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California's nonfarm payroll jobs increase by 44,200

Unemployment rate unchanged at 7.4 percent

SACRAMENTO – California's unemployment rate was unchanged at 7.4 percent in August, and nonfarm payroll jobs increased by 44,200 during the month for a total gain of 1,418,600 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 decreased in August to 6.1 percent.

In August 2013, the unemployment rate was 8.9 percent. The unemployment rate is derived from a federal survey of 5,500 California households.

Nonfarm jobs in California totaled 15,539,600 in August, an increase of 44,200 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, August 2013 to August 2014, shows an increase of 313,900 jobs (up 2.1 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 August was 17,224,000, an increase of 16,000 from July 2014, and up 292,000 from the employment total in August of last year.

The number of people unemployed in California was 1,374,000 – up by 1,000 over the month, but down by 287,000 compared with August 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 15,539,600 in August, a net gain of 44,200 jobs since the July survey. This followed a gain of 31,500 jobs (as revised) in July.

Nine categories (mining and logging; construction; manufacturing; financial activities; professional and business services; educational and health services; leisure and hospitality; other services; and government) added jobs over the month, gaining 52,500 jobs. Construction posted the largest increase over the month, adding 13,600 jobs.

Two categories (trade, transportation and utilities and information) reported job declines over the month, down 8,300 jobs. Trade, transportation and utilities posted the largest decrease over the month, down 8,000 jobs.

In a year-over-year comparison (August 2013 to August 2014), nonfarm payroll employment in California increased by 313,900 jobs (up 2.1 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 322,800 jobs. Professional and business services posted the largest gains on a numerical basis, adding 93,000 jobs (up 4.0 percent). Construction posted the largest gains on a percentage basis, up 5.6 percent (adding 35,600 jobs).

Two categories (manufacturing and financial activities) posted job declines over the year, down 8,900 jobs. Financial activities posted the largest declines on both a numerical and percentage basis, down 7,400 jobs (a 0.9 percent decrease).

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE CLAIMS (NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)

In related data, the EDD reported that there were 411,005 people receiving regular Unemployment Insurance benefits during the August 2014 survey week. This compares with 426,224 last month and 465,922 last year. At the same time, new claims for Unemployment Insurance were 47,640 in August 2014, compared with 56,565 in July and 48,747 in August of last year.

Seasonally adjusted payroll detail follows:

PAYROLL EMPLOYMENT, SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA²
(Amounts in thousands)

Industrial Classification	August 2014 (prelim.)	July 2014 (revised)	August 2013	Change Over 12 Months (percent)
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Workers	15,539.6	15,495.4	15,225.7	2.1
Mining and logging	31.5	31.4	30.1	4.7
Construction	676.4	662.8	640.8	5.6
Manufacturing	1,250.6	1,249.2	1,252.1	-0.1
Trade, transportation and utilities	2,848.0	2,856.0	2,812.0	1.3
Information	471.7	472.0	454.2	3.9
Financial activities	778.5	776.1	785.9	-0.9
Professional and business services	2,442.0	2,431.4	2,349.0	4.0
Educational and health services	2,405.3	2,393.1	2,326.5	3.4
Leisure and hospitality	1,721.7	1,718.8	1,675.1	2.8
Other services	524.6	521.8	517.6	1.4
Government*	2,389.3	2,382.8	2,382.4	0.3
Agriculture	405.4	405.2	408.1	-0.7

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

TABLE A
EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT IN CALIFORNIA, SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA²

	August 2014 (prelim.)	July 2014 (revised)	June 2014	August 2013
Civilian labor force ^a	18,598,000	18,581,000	18,619,000	18,593,000
Total civilian employment	17,224,000	17,208,000	17,240,000	16,932,000
Unemployment	1,374,000	1,373,000	1,379,000	1,661,000
Seasonally adjusted rate %	7.4	7.4	7.4	8.9
US seasonally adjusted rate %	6.1	6.2	6.1	7.2

TABLE B
EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT IN CALIFORNIA, UNADJUSTED DATA

