



## N E W S R E L E A S E

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### **California's nonfarm payroll jobs increase by 18,200** ***Unemployment rate increases to 11.0 percent***

**SACRAMENTO** – California's unemployment rate increased to 11.0 percent in March, and nonfarm payroll jobs increased by 18,200 during the month for a total gain of 385,900 jobs since the recovery began in September 2009, according to data released today by the California Employment Development Department (EDD) from two separate surveys.

The U.S. unemployment rate decreased in March to 8.2 percent.

In February, the state's unemployment rate was 10.9 percent, and in March 2011, the unemployment rate was 11.9 percent. The unemployment rate is derived from a federal survey of 5,500 California households.

Nonfarm jobs in California totaled 14,237,300 in March, an increase of 18,200 jobs over the month, according to a survey of businesses that is larger and less variable statistically. The survey of 42,000 California businesses measures jobs in the economy. The year-over-year change (March 2011 to March 2012) shows an increase of 181,000 jobs (up 1.3 percent).

#### **EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT IN CALIFORNIA**

The federal survey of households, done with a smaller sample than the survey of employers, shows an increase in the number of employed people. It estimates the number of Californians holding jobs in March was 16,457,000, an increase of 2,000 from February, and up 278,000 from the employment total in March of last year.

The number of people unemployed in California was 2,031,000 – up by 19,000 over the month, but down by 148,000 compared with March of last year.

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## **PAYROLL EMPLOYMENT DETAIL (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)**

EDD's report on payroll employment (wage and salary jobs) in the nonfarm industries of California totaled 14,237,300 in March, a net gain of 18,200 jobs since the February survey. This followed a gain of 38,600 jobs (as revised) in February.

Seven categories (mining and logging; trade, transportation and utilities; financial activities; professional and business services; educational and health services; leisure and hospitality; and government) added jobs over the month, gaining 37,800 jobs. Leisure and hospitality posted the largest increase over the month, adding 13,800 jobs.

Four categories (construction; manufacturing; information; and other services) reported job declines over the month, down 19,600 jobs. Information posted the largest decrease over the month, down 13,400 jobs.

In a year-over-year comparison (March 2011 to March 2012), nonfarm payroll employment in California increased by 181,000 jobs (up 1.3 percent).

Eight categories (mining and logging; construction; trade, transportation and utilities; information; financial activities; professional and business services; educational and health services; and leisure and hospitality) posted job gains over the year, adding 235,200 jobs. Professional and business services posted the largest gain on a numerical basis, adding 66,300 jobs (up 3.1 percent). Information posted the largest gain on a percentage basis, up 3.8 percent (adding 16,300 jobs).

Three categories (manufacturing; other services; and government) posted job declines over the year, down 54,200 jobs. Government posted the largest decline on both a numerical and percentage basis, down by 46,000 jobs (a decrease of 1.9 percent).

## **UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE CLAIMS (NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)**

In related data, the EDD reported that there were 570,089 people receiving regular unemployment insurance benefits during the March survey week. This compares with 565,418 last month and 630,829 last year. At the same time, new claims for unemployment insurance were 55,393 in March 2012, compared with 55,287 in February and 61,076 in March of last year.

Seasonally adjusted payroll detail follows:

**PAYROLL EMPLOYMENT, SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA<sup>2</sup>**

(Amounts in thousands)

Industrial Classification	March 2012 (prelim.)	February 2012 (revised)	March 2011	Change Over 12 Months (Percent)
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Workers . . . . .	14,237.3	14,219.1	14,056.3	1.3
Mining and logging . . . . .	29.1	29.0	28.3	2.8
Construction . . . . .	565.5	568.1	554.7	1.9
Manufacturing . . . . .	1,245.3	1,247.5	1,246.3	-0.1
Trade, transportation and utilities . . . . .	2,698.7	2,695.5	2,647.9	1.9
Information . . . . .	447.4	460.8	431.1	3.8
Financial activities . . . . .	767.9	764.9	761.2	0.9
Professional and business services . . . . .	2,185.5	2,183.5	2,119.2	3.1
Educational and health services . . . . .	1,874.1	1,861.0	1,822.9	2.8
Leisure and hospitality . . . . .	1,558.0	1,544.2	1,525.7	2.1
Other services . . . . .	481.6	483.0	488.8	-1.5
Government* . . . . .	2,384.2	2,381.6	2,430.2	-1.9
Agriculture . . . . .	404.0	397.3	382.7	5.6

\*Includes all civilian employees of federal, state, and local governments.

