

## Statistics show COVID-19's stunning impact on the Bay Area after 6 months of sheltering in place

Whether you've been healthy or sick, a member of the essential workforce or working from home, unemployed or working overtime, every person in the Bay Area has been impacted by the coronavirus since most of the region was ordered to shelter in place six months ago.

On March 17, when six of the Bay Area's nine counties issued shelter-in-place orders, there were only 375 diagnosed COVID-19 cases in the region. Many of us thought we'd be stuck in our homes for a few weeks.

In mid-September, that idea seems somewhat foolish.

[Video available at link below]



Just how much has our world changed since the beginning of the coronavirus pandemic? Here's a look, by the numbers.

**Travel turmoil:** The number of people processed through airport security at SFO dropped a stunning 97%, from 2,071,558 in April 2019 to 69,217 in April 2020. That number has risen steadily since then, to about 359,000 in August.

**Collapse of the commute:** BART ridership dropped 94% in the early weeks of shelter in place. It's still down 89% as of Sept. 15, as many continue working from home. Muni's average weekday bus boardings went from 405,000 on March 9 to a low point of 85,200 on April 13. That number has since climbed back up to 133,800 as of Sept. 7, which is still about a third of normal ridership. VTA said its ridership dropped by 80% in the wake of the pandemic. AC Transit ridership is rebounding, but still down about 56% year-over-year.

The number of cars crossing the Golden Gate Bridge dropped to 510,576 in April. That may sound like a lot of cars, but compare it to 1.7 million the same time last year. In June, the last month of available data

in 2020, bridge crossings rose to 987,324, which is an increase since spring -- but still about half of normal.

Golden Gate Ferry commuters dropped from 176,595 in February to 63,990 in March, then to 1,760 in April. Last year's April ridership was at 215,000.

**Rent tumbles:** The cost of renting a one-bedroom in San Francisco was \$3,040 on average in September 2020, according to Zumper. That's a 14% decrease since September of last year. San Jose and Oakland saw more modest decreases. San Jose's median price for a one-bedroom apartment is \$2,230 and Oakland's is \$2,200, according to Zumper.

**Restaurants struggle:** Sales at San Francisco restaurants have dropped by 91% since March, Eater reports.

**Delivery apps boom:** Active diners on Grubhub are up 35% year-over-year nationally. (The company did not have region-specific data available.)

**San Jose company's stock "Zooms":** The share price of Zoom stock was \$408 in mid-September, compared to \$111 in mid-March.

**Work(out) from home:** A set of dumbbells, which includes a set of 3, 5 and 8 lb. weights, will set you back \$169 on Amazon, as gym closures have prompted a run on workout equipment.

**Cost of "attending" a baseball game:** No fans allowed at either Bay Area stadium, but it costs \$99 to attend a Giants game as a cardboard cutout. The price is \$89 for the A's.

**No summer crowds at Yosemite:** The national park has capped day passes to about 3,600 per day, a 50% reduction from last summer's visitors.

**Tiktok fads:** The app now has about 100 million monthly users in the U.S., and 700 million users globally, as Tiktok crazes spread during shelter in place.

**Staggering unemployment:** Since the beginning of the pandemic, 8,289,867 Californians have filed for unemployment.

**The human toll:** The most staggering number of all is those directly impacted by COVID-19. The nine Bay Area counties plus Santa Cruz have seen 97,853 known cases and 1,358 deaths. While transmission has dipped substantially from its peak, the virus continues to pose a threat to people's health.

Region	August 2019	July 2020	August 2020	Percentage Point Change	
				1 month	12 months
San José–Sunnyvale MSA	2.7%	9.5%	7.6%	- 1.9	+ 4.9
San Francisco MD	2.2%	10.3%	8.2%	- 2.1	+ 6.0
California	4.2%	13.9%	11.6%	- 2.3	+ 7.4
United States	3.8%	10.5%	8.5%	- 2.0	+ 4.7