	August 2014 (prelim.)	July 2014 (revised)	June 2014	August 2013
Civilian labor force ^a	18,761,000	18,702,000	18,601,000	18,647,000
Total civilian employment	17,365,000	17,232,000	17,242,000	16,979,000
Unemployment	1,396,000	1,470,000	1,359,000	1,667,000
Unadjusted rate %	7.4	7.9	7.3	8.9

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

COUNTY	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYMENT	UNEMPLOYMENT	RATE*
STATE TOTAL	18,761,200	17,365,500	1,395,700	7.4%
ALAMEDA	792,700	744,500	48,200	6.1%
ALPINE	400	360	40	10.5%
AMADOR	15,990	14,760	1,230	7.7%
BUTTE	103,700	95,300	8,400	8.1%
CALAVERAS	19,460	17,860	1,600	8.2%
COLUSA	11,520	10,140	1,380	12.0%
CONTRA COSTA	545,400	512,500	32,900	6.0%
DEL NORTE	10,860	9,820	1,040	9.6%
EL DORADO	89,200	83,400	5,900	6.6%
FRESNO	451,700	406,300	45,400	10.1%
GLENN	13,150	11,850	1,300	9.9%
HUMBOLDT	57,100	53,000	4,100	7.2%
IMPERIAL	79,200	59,400	19,900	25.1%
INYO	9,080	8,470	610	6.7%
KERN	399,400	361,600	37,800	9.5%
KINGS	59,500	53,200	6,300	10.6%
LAKE	27,500	25,050	2,450	8.9%
LASSEN	12,120	11,080	1,040	8.6%
LOS ANGELES	5,019,900	4,593,900	425,900	8.5%
MADERA	69,700	63,500	6,300	9.0%
MARIN	145,900	139,700	6,100	4.2%
MARIPOSA	10,030	9,430	610	6.0%
MENDOCINO	43,490	40,830	2,660	6.1%
MERCED	112,400	99,700	12,700	11.3%
MODOC	3,720	3,410	310	8.2%
MONO	8,190	7,650	540	6.6%
MONTEREY	228,200	212,400	15,800	6.9%
NAPA	79,900	76,100	3,800	4.8%
NEVADA	49,540	46,500	3,040	6.1%
ORANGE	1,614,600	1,527,100	87,400	5.4%
PLACER	179,900	168,900	11,000	6.1%
PLUMAS	10,140	9,380	770	7.5%
RIVERSIDE	959,500	871,400	88,100	9.2%
SACRAMENTO	682,400	632,600	49,800	7.3%
SAN BENITO	26,300	24,500	1,800	6.9%
SAN BERNARDINO	863,600	792,700	71,000	8.2%
SAN DIEGO	1,607,900	1,508,000	99,800	6.2%
SAN FRANCISCO	499,700	476,300	23,400	4.7%
SAN JOAQUIN	298,500	267,900	30,700	10.3%
SAN LUIS OBISPO	139,500	131,400	8,100	5.8%
SAN MATEO	413,800	395,900	18,000	4.3%
SANTA BARBARA	223,900	211,300	12,600	5.6%
SANTA CLARA	945,000	892,900	52,100	5.5%
SANTA CRUZ	153,300	143,100	10,200	6.7%
SHASTA	79,400	72,700	6,600	8.4%
SIERRA	1,490	1,360	120	8.3%
SISKIYOU	18,610	16,900	1,710	9.2%
SOLANO	218,800	204,000	14,800	6.8%
SONOMA	263,600	249,500	14,100	5.4%
STANISLAUS	239,100	214,600	24,500	10.2%
SUTTER	41,800	37,500	4,400	10.5%
TEHAMA	24,910	22,590	2,320	9.3%
TRINITY	5,020	4,580	440	8.7%
TULARE	202,400	178,600	23,800	11.8%
TUOLUMNE	24,230	22,420	1,810	7.5%
VENTURA	429,600	400,500	29,000	6.8%
YOLO	97,300	90,700	6,700	6.8%
YUBA	27,900	24,600	3,300	11.9%

*Not seasonally adjusted.

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