT ANALYSIS

There is much anticipation as the State of California plans to fully reopen the economy on June 15, 2021. As the San Diego regional economy continues its road to recovery, SANDAG efforts to monitor unemployment to help identify our hardest hit communities are also ongoing.

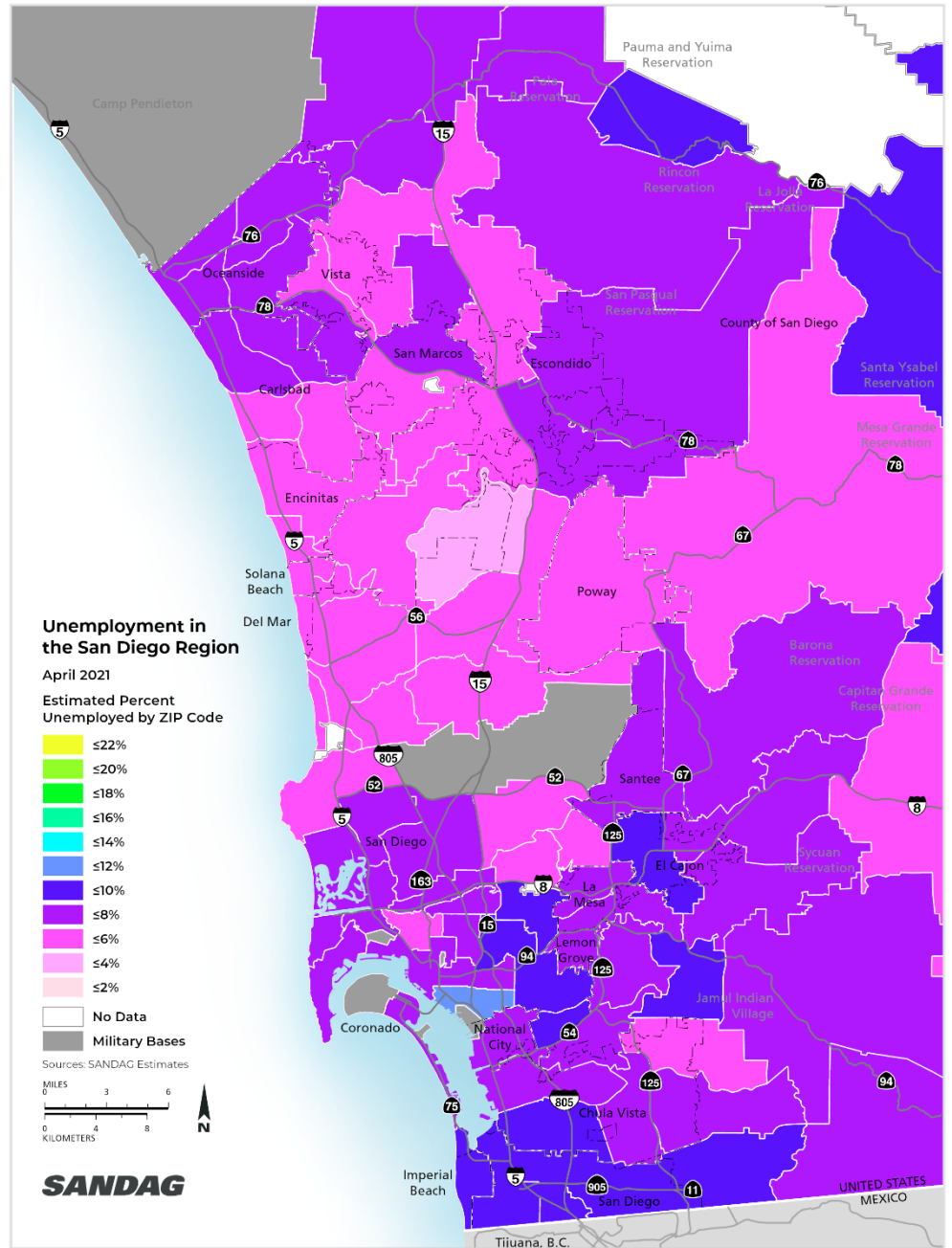
As of mid-April 2021, the region's unemployment rate was 6.7%, with 102,100 people out of work according to State of California Employment Development Department (EDD)ⁱ.

