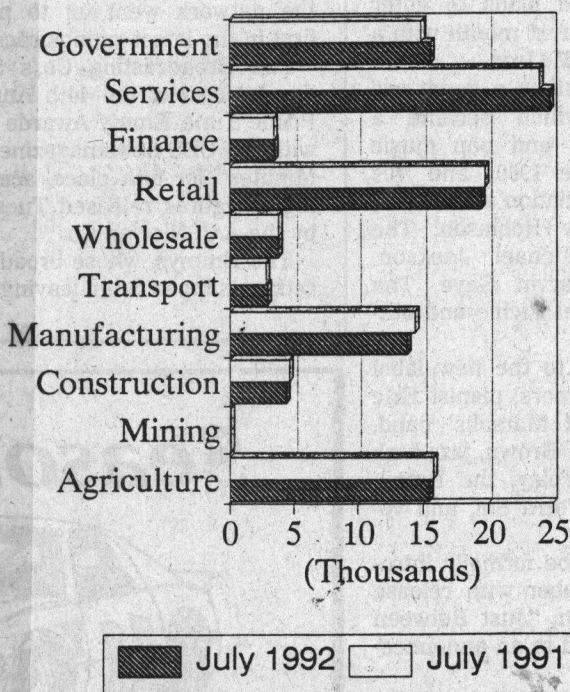


Employment Santa Cruz County



July unemployment drops in Santa Cruz County

The unemployment rate dropped to 7.1 percent in July, the state Employment Development Department reported this week.

The rate for June was 8.3 percent, the State Department reported.

There were 142,200 employed in Santa Cruz County and 10,800 actively seeking work. In June, there

were 139,300 people employed and 12,500 seeking work.

Although the unemployment figures dropped in July, they are still far above the rates for July 1991, when there were 9,500, or 6.6 percent, unemployed.

Statewide, the July unemployment figure stood at 8.9 percent. The national rate was 7.7 percent.