**TABLE A  
EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT IN CALIFORNIA, SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA<sup>2</sup>**

	March 2012 (prelim.)	February 2012 (revised)	January 2012	March 2011
Civilian labor force <sup>a</sup> . . . . .	18,488,000	18,468,000	18,462,000	18,358,000
Total civilian employment . . . . .	16,457,000	16,455,000	16,443,000	16,179,000
Unemployment . . . . .	2,031,000	2,012,000	2,019,000	2,179,000
Seasonally adjusted rate % . . . . .	11.0	10.9	10.9	11.9
US seasonally adjusted rate % . . . . .	8.2	8.3	8.3	8.9

**TABLE B  
EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT IN CALIFORNIA, UNADJUSTED DATA**

	March 2012 (prelim.)	February 2012 (revised)	January 2012	March 2011
Civilian labor force <sup>a</sup> . . . . .	18,501,000	18,450,000	18,365,000	18,338,000
Total civilian employment . . . . .	16,379,000	16,350,000	16,284,000	16,116,000
Unemployment . . . . .	2,122,000	2,101,000	2,081,000	2,222,000
Unadjusted rate % . . . . .	11.5	11.4	11.3	12.1

<sup>a</sup> Labor force by place of residence including workers involved in trade disputes.

<sup>2</sup> Seasonal adjustment is a statistical method that removes typical employment patterns that occur at various times throughout the year (e.g., additional retail hiring during the holiday season).

**MONTHLY LABOR FORCE DATA FOR COUNTIES**  
**March 2012 (Preliminary); 2011 BENCHMARK**  
**NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED**

COUNTY	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYMENT	UNEMPLOYMENT	RATE*
<b>STATE TOTAL</b>	<b>18,500,700</b>	<b>16,379,200</b>	<b>2,121,500</b>	<b>11.5%</b>
ALAMEDA	772,800	697,700	75,200	9.7%
ALPINE	530	470	70	12.3%
AMADOR	16,680	14,430	2,250	13.5%
BUTTE	102,000	87,900	14,100	13.8%
CALAVERAS	19,690	16,780	2,910	14.8%
COLUSA	11,650	8,590	3,060	26.2%
CONTRA COSTA	533,100	480,400	52,700	9.9%
DEL NORTE	11,510	9,860	1,660	14.4%
EL DORADO	91,600	80,700	10,900	11.9%
FRESNO	444,300	366,800	77,500	17.4%
GLENN	13,000	10,700	2,300	17.7%
HUMBOLDT	61,400	54,300	7,100	11.6%
IMPERIAL	77,000	56,800	20,100	26.2%
INYO	9,550	8,550	990	10.4%
KERN	380,700	320,000	60,700	15.9%
KINGS	62,400	51,500	10,900	17.4%
LAKE	25,920	21,550	4,370	16.8%
LASSEN	13,230	11,190	2,050	15.5%
LOS ANGELES	4,898,800	4,318,200	580,600	11.9%
MADERA	65,800	54,900	10,900	16.6%
MARIN	137,900	128,300	9,600	7.0%
MARIPOSA	9,070	7,790	1,280	14.1%
MENDOCINO	42,490	37,620	4,870	11.5%
MERCED	111,000	88,600	22,400	20.2%
MODOC	3,740	3,110	630	16.9%
MONO	8,990	8,120	880	9.7%
MONTEREY	220,700	188,300	32,400	14.7%
NAPA	76,100	69,300	6,900	9.0%
NEVADA	51,470	46,120	5,350	10.4%
ORANGE	1,626,100	1,493,800	132,300	8.1%
PLACER	175,500	157,100	18,400	10.5%
PLUMAS	9,550	7,720	1,830	19.2%
RIVERSIDE	946,200	825,200	121,000	12.8%
SACRAMENTO	674,700	597,500	77,200	11.4%
SAN BENITO	27,900	22,900	5,000	17.8%
SAN BERNARDINO	870,800	760,600	110,200	12.7%
SAN DIEGO	1,593,800	1,441,700	152,100	9.5%
SAN FRANCISCO	470,900	432,600	38,200	8.1%
SAN JOAQUIN	306,400	255,200	51,200	16.7%
SAN LUIS OBISPO	140,800	128,300	12,400	8.8%
SAN MATEO	387,300	358,400	28,900	7.5%
SANTA BARBARA	229,900	209,500	20,400	8.9%
SANTA CLARA	915,300	832,900	82,400	9.0%
SANTA CRUZ	151,900	131,100	20,800	13.7%
SHASTA	84,900	72,200	12,700	15.0%
SIERRA	1,720	1,450	270	15.6%
SISKIYOU	19,680	16,000	3,680	18.7%
SOLANO	219,600	195,200	24,400	11.1%
SONOMA	260,300	235,700	24,600	9.5%
STANISLAUS	236,200	195,100	41,200	17.4%
SUTTER	45,000	35,500	9,400	21.0%
TEHAMA	25,220	21,150	4,070	16.1%
TRINITY	4,960	3,970	990	20.0%
TULARE	206,600	168,900	37,700	18.3%
TUOLUMNE	26,120	22,600	3,530	13.5%
VENTURA	441,500	399,100	42,400	9.6%
YOLO	100,400	86,100	14,200	14.2%
YUBA	28,300	23,200	5,200	18.3%

\*Not seasonally adjusted.

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