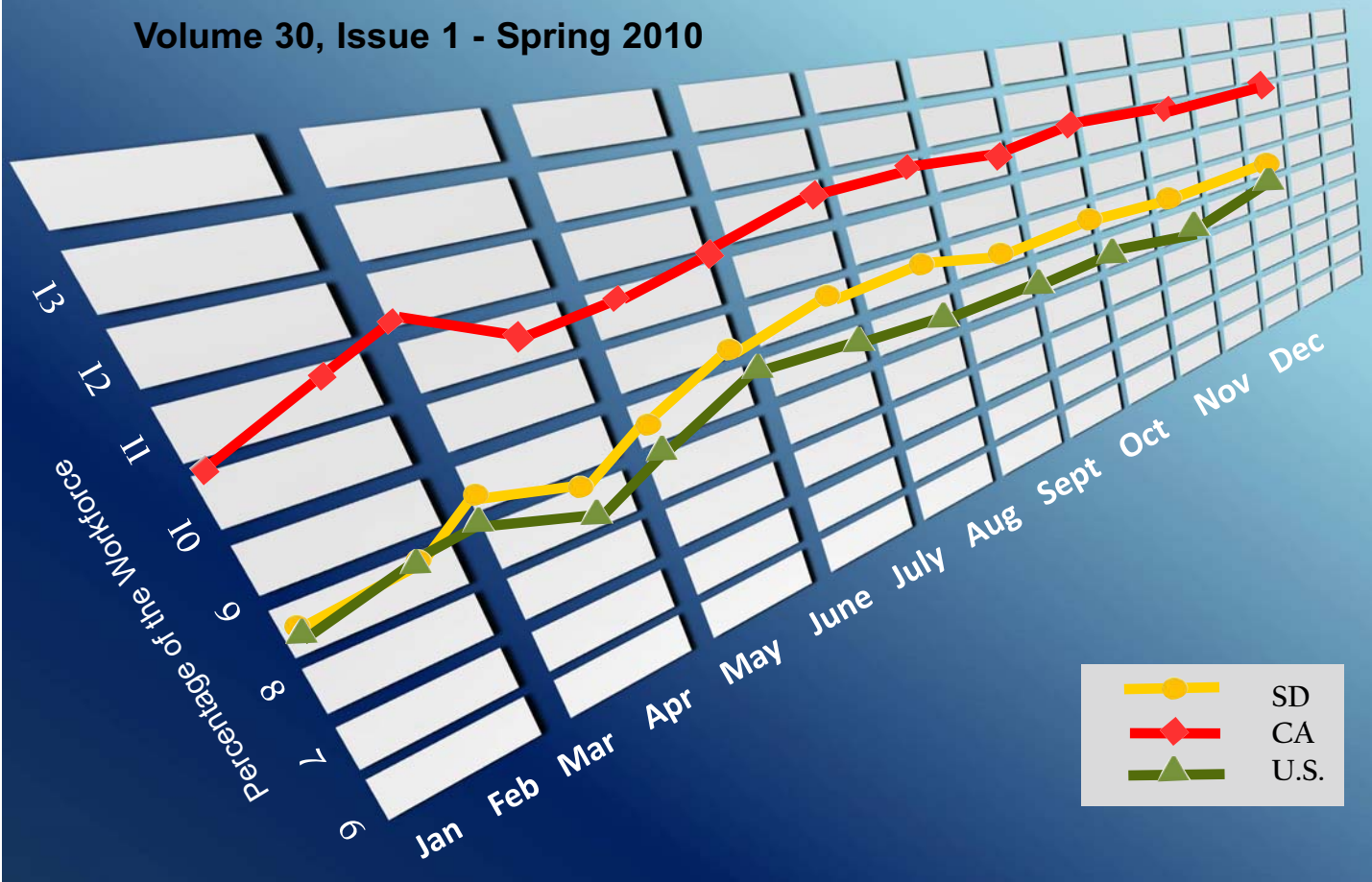




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San Diego's unemployment rate was 10.1% in December, 2009; the U.S. unemployment rate was unchanged at 10.0%; while the State of California's unemployment rate was unchanged at 12.4 % in December 2009.

