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California's unemployment rate decreases to 8.0 percent
Nonfarm payroll jobs increase by 58,800

SACRAMENTO – California's unemployment rate decreased to 8.0 percent in February, and nonfarm payroll jobs increased by 58,800 during the month for a total gain of 1,229,400 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 to 6.7 percent in February.

In January, the state's unemployment rate was 8.1 percent, and in February 2013, the unemployment rate was 9.4 percent. The unemployment rate is derived from a federal survey of 5,500 California households.

Nonfarm jobs in California totaled 15,350,400 in February, an increase of 58,800 jobs over the month, according to a survey of businesses that is larger and less variable statistically. The survey of 58,000 California businesses measures jobs in the economy. The year-over-year change, February 2013 to February 2014, shows an increase of 336,600 jobs (up 2.2 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 February was 17,113,000, an increase of 45,000 from January 2013, and up 234,000 from the employment total in February of last year.

The number of people unemployed in California was 1,497,000 – down by 9,000 over the month, and down by 245,000 compared with February 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 15,350,400 in February, a net gain of 58,800 jobs since the January survey. This followed a loss of 32,000 jobs (as revised) in January.

Nine categories (mining and logging; construction; trade, transportation and utilities; information; financial activities; professional and business services; educational and health services; leisure and hospitality; and government) added jobs over the month, gaining 61,600 jobs. Educational and health services posted the largest increase over the month, adding 15,800 jobs.

Two categories (manufacturing and other services) reported job declines over the month, down 2,800 jobs. Manufacturing posted the largest decrease over the month, down 2,600 jobs.

In a year-over-year comparison (February 2013 to February 2014), nonfarm payroll employment in California increased by 336,600 jobs (up 2.2 percent).

Eight categories (construction; trade, transportation and utilities; information; professional and business services; educational and health services; leisure and hospitality; other services; and government) posted job gains over the year, adding 338,600 jobs. Professional and business services posted the largest gains on a numerical basis, adding 92,800 jobs (up 4.0 percent). Construction posted the largest gains on a percentage basis, up 6.2 percent (adding 38,800 jobs).

Two categories (manufacturing and financial activities) posted job declines over the year, down 2,000 jobs. Manufacturing posted the largest decline on both a numerical and percentage basis, down by 1,900 jobs (a 0.2 percent decrease). One category, mining and logging, was unchanged over the year.

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE CLAIMS (NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)

In related data, the EDD reported that there were 539,062 people receiving regular Unemployment Insurance benefits during the February 2014 survey week. This compares with 495,273 last month and 487,497 last year. At the same time, new claims for unemployment insurance were 65,494 in February 2014, compared with 73,040 in January and 41,698 in February of last year.

Seasonally adjusted payroll detail follows:

PAYROLL EMPLOYMENT, SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA²
(Amounts in thousands)

Industrial Classification	February 2014 (prelim.)	January 2014 (revised)	February 2013	Change Over 12 Months (Percent)
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Workers	15,350.4	15,291.6	15,013.8	2.2
Mining and logging	30.9	30.7	30.9	0.0
Construction	663.2	649.1	624.4	6.2
Manufacturing	1,249.3	1,251.9	1,251.2	-0.2
Trade, transportation and utilities	2,832.2	2,827.2	2,781.4	1.8
Information	452.8	451.1	442.1	2.4
Financial activities	780.7	779.9	780.8	0.0
Professional and business services	2,391.9	2,382.7	2,299.1	4.0
Educational and health services	2,356.6	2,340.8	2,278.5	3.4
Leisure and hospitality	1,697.2	1,687.9	1,647.1	3.0
Other services	521.6	521.8	512.5	1.8
Government*	2,374.0	2,368.5	2,365.8	0.3
Agriculture	422.5	414.7	404.3	4.5

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

TABLE A
EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT IN CALIFORNIA, SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA²

	February 2014 (prelim.)	January 2014 (revised)	December 2013	February 2013
Civilian labor force ^a	18,610,000	18,574,000	18,550,000	18,621,000
Total civilian employment	17,113,000	17,068,000	17,018,000	16,879,000
Unemployment	1,497,000	1,506,000	1,533,000	1,742,000
Seasonally adjusted rate %	8.0	8.1	8.3	9.4
US seasonally adjusted rate %	6.7	6.6	6.7	7.7

