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## California's unemployment rate decreases to 7.0 percent

**SACRAMENTO** – California's unemployment rate decreased to 7.0 percent in December, and nonfarm payroll jobs increased by 700 during the month for a total gain of 1,522,900 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 December to 5.6 percent.

In November, the state's unemployment rate was 7.2 percent, and in December 2013, the unemployment rate was 8.3 percent. The unemployment rate is derived from a federal survey of 5,500 California households.

Nonfarm jobs in California totaled 15,643,900 in December, an increase of 700 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, December 2013 to December 2014, shows an increase of 320,300 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 December was 17,507,000, an increase of 40,000 from November 2014, and up 489,000 from the employment total in December of last year.

The number of people unemployed in California was 1,327,000 – down by 29,000 over the month, and down by 205,000 compared with December 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 15,643,900 in December, a net gain of 700 jobs since the November survey. This followed a gain of 82,800 jobs (as revised) in November.

Five categories (trade, transportation and utilities; financial activities; educational and health services; leisure and hospitality; and government) added jobs over the month, gaining 18,800 jobs. Leisure and hospitality posted the largest increase over the month, adding 8,300 jobs.

Four categories (construction; information; professional and business services; and other services) reported job declines over the month, down 18,100 jobs.

Two categories (mining and logging and manufacturing) were unchanged over the month.

In a year-over-year comparison (December 2013 to December 2014), nonfarm payroll employment in California increased by 320,300 jobs (up 2.1 percent).

Eight categories (mining and logging; construction; manufacturing; trade, transportation and utilities; information; professional and business services; educational and health services; and leisure and hospitality) posted job gains over the year, adding 325,000 jobs. Professional and business services posted the largest gains on both a numerical and percentage basis, adding 110,900 jobs (up 4.7 percent).

Three categories (financial activities; other services; and government) posted job declines over the year, down 4,700 jobs. Government posted the largest decline on a numerical basis, down 3,500 jobs (a 0.1 percent decrease). Other services posted the largest decline on a percentage basis, decreasing by -0.2 percent (down 1,000 jobs).

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

In related data, the EDD reported that there were 436,034 people receiving regular Unemployment Insurance benefits during the December 2014 survey week. This compares with 392,610 last month and 504,558 last year. At the same time, new claims for Unemployment Insurance were 47,858 in December 2014, compared with 60,211 in November and 73,458 in December of last year.

Seasonally adjusted payroll detail follows:

**PAYROLL EMPLOYMENT, SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA<sup>2</sup>**  
(Amounts in thousands)

Industrial Classification	December 2014 (prelim.)	November 2014 (revised)	December 2013	Change Over 12 Months (percent)
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Workers . . . . .	15,643.9	15,643.2	15,323.6	2.1
Mining and logging . . . . .	31.7	31.7	30.7	3.3
Construction . . . . .	680.4	692.7	654.4	4.0
Manufacturing . . . . .	1,254.3	1,254.3	1,251.5	0.2
Trade, transportation and utilities . . . . .	2,883.9	2,881.3	2,841.7	1.5
Information . . . . .	476.5	477.6	463.6	2.8
Financial activities . . . . .	778.7	776.4	778.9	0.0
Professional and business services . . . . .	2,483.5	2,486.0	2,372.6	4.7
Educational and health services . . . . .	2,412.4	2,408.2	2,338.2	3.2
Leisure and hospitality . . . . .	1,751.6	1,743.3	1,696.6	3.2
Other services . . . . .	517.2	519.4	518.2	-0.2
Government* . . . . .	2,373.7	2,372.3	2,377.2	-0.1
Agriculture . . . . .	412.0	409.8	409.0	0.7

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

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

	December 2014 (prelim.)	November 2014 (revised)	October 2014	December 2013
Civilian labor force <sup>a</sup> . . . . .	18,834,000	18,823,000	18,757,000	18,550,000
Total civilian employment . . . . .	17,507,000	17,467,000	17,396,000	17,018,000
Unemployment . . . . .	1,327,000	1,356,000	1,361,000	1,532,000
Seasonally adjusted rate % . . . . .	7.0	7.2	7.3	8.3
US seasonally adjusted rate % . . . . .	5.6	5.8	5.7	6.7

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

	December 2014 (prelim.)	November 2014 (revised)	October 2014	December 2013
Civilian labor force <sup>a</sup> . . . . .	18,726,000	18,849,000	18,843,000	18,501,000
Total civilian employment . . . . .	17,475,000	17,503,000	17,529,000	17,039,000
Unemployment . . . . .	1,252,000	1,346,000	1,314,000	1,463,000
Unadjusted rate % . . . . .	6.7	7.1	7.0	7.9

<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**  
**December 2014 (Preliminary); 2013 BENCHMARK**  
**NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED**

<b>COUNTY</b>	<b>LABOR FORCE</b>	<b>EMPLOYMENT</b>	<b>UNEMPLOYMENT</b>	<b>RATE *</b>
<b>STATE TOTAL</b>	<b>18,726,400</b>	<b>17,474,600</b>	<b>1,251,800</b>	<b>6.7%</b>
ALAMEDA	789,800	750,300	39,600	5.0%
ALPINE	630	600	30	4.9%
AMADOR	15,610	14,480	1,120	7.2%
BUTTE	103,000	95,300	7,700	7.5%
CALAVERAS	18,980	17,560	1,420	7.5%
COLUSA	10,700	8,480	2,230	20.8%
CONTRA COSTA	544,300	516,400	27,900	5.1%
DEL NORTE	10,810	9,870	940	8.7%
EL DORADO	89,100	83,600	5,600	6.2%
FRESNO	440,800	392,500	48,300	11.0%
GLENN	13,080	11,790	1,290	9.9%
HUMBOLDT	57,500	53,800	3,700	6.4%
IMPERIAL	81,400	64,300	17,100	21.0%
INYO	8,810	8,240	570	6.5%
KERN	390,800	352,300	38,500	9.9%
KINGS	58,100	51,300	6,800	11.6%
LAKE	26,270	23,770	2,490	9.5%
LASSEN	12,100	11,040	1,060	8.8%
LOS ANGELES	5,034,800	4,658,900	375,900	7.5%
MADERA	67,600	60,500	7,100	10.5%
MARIN	146,600	141,600	4,900	3.4%
MARIPOSA	9,050	8,360	690	7.6%
MENDOCINO	42,760	40,090	2,670	6.2%
MERCED	113,900	99,300	14,600	12.8%
MODOC	3,410	3,080	330	9.7%
MONO	8,740	8,240	490	5.7%
MONTEREY	214,200	191,200	23,000	10.7%
NAPA	76,400	72,