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California's unemployment rate decreases to 7.8 percent
Nonfarm payroll jobs increase by 56,100

SACRAMENTO – California's unemployment rate decreased to 7.8 percent in April, and nonfarm payroll jobs increased by 56,100 during the month for a total gain of 1,303,600 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 also decreased in April to 6.3 percent.

In March, the state's unemployment rate was 8.1 percent, and in April 2013, the unemployment rate was 9.1 percent. The unemployment rate is derived from a federal survey of 5,500 California households.

Nonfarm jobs in California totaled 15,424,600 in April, an increase of 56,100 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, April 2013 to April 2014, shows an increase of 340,200 jobs (up 2.3 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 April was 17,195,000, an increase of 39,000 from March 2014, and up 272,000 from the employment total in April of last year.

The number of people unemployed in California was 1,457,000 – down by 48,000 over the month, and down by 237,000 compared with April 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 15,424,600 in April, a net gain of 56,100 jobs since the March survey. This followed a gain of 14,800 jobs (as revised) in March.

Eight categories (mining and logging; construction; trade, transportation and utilities; financial activities; professional and business services; educational and health services; leisure and hospitality; and other services) added jobs over the month, gaining 61,600 jobs. Educational and health services posted the largest increase over the month, adding 19,400 jobs.

Two categories (information and government) reported job declines over the month, down 5,500 jobs. Information posted the largest decrease over the month, down 3,900 jobs. One category, manufacturing, was unchanged over the month.

In a year-over-year comparison (April 2013 to April 2014), nonfarm payroll employment in California increased by 340,200 jobs (up 2.3 percent).

Nine categories (mining and logging; 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 347,800 jobs. Professional and business services posted the largest gains on a numerical basis, adding 89,500 jobs (up 3.9 percent). Construction posted the largest gains on a percentage basis, up 6.2 percent (adding 39,000 jobs).

Two categories (manufacturing and financial activities) posted job declines over the year, down 7,600 jobs. Financial activities posted the largest declines on both a numerical and percentage basis, down by 3,900 jobs (a 0.5 percent decrease).

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE CLAIMS (NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)

In related data, the EDD reported that there were 481,018 people receiving regular Unemployment Insurance benefits during the April 2014 survey week. This compares with 510,919 last month and 497,274 last year. At the same time, new claims for unemployment insurance were 62,715 in April 2014, compared with 52,755 in March and 50,977 in April of last year.

Seasonally adjusted payroll detail follows:

PAYROLL EMPLOYMENT, SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA²
(Amounts in thousands)

Industrial Classification	April 2014 (prelim.)	March 2014 (revised)	April 2013	Change Over 12 Months (Percent)
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Workers	15,424.6	15,368.5	15,084.4	2.3
Mining and logging	31.3	31.2	31.0	1.0
Construction	672.8	665.7	633.8	6.2
Manufacturing	1,249.5	1,249.5	1,253.2	-0.3
Trade, transportation and utilities	2,843.0	2,837.2	2,789.8	1.9
Information	458.5	462.4	444.3	3.2
Financial activities	780.7	777.9	784.6	-0.5
Professional and business services	2,408.9	2,397.0	2,319.4	3.9
Educational and health services	2,375.1	2,355.7	2,287.9	3.8
Leisure and hospitality	1,707.6	1,694.2	1,662.3	2.7
Other services	523.5	522.4	514.8	1.7
Government*	2,373.7	2,375.3	2,363.3	0.4
Agriculture	408.9	415.0	372.4	9.8

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

TABLE A
EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT IN CALIFORNIA, SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA²

	April 2014 (prelim.)	March 2014 (revised)	February 2014	April 2013
Civilian labor force ^a	18,652,000	18,661,000	18,612,000	18,617,000
Total civilian employment	17,195,000	17,156,000	17,113,000	16,923,000
Unemployment	1,457,000	1,505,000	1,499,000	1,694,000
Seasonally adjusted rate %	7.8	8.1	8.1	9.1
US seasonally adjusted rate %	6.3	6.7	6.7	7.5

TABLE B
EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT IN CALIFORNIA, UNADJUSTED DATA

