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California's unemployment rate decreases to 8.6 percent
Nonfarm payroll jobs increase by 10,800

SACRAMENTO – California's unemployment rate decreased to 8.6 percent in May, and nonfarm payroll jobs increased by 10,800 during the month for a total gain of 767,200 jobs since the recovery began in February 2010, according to data released today by the California Employment Development Department (EDD) from two separate surveys.

The U.S. unemployment rate increased in May to 7.6 percent.

In April, the state's unemployment rate was 9.0 percent, and in May 2012, the unemployment rate was 10.7 percent. The unemployment rate is derived from a federal survey of 5,500 California households.

Nonfarm jobs in California totaled 14,612,500 in May, an increase of 10,800 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 (May 2012 to May 2013) shows an increase of 252,100 jobs (up 1.8 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 May was 17,035,000, an increase of 83,000 from April 2013, and up 529,000 from the employment total in May of last year.

The number of people unemployed in California was 1,608,000 – down by 65,000 over the month, and down by 364,000 compared with May 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 14,612,500 in May, a net gain of 10,800 jobs since the April survey. This followed a gain of 9,900 jobs (as revised) in April.

Seven categories (manufacturing; 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 37,400 jobs. Leisure and hospitality posted the largest increase over the month, adding 9,000 jobs.

Four categories (mining and logging; construction; information; and other services) reported job declines over the month, down 26,600 jobs. Information posted the largest decrease over the month, down 15,100 jobs.

In a year-over-year comparison (May 2012 to May 2013), nonfarm payroll employment in California increased by 252,100 jobs (up 1.8 percent).

Seven categories (construction; trade, transportation and utilities; financial activities; professional and business services; educational and health services; leisure and hospitality; and government) posted job gains over the year, adding 263,700 jobs. Professional and business services posted the largest gains on a numerical basis, adding 73,400 jobs (up 3.3 percent). Construction posted the largest gains on a percentage basis, up 6.6 percent (adding 38,500 jobs).

Four categories (mining and logging; manufacturing; information; and other services) posted job declines over the year, down 11,600 jobs. Manufacturing posted the largest declines on a numerical basis, down by 8,000 jobs (a 0.6 percent decrease). Mining and logging posted the largest declines on a percentage basis, decreasing by 3.6 percent (down 1,100 jobs).

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE CLAIMS (NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)

In related data, the EDD reported that there were 479,718 people receiving regular unemployment insurance benefits during the May survey week. This compares with 497,274 last month and 515,434 last year. At the same time, new claims for unemployment insurance were 54,526 in May 2013, compared with 50,977 in April and 57,545 in May of last year.

Seasonally adjusted payroll detail follows:

PAYROLL EMPLOYMENT, SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA²
(Amounts in thousands)

Industrial Classification	May 2013 (prelim.)	April 2013 (revised)	May 2012	Change Over 12 Months (Percent)
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Workers	14,612.5	14,601.7	14,360.4	1.8
Mining and logging	29.2	29.8	30.3	-3.6
Construction	618.6	627.1	580.1	6.6
Manufacturing	1,247.6	1,246.7	1,255.6	-0.6
Trade, transportation and utilities	2,743.5	2,738.4	2,719.9	0.9
Information	425.8	440.9	427.7	-0.4
Financial activities	790.2	786.6	773.9	2.1
Professional and business services	2,301.4	2,296.2	2,228.0	3.3
Educational and health services	1,909.9	1,904.7	1,867.7	2.3
Leisure and hospitality	1,660.9	1,651.9	1,596.7	4.0
Other services	506.0	508.4	506.6	-0.1
Government*	2,379.4	2,371.0	2,373.9	0.2
Agriculture	385.3	372.4	377.9	2.0

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

TABLE A
EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT IN CALIFORNIA, SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA²

	May 2013 (prelim.)	April 2013 (revised)	March 2013	May 2012
Civilian labor force ^a	18,643,000	18,624,000	18,629,000	18,478,000
Total civilian employment	17,035,000	16,952,000	16,880,000	16,506,000
Unemployment	1,608,000	1,673,000	1,749,000	1,972,000
Seasonally adjusted rate %	8.6	9.0	9.4	10.7
US seasonally adjusted rate %	7.6	7.5	7.6	8.2

TABLE B
EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT IN CALIFORNIA, UNADJUSTED DATA

	May 2013 (prelim.)	April 2013 (revised)	March 2013	May 2012
Civilian labor force ^a	18,591,000	18,524,000	18,558,000	18,456,000
Total civilian employment	17,081,000	16,945,000	16,817,000	16,558,000
Unemployment	1,510,000	1,579,000	1,741,000	1,898,000
Unadjusted rate %	8.1	8.5	9.4	10.3

^a Labor force by place of residence including workers involved in trade disputes.

