

Unemployment tops 20% in eight California counties

For many California areas, unemployment rates moved persistently higher in January, indicating that the national economic recovery hasn't yet translated into jobs for the Golden State.

New county-by-county figures released by the state Wednesday showed that in eight counties, more than 1 in 5 people were out of work. Moreover, revised numbers for last year show that fewer people were employed than was previously believed.

"The real mystery now is why we aren't getting job growth when the GDP has been positive," said Stephen Levy, director of the Center for Continuing Study of the California Economy.

Hey Steve, here are a few clues; high taxes, high regulatory burdens, environmentalism gone wild, billions wasted on Green initiatives (and stem cell research), a welfare mentality and powerful government unions.