TABLE B
EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT IN CALIFORNIA, UNADJUSTED DATA

	February 2014 (prelim.)	January 2014 (revised)	December 2013	February 2013
Civilian labor force ^a	18,621,000	18,555,000	18,501,000	18,605,000
Total civilian employment	17,044,000	16,969,000	17,039,000	16,802,000
Unemployment	1,577,000	1,586,000	1,463,000	1,803,000
Unadjusted rate %	8.5	8.5	7.9	9.7

^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
February 2014 (Preliminary); 2013 BENCHMARK
NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

COUNTY	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYMENT	UNEMPLOYMENT	RATE*
STATE TOTAL	18,621,200	17,044,300	1,576,900	8.5%
ALAMEDA	782,000	729,900	52,000	6.7%
ALPINE	390	350	40	10.7%
AMADOR	15,800	14,260	1,550	9.8%
BUTTE	104,500	94,100	10,400	10.0%
CALAVERAS	19,030	17,090	1,940	10.2%
COLUSA	11,140	8,450	2,690	24.2%
CONTRA COSTA	540,300	502,500	37,900	7.0%
DEL NORTE	10,960	9,690	1,270	11.5%
EL DORADO	89,400	82,000	7,400	8.3%
FRESNO	449,900	389,000	60,900	13.5%
GLENN	12,890	11,230	1,650	12.8%
HUMBOLDT	57,900	52,900	5,000	8.6%
IMPERIAL	79,100	62,500	16,600	21.0%
INYO	8,920	8,190	730	8.2%
KERN	391,100	342,200	48,900	12.5%
KINGS	59,200	50,400	8,900	15.0%
LAKE	26,710	23,670	3,050	11.4%
LASSEN	12,060	10,560	1,500	12.5%
LOS ANGELES	4,964,200	4,524,800	439,300	8.9%
MADERA	68,600	60,300	8,200	12.0%
MARIN	143,100	136,300	6,800	4.8%
MARIPOSA	9,310	8,390	920	9.9%
MENDOCINO	43,080	39,660	3,420	7.9%
MERCED	113,800	95,500	18,300	16.1%
MODOC	3,550	3,080	470	13.2%
MONO	8,260	7,600	660	8.0%
MONTEREY	215,200	187,000	28,200	13.1%
NAPA	78,000	73,200	4,800	6.1%
NEVADA	49,740	46,070	3,680	7.4%
ORANGE	1,619,600	1,525,200	94,400	5.8%
PLACER	178,900	166,100	12,800	7.1%
PLUMAS	9,110	7,800	1,310	14.3%
RIVERSIDE	958,000	867,100	90,900	9.5%
SACRAMENTO	677,300	622,100	55,100	8.1%
SAN BENITO	27,600	24,000	3,500	12.8%
SAN BERNARDINO	869,900	788,800	81,100	9.3%
SAN DIEGO	1,592,700	1,482,000	110,700	7.0%
SAN FRANCISCO	490,100	464,600	25,500	5.2%
SAN JOAQUIN	296,800	257,900	39,000	13.1%
SAN LUIS OBISPO	140,800	132,100	8,700	6.2%
SAN MATEO	406,500	386,100	20,400	5.0%
SANTA BARBARA	220,700	204,900	15,800	7.1%
SANTA CLARA	933,400	876,300	57,100	6.1%
SANTA CRUZ	149,700	133,400	16,400	10.9%
SHASTA	80,700	71,800	8,900	11.0%
SIERRA	1,450	1,250	200	13.6%
SISKIYOU	17,790	15,060	2,730	15.3%
SOLANO	217,600	200,300	17,300	7.9%
SONOMA	261,600	245,300	16,200	6.2%
STANISLAUS	237,100	205,400	31,600	13.3%
SUTTER	41,400	34,400	7,000	16.8%
TEHAMA	25,080	22,200	2,880	11.5%
TRINITY	4,930	4,300	630	12.8%
TULARE	207,100	175,900	31,300	15.1%
TUOLUMNE	24,030	21,670	2,360	9.8%
VENTURA	437,500	405,700	31,700	7.3%
YOLO	99,500	89,200	10,300	10.4%
YUBA	26,500	22,600	3,900	14.7%

*Not seasonally adjusted.

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