

Amador County snapshot

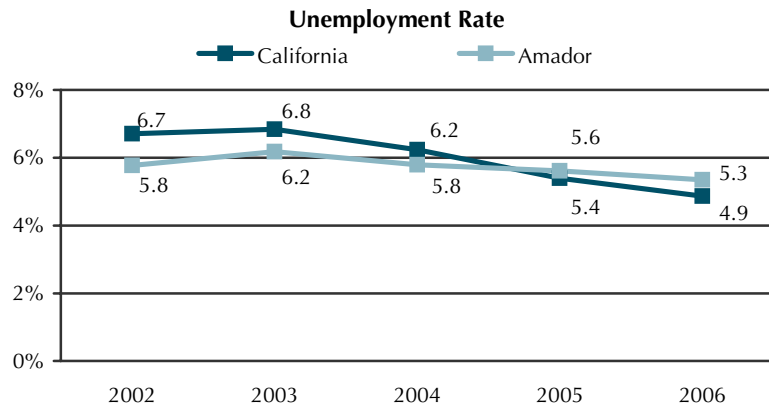
Amador is a place where history, natural resources, and California's changing economic climate converge. Located in the western foothills of the Sierra Nevada, Amador is known for its Gold Rush beginnings, and the deep-rock mining era of the early 1900s. Today, Amador County is emerging as a premium wine growing region and a popular tourist destination. For the year 2007, California's Department of Finance estimates Amador County's population grew to 38,400 residents.¹ By 2020, the county is projected to be home to almost 47,600 persons.

Labor Force

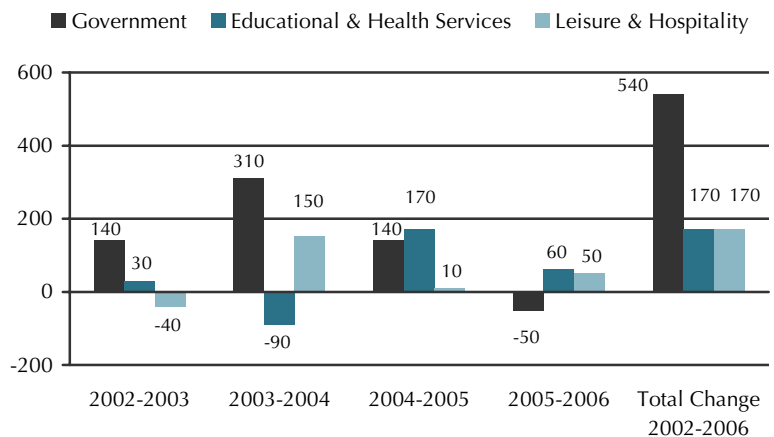
As shown in the chart on the right, Amador County and California posted similar patterns of unemployment rates from 2002 through 2006.² In 2006, Amador showed a small decline in unemployment (0.3 percentage point). The county's labor force increased to 17,500, a gain of 5.4 percent over 2002 figures.

Industry Employment

Amador County's industry employment increased 5.2 percent during the profiled years 2002–2006, with the largest employment growth occurring in the government; educational and health services; and leisure and hospitality industries (as shown in the chart on the right). In government, employment grew by 540 jobs, with local government accounting for 410 jobs. Employment in educational and health services increased by almost 15 percent, or 170 jobs; the leisure and hospitality industry also gained 170 jobs, growth of 17 percent. During these years, construction experienced close to 32 percent growth, gaining 150 jobs, while natural resources and mining gained 70 jobs. Within trade, transportation, and utilities, 200 additional jobs in retail trade offset the loss of 130 jobs in wholesale trade.



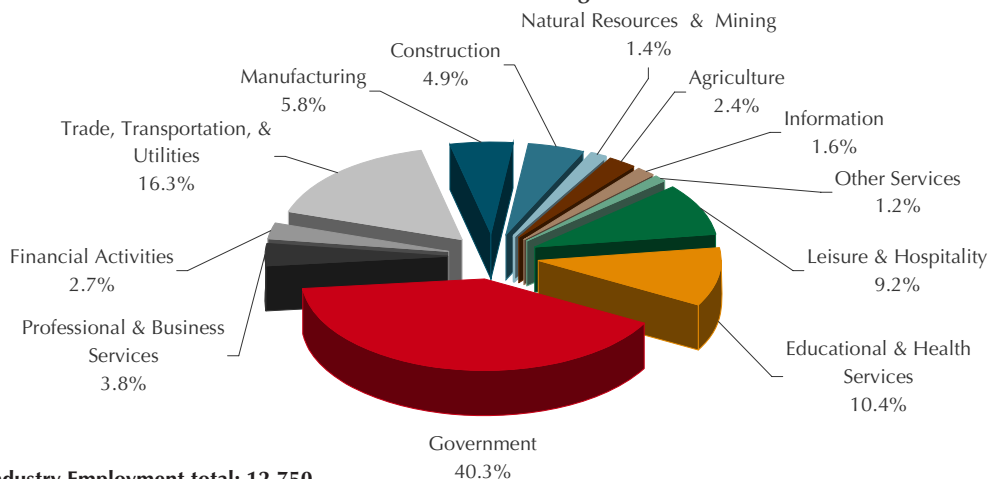
Largest Growth Industries in Amador County Employment Change 2002-2006



¹California Department of Finance, Demographic Statistics, 2007.

²Employment Development Department. All labor statistics reflect Benchmark 2006 data.

Amador County Employment by Industry 2006 Annual Average



2006 Industry Employment total: 12,750

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