

Leisure & Hospitality: A Cornerstone of Los Angeles County's Economy

- The leisure and hospitality industries play a vital role in Los Angeles County's economic development. It is the County's 5th largest private industry in employment terms.
- According to California's Employment Development Department (EDD), LA County's Leisure & Hospitality industries employ 370,900 workers as of March 2004. This represents 10.9 percent of total private employment in LA County.



- Total Leisure and Hospitality employment has grown steadily since 1998. In 1998, these industries accounted for 331,600 jobs. Employment in these industries has grown by 11.8 percent during the past six years.
- Of the 370,900 workers employed in LA County's Leisure and Hospitality industries, 301,000 (80 percent) are employed in "Accommodation and Food Service" establishments.
- As of March 2004, "Accommodation" establishments, including hotels and motels, in LA County employ 37,400 workers. This figure understates the total number of workers employed in the hotel industry. Jobs in this statistical category include housekeepers and front desk attendants but do not include restaurant workers employed by hotels.
- The California EDD's "Industry Employment Projections" predict that 4,000 new hotel jobs will be created in Los Angeles County between March 2001 and March 2008 -- a 10 percent increase. This figure does not account for job losses after the September 11 terrorist attacks.