² 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
May 2013 (Preliminary); 2012 BENCHMARK
NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

COUNTY	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYMENT	UNEMPLOYMENT	RATE*
STATE TOTAL	18,591,000	17,080,600	1,510,400	8.1%
ALAMEDA	777,400	724,800	52,600	6.8%
ALPINE	390	340	40	11.1%
AMADOR	16,240	14,770	1,470	9.1%
BUTTE	101,400	91,800	9,600	9.4%
CALAVERAS	19,070	17,230	1,840	9.6%
COLUSA	11,500	9,680	1,820	15.8%
CONTRA COSTA	536,400	500,700	35,700	6.7%
DEL NORTE	11,240	10,070	1,170	10.4%
EL DORADO	90,500	83,200	7,300	8.0%
FRESNO	446,000	393,400	52,700	11.8%
GLENN	12,660	11,230	1,430	11.3%
HUMBOLDT	59,900	55,300	4,600	7.7%
IMPERIAL	76,800	59,300	17,500	22.8%
INYO	9,370	8,710	660	7.0%
KERN	392,000	349,300	42,600	10.9%
KINGS	62,300	54,800	7,500	12.1%
LAKE	24,850	21,980	2,870	11.6%
LASSEN	12,560	11,380	1,180	9.4%
LOS ANGELES	4,924,700	4,469,600	455,100	9.2%
MADERA	69,100	61,900	7,200	10.4%
MARIN	142,000	135,700	6,400	4.5%
MARIPOSA	9,530	8,810	720	7.5%
MENDOCINO	42,320	39,360	2,960	7.0%
MERCED	111,500	96,300	15,200	13.6%
MODOC	3,780	3,390	390	10.3%
MONO	7,930	7,220	720	9.0%
MONTEREY	230,800	212,400	18,400	8.0%
NAPA	80,400	76,200	4,300	5.3%
NEVADA	49,510	45,890	3,620	7.3%
ORANGE	1,630,800	1,541,600	89,200	5.5%
PLACER	178,600	166,100	12,500	7.0%
PLUMAS	9,440	8,400	1,040	11.0%
RIVERSIDE	933,900	848,300	85,500	9.2%
SACRAMENTO	678,400	623,900	54,500	8.0%
SAN BENITO	26,700	23,800	2,800	10.7%
SAN BERNARDINO	855,600	775,800	79,800	9.3%
SAN DIEGO	1,607,200	1,499,100	108,000	6.7%
SAN FRANCISCO	482,300	457,100	25,200	5.2%
SAN JOAQUIN	301,400	266,900	34,500	11.5%
SAN LUIS OBISPO	147,100	138,800	8,300	5.7%
SAN MATEO	399,200	379,700	19,400	4.9%
SANTA BARBARA	235,300	222,200	13,100	5.6%
SANTA CLARA	924,100	866,800	57,200	6.2%
SANTA CRUZ	157,100	144,700	12,500	7.9%
SHASTA	80,000	72,000	8,000	10.0%
SIERRA	1,460	1,290	170	11.6%
SISKIYOU	18,890	16,800	2,090	11.1%
SOLANO	218,700	202,100	16,700	7.6%
SONOMA	259,700	243,900	15,800	6.1%
STANISLAUS	235,400	206,600	28,700	12.2%
SUTTER	42,500	36,200	6,300	14.9%
TEHAMA	24,680	22,000	2,680	10.9%
TRINITY	4,860	4,310	550	11.3%
TULARE	211,400	186,000	25,500	12.0%
TUOLUMNE	25,300	23,110	2,200	8.7%
VENTURA	444,800	415,300	29,500	6.6%
YOLO	97,000	89,400	7,600	7.9%
YUBA	27,000	23,700	3,300	12.2%

*Not seasonally adjusted.

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