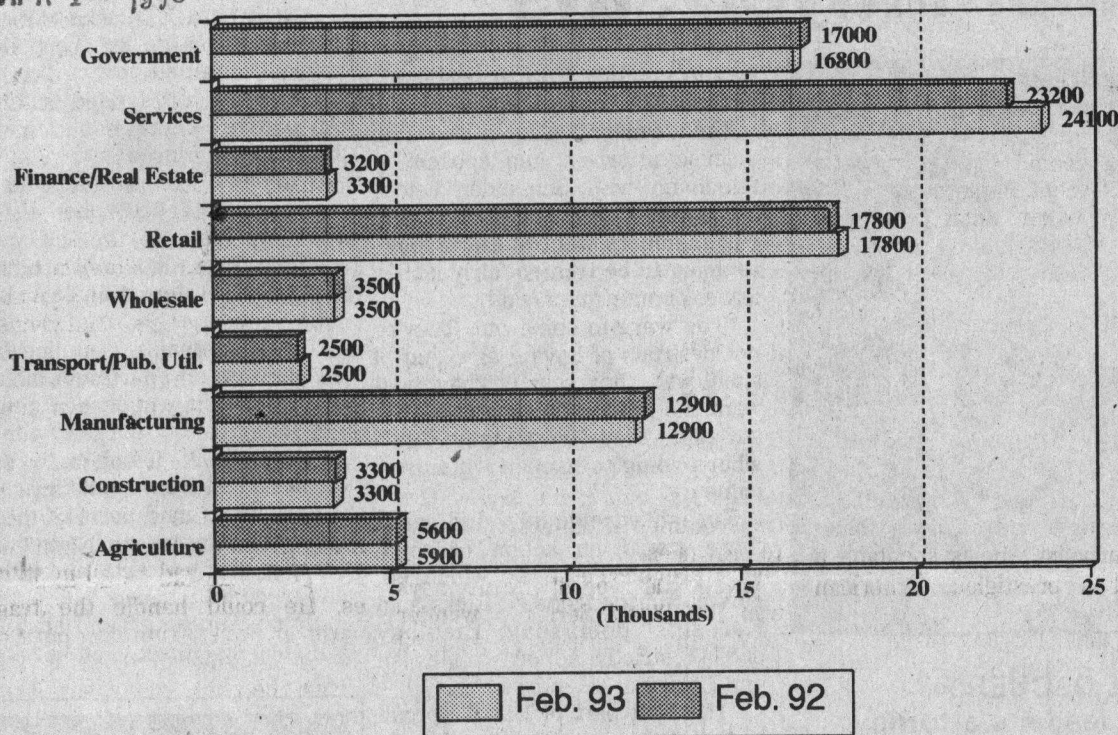


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Santa Cruz County unemployment falls

The unemployment rate fell slightly in Santa Cruz County for the month of February, the state Employment Development Department said this week.

The latest figures show that 12.3 percent of the county's work force was unemployed in February, compared to 12.8 percent in January 1993.

Those working rose from 123,700 in January to 134,700 in

February, but the number of unemployed living in Santa Cruz County also rose — from 18,100 to 19,000. The unemployment rate dropped because the labor force rose from 141,800 to 153,700 in a one-month period.

The state calculates the employed/unemployed figures based on a worker's place of residence, not where he or she

has been working.

The number of people reported working in Santa Cruz county grew from 88,100 in January 1993 to 90,100 in February (see chart), significantly higher than the 88,800 reported working in February 1992.

The figures do not include self-employed, unpaid family workers, domestics or those involved in labor disputes.