Logan Heights (92113) remains the hardest hit ZIP code in the region, with an estimated 10.9% unemployment rate. In comparison, the regional unemployment rate at the peak of the Great Recession in 2010 was 10.8%.

ZIP codes experiencing the highest unemployment rates in mid-spring of 2021 include:

- 92113 Logan Heights (10.9%)
- 92173 San Ysidro (10.0%)
- 92070 Santa Ysabel (9.7%)
- 91906 Campo (9.5%)
- 92086 Warner Springs (9.3%)
- 91911 Chula Vista S (8.9%)
- 92105 City Heights (8.9%)
- 92061 Pauma Valley (8.9%)
- 92114 Encanto (8.6%)
- 91932 Imperial Beach (8.5%)

Figure 1: Estimated Unemployment Rate by ZIP Code as of April 2021

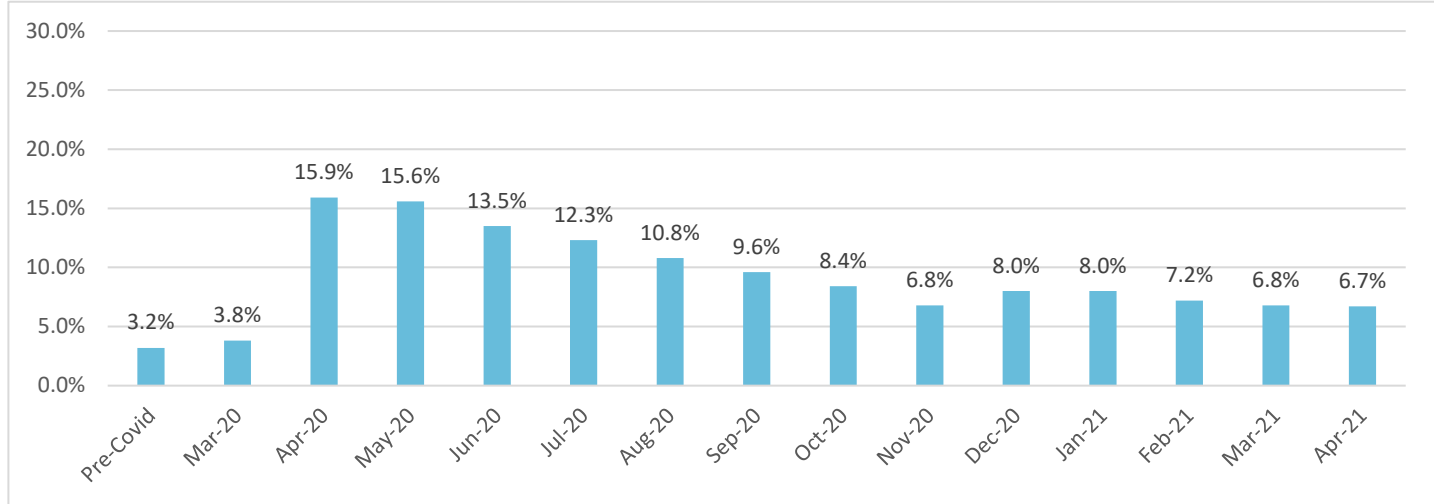


Source: SANDAG Estimatesⁱⁱ

Since the last monthly report was produced, the employment sectors that have shown the greatest rebound have been in the areas of construction and tourism. This has had a positive effect and lowered unemployment rates in those ZIP codes where these employees are more likely to live.

Figure 2 tracks the monthly unemployment rate in the region since early 2020 (unemployment rates are not seasonally adjusted), as published by the State of California EDD.

Figure 2: Estimated Unemployment Rate in the San Diego Region as of April 2021



Source: State of California Employment Development Department (EDD)

Throughout the pandemic, SANDAG has produced a number of [reports](#) and [InfoBits](#) that provide critical information related to unemployment statistics, the impact of the pandemic on specific business sectors, and analyses of who the pandemic has impacted the most.

SANDAG will continue to monitor unemployment rates in the region every month and track differences among ZIP codes. In the coming months, the agency will also prepare other special reports related to employment in the region.

ⁱ <https://www.labormarketinfo.edd.ca.gov/file/lfmonth/countyur-400c.pdf>

ⁱⁱ Zip code 92672 (San Clemente) has been excluded from the current and future iterations of this report because most of its geographical area falls outside of SANDAG's regional boundary.