Unemployment drops slightly in Watsonville

Unemployment in Watsonville dropped slightly in March, when compared to rates in January and February, but still remained over 20 percent, the state Employment Development Department announced this week.

The city's jobless rate last month was 22 percent, down from 23.8 percent in February and 24.3 percent in January.

Santa Cruz County's unemployment rate stood at 11 percent last month, down from 12.1 percent in February. Monterey County's rate was 15 percent last month, down 1.7 percent from February. San Benito County reported a 15.2 percent unemployment rate, down from 16.2 percent in February.

The state unemployment rate was 7.8 percent in March, down. 0.3 percent from the February level.

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