	April 2014 (prelim.)	March 2014 (revised)	February 2014	April 2013
Civilian labor force ^a	18,498,000	18,688,000	18,624,000	18,520,000
Total civilian employment	17,140,000	17,109,000	17,044,000	16,910,000
Unemployment	1,358,000	1,579,000	1,580,000	1,610,000
Unadjusted rate %	7.3	8.4	8.5	8.7

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

COUNTY	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYMENT	UNEMPLOYMENT	RATE*
STATE TOTAL	18,497,800	17,139,800	1,358,000	7.3%
ALAMEDA	774,100	729,600	44,500	5.7%
ALPINE	370	330	40	11.1%
AMADOR	15,590	14,300	1,290	8.3%
BUTTE	103,800	94,900	8,900	8.6%
CALAVERAS	18,960	17,320	1,640	8.6%
COLUSA	11,350	9,100	2,250	19.8%
CONTRA COSTA	534,800	502,200	32,600	6.1%
DEL NORTE	10,740	9,660	1,070	10.0%
EL DORADO	89,300	82,700	6,600	7.4%
FRESNO	446,800	392,600	54,200	12.1%
GLENN	12,840	11,370	1,470	11.4%
HUMBOLDT	57,200	52,900	4,200	7.4%
IMPERIAL	78,400	61,500	16,900	21.6%
INYO	8,780	8,130	640	7.3%
KERN	384,400	340,500	43,800	11.4%
KINGS	58,500	50,900	7,600	13.1%
LAKE	26,350	23,650	2,690	10.2%
LASSEN	11,860	10,640	1,220	10.2%
LOS ANGELES	4,954,400	4,576,500	377,800	7.6%
MADERA	66,100	58,700	7,400	11.2%
MARIN	142,200	136,600	5,600	3.9%
MARIPOSA	8,990	8,270	720	8.0%
MENDOCINO	42,770	39,900	2,870	6.7%
MERCED	112,000	96,000	16,000	14.3%
MODOC	3,530	3,130	390	11.1%
MONO	7,860	7,330	530	6.8%
MONTEREY	219,300	198,900	20,400	9.3%
NAPA	77,900	74,000	3,900	5.0%
NEVADA	48,430	45,310	3,120	6.4%
ORANGE	1,601,100	1,520,900	80,300	5.0%
PLACER	178,500	167,600	10,900	6.1%
PLUMAS	9,040	7,950	1,090	12.1%
RIVERSIDE	944,500	865,900	78,700	8.3%
SACRAMENTO	675,600	627,800	47,800	7.1%
SAN BENITO	27,000	24,100	2,900	10.8%
SAN BERNARDINO	859,200	787,700	71,500	8.3%
SAN DIEGO	1,582,800	1,487,500	95,300	6.0%
SAN FRANCISCO	487,500	465,900	21,700	4.4%
SAN JOAQUIN	292,900	258,700	34,100	11.7%
SAN LUIS OBISPO	140,700	133,400	7,300	5.2%
SAN MATEO	404,200	387,200	17,000	4.2%
SANTA BARBARA	225,200	213,000	12,200	5.4%
SANTA CLARA	926,400	877,400	49,000	5.3%
SANTA CRUZ	149,000	135,600	13,400	9.0%
SHASTA	79,900	72,300	7,600	9.5%
SIERRA	1,420	1,260	170	11.7%
SISKIYOU	17,550	15,480	2,070	11.8%
SOLANO	215,000	200,000	15,000	7.0%
SONOMA	260,700	247,000	13,700	5.3%
STANISLAUS	233,900	205,200	28,700	12.3%
SUTTER	40,900	34,600	6,300	15.4%
TEHAMA	24,720	22,220	2,510	10.1%
TRINITY	4,870	4,310	560	11.5%
TULARE	203,500	176,200	27,300	13.4%
TUOLUMNE	23,770	21,760	2,010	8.4%
VENTURA	435,900	409,100	26,800	6.1%
YOLO	98,100	90,000	8,100	8.3%
YUBA	26,200	22,700	3,400	13.1%

*Not seasonally adjusted.

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