ECONOMIC RECOVERY - SLOW

Local experts at the 2010 annual San Diego Economic Roundtable, hosted by the University of San Diego on January 7th, discussed their outlooks of the local economy and the general consensus was that the prolonged recession is over and we are entering into an economic recovery period both locally and nationally that will be slow. Job creation is expected to be relatively slow but as two tough years of downsizing begin to fade in the rearview mirror, jobseekers can look forward to an economy on the rise, and a lagging but slowly improving job market towards the end of the year.

The San Diego Economic Roundtable and panel presentations can be obtained at www.SanDiegoAtWork.com/roundtable and a video of the event can be viewed at <http://www.sdcounty.ca.gov/fg3/sdertreg.html>.

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Top Career Industries for the 21st Century

The movement to rebuild and modernize America is gaining momentum, creating a wealth of solid job opportunities in a variety of fields and industries. The top industries for the 21st century are **Education, Health Care, Green Technologies**, including **Renewable Energy, Information and Telecommunication Technologies, Infrastructure, and Advanced Manufacturing.**

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Education and Public Service

In our nation's schools Special Education Teachers, K-12, Social Service Workers and Government job openings will be in high demand.

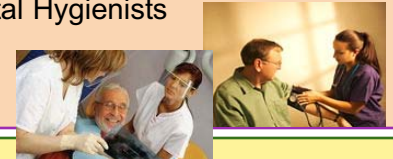


- * Special Education Teachers
- * Fitness Trainers
- * Aerobic Instructors
- * Speech-Language Pathologists
- * Social Workers
- * Substance Abuse Counselors
- * Social and Human Service Assistants
- * Preschool, Kindergarten, Elementary Teachers

Health Care and Medical Science

Job growth in the healthcare industry has been one of the few bright spots in the labor market over the past two years. This sector added positions during this time and the forces behind its durability will be more pronounced over the next decade, with the aging of America's baby boomers.

- * Medical Assistants
- * Respiratory Therapists
- * Audiologists
- * Personal & Home Care Aides
- * Certified Nursing Assistants
- * Occupational Therapy Assistants
- * Physician Assistants
- * Dental Hygienists



Green Technologies



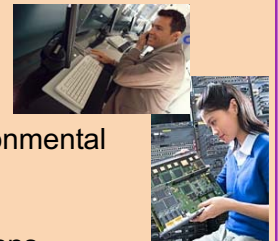
Over the past decade, green jobs have become more than a "feel-good" slogan as good intentions have been replaced by legislation, training programs, government funding, business incentives, and a recognition by Corporate America that there's green in going green!

- * Solar Power Installers
- * Conservation Biologists
- * Landscape Architects
- * Energy Efficiency Builders
- * Urban Planners
- * Environmental Engineering Techs.
- * Wind Turbine Fabricators
- * Geoscientists



Information and Telecommunication Technologies

IT is the one field that intersects with all other industries, and the microchip and nanotechnology have been critical in enabling major advances in healthcare and environmental science, two areas with a high percentage of the hottest jobs.



- * Biomedical Engineers
- * Systems Specialists
- * Surgical Technologists
- * Software Engineers
- * Computer Systems Analysts
- * Veterinary Technologists
- * Computer Technicians
- * Environmental Engineers
- * Radiological Technicians



A Matter of Degrees

- > Jobs that require Associate Degrees will grow at nearly double the national average.
- > Nearly 1/3 of job growth will be in Health Care and Education.
- > The highest-paying hot jobs will be in Information Technology.
- > Jobs in Energy and the Environment could triple over the next decade.

*To date, San Diego County has been awarded over \$68 Million in Federal stimulus dollars. Residents can track County stimulus spending by going to www.RecoverySDCounty.org.

THE SKILLS THAT EMPLOYERS WANT!

