## Watsonville unemployment drops slightly

The jobless rate in Watsonville dropped slightly in May, the state Employment Development Department said yesterday.

The monthly report showed that Watsonville's unemployment dropped from 20.6 percent in April to 19.1 percent last month.

The city slipped to a thirdplace standing in the regional unemployment standings, behind Soledad with 25.3 percent and Hollister with 19.2 percent.

By comparison, the jobless rate in Santa Cruz County was 9.5 percent, down from April's 10.2 percent. Monterey County reported a 11.4 percent unemployment rate in May, down from April's 12.7 percent. San Benito County unemployment was 15.5 percent last month, compared to 15.6 percent in April.

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