Sector—August 2020	San Jose MSA	San Francisco MD	Combined Region	Percentage Change (Combined Region)	
				1 month	12 months
<b>Total Nonfarm</b>	<b>1,057,700</b>	<b>1,064,800</b>	<b>2,122,500</b>	<b>+ 0.7%</b>	<b>- 9.4%</b>
Construction	51,300	41,000	92,300	+ 0.9%	- 6.9%
Manufacturing	166,600	36,000	202,600	+ 0.2%	- 4.9%
Retail Trade	75,700	71,300	147,000	+ 1.4%	- 9.0%
Information	93,400	92,000	185,400	- 0.2%	- 9.7%
Professional & Business Services	241,500	286,500	528,000	+ 0.6%	- 2.7%
Educational Services	42,300	28,000	70,300	+ 0.3%	- 5.6%
Health Care & Social Assistance	124,700	109,400	234,100	+ 0.4%	- 3.2%
Leisure & Hospitality	68,600	93,600	162,200	- 2.1%	- 37.5%
Government	89,300	119,400	208,700	+ 5.6%	- 6.4%

**Note:** San José MSA (San José–Sunnyvale–Santa Clara Metropolitan Statistical Area) = Santa Clara and San Benito Counties  
 San Francisco MD (San Francisco–Redwood City–South San Francisco Metropolitan Division) = San Mateo and San Francisco Counties

**Source:** California Employment Development Department, LMID

9-County San Francisco Bay Area	Labor Force			Employed			Unemployment		
	August 2019	August 2020	Change	August 2019	August 2020	Change	August 2019	August 2020	Change
<b>California</b>	<b>19,428,900</b>	<b>18,729,400</b>	<b>- 3.6 %</b>	<b>18,620,500</b>	<b>16,557,600</b>	<b>- 11.1%</b>	<b>4.2%</b>	<b>11.6%</b>	<b>+ 7.4</b>
Alameda County	845,800	806,200	- 4.7%	819,300	727,100	- 11.3%	3.1%	9.8%	+ 6.7
Contra Costa County	562,600	535,700	- 4.8%	544,400	483,200	- 11.2%	3.2%	9.8%	+ 6.6
Marin County	140,900	132,400	- 6.0%	137,500	123,200	- 10.4%	2.4%	7.0%	+ 4.6
Napa County	75,400	71,600	- 5.0%	73,400	65,600	- 10.6%	2.7%	8.3%	+ 5.6
San Francisco County	586,700	565,700	- 3.6%	573,200	515,900	- 10.0%	2.3%	8.8%	+ 6.5
San Mateo County	462,800	440,500	- 4.8%	452,900	407,600	- 10.0%	2.2%	7.5%	+ 5.3
ssSanta Clara County	1,058,200	1,024,100	- 3.2%	1,030,300	947,200	- 8.1%	2.6%	7.5%	+ 4.9
Solano County	209,100	201,700	- 3.5%	201,200	181,000	- 10.0%	3.8%	10.3%	+ 6.5
Sonoma County	261,700	252,000	- 3.7%	254,600	232,500	- 8.7%	2.7%	7.7%	+ 5.0
<b>SF Bay Area (sum)</b>	<b>4,203,200</b>	<b>4,029,900</b>	<b>- 4.1%</b>	<b>4,086,800</b>	<b>3,683,300</b>	<b>- 9.9%</b>	<b>2.8%</b>	<b>8.6%</b>	<b>+ 5.8</b>

**Note:** Totals may not add correctly due to rounding

**Source:** California Employment Development Department, LMID

August 2020 Layoff Events	WARN SUMMARY	
	Events YTD †:	58
Company	Location	# Affected
<p><i>Due to the effects of the Coronavirus shelter-in-place, layoff events for the month of August 2020 are too numerous to be displayed in their entirety.</i></p>		
August 2020 / NOVA Region	<b>Layoff events:</b>	<b>19</b>
	<b>Individuals affected:</b>	<b>852</b>
	Individuals Affected YTD :	3,811
	Individuals Previous YTD ‡:	637
	<p>* <b>WARN: Worker Adjustment and Retraining Notification</b> (notice of mass layoff or closure)                      † <b>YTD: Year to Date</b> (Program year: July 1–present)                      ‡ <b>Previous YTD:</b> (Same date range as YTD, one year prior)</p>	

**Note:** Layoff data are preliminary and should be considered an estimate of monthly regional activity

**Source:** California EDD, CalJOBS: WARN database