Hard skills contribute 15% of a student's success. The remaining 85% is made of soft skills. The following basic and soft skills can prepare you for employment:

Critical Thinking Skills

Courses:

Economics
Environmental Science
History
Personal Development
Philosophy/Logic
Political Science
Psychology

Problem-Solving Skills

Courses:

Anthropology
Computer Science
Economics
English Composition
Math
Philosophy
Sociology
Statistics

Ability to Think Creatively

Courses:

Art
Creative Writing
Computer Science
Culinary Arts
Digital Media
English Composition
Journalism

"BASIC SKILL" REQUIREMENTS

- ▷ Computer Skills
- ▷ Computation Skills
- ▷ Reading Skills
- ▷ Strong Writing Skills
- ▷ **Workplace Attitudes**

"SOFT SKILL" REQUIREMENTS

- ▷ Commitment to Life-Long Learning / Continuous Education
- ▷ Customer Service Skills
- ▷ Ability to Follow Verbal and Written Instructions
- ▷ **Problem-Solving Skills**
- ▷ Multi-tasking Skills
- ▷ **Work as a Team Member**
- ▷ **Oral Communication Skills**
- ▷ **Ability to Think Creatively**
- ▷ Perform Detailed and Accurate Work
- ▷ Ability to Manage Diverse Workforce
- ▷ Work Across Teams
- ▷ Verbal Presentation Skills
- ▷ Motivational Skills
- ▷ Ability to Work Independently
- ▷ Ability to Prioritize Multiple Projects
- ▷ Organizational and Project Management Skills
- ▷ Analytical Skills
- ▷ Interpersonal Skills
- ▷ Ability to Meet Deadlines / Work Under Pressure
- ▷ **Business Writing Procedures**
- ▷ Accurate Record-Keeping
- ▷ Knowledge of Various Cultures
- ▷ Ability to Keep Current with Changing Technologies

Workplace Attitudes

Courses:

Biology/Lab
Business-General/Communication
Cross-Cultural Studies
Health/Nutrition
International Business
Management
Personal Development
Political Science

Team Member

Courses:

Biology/Chemistry Labs
Business-General/Communication
Cardiovascular Technology
Cross-Cultural Studies
Psychology
Nursing
Respiratory Therapy
Speech
Theater

Business Writing/Communication

Courses:

Communication
Broadcasting
English
Journalism
Speech

Grossmont College Career Center
Soft Skill Workshop
Thursday, March 11th 2010
<http://www.grossmont.edu/studentempervices/>

Student Employment Services HOT JOBS

Substitute Special Education Aides

FT/PT- \$ 10/hr. (Job #1846091)

Description: Experience working with students in new learning situations, particularly students with disabilities. 4 to 7 hours per day.

Requirements: Having either: complete 2 years of study at an institution of Higher Learning (48 units or more with official transcripts submitted with application), or obtain an Associate's Degree.

Lawyer Referral Counselor

FT/PT- \$ 12 - 15/hr. (Job #1842376)

Description: Answer incoming telephone calls, receive email and mail from the public who need assistance with legal matters. Counselors screen callers and find the best solution to address their legal issue.

Requirements: Knowledge of basic customer service principles. H.S. graduate and/or Associate Degree, with at least two to five years customer service experience.

Congressman Hunter's Community Job Fair

Friday, February 19th, 2010

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Ronald Reagan Community Center

195 E. Douglas Ave.

El Cajon, CA 92021

(Next to the El Cajon Library)

U.S. Census Bureau Recruiting

Peak Hiring Spring 2010

Must RSVP for a test date by calling 866-861-2010

Thursday, February 4th, 2010; 9am-12pm

Tuesday, February 9th, 2010; 9am-12pm

Friday, February 12th, 2010; 10am-2pm

Thursday, February 18th, 2010; 9am-12pm

Tuesday, February 23rd, 2010; 9am-12pm

Thursday, February 25th, 2010; 9am-12pm

Location: East County Career Center
924 E. Main Street, El Cajon, CA 92021

Recruiting Assistant (RA) \$16.50-\$18.50/hr

As a Recruiting Assistant, you are responsible for attracting people to apply for census jobs and may administer employment testing.

Office Clerk \$11.25-\$12.75/hr

Performs a wide variety of clerical functions associated with office processing, field operations, recruiting, testing and administrative operations.

Crew Leader (CL) \$16.50-\$18.50/hr

Leads and regularly meets with Enumerators in the field.

Please call 866-861-2010 or visit website:

Practice test available online at www.2010censusjobs.gov

**For more information, stop by the Student
Employment Services Office in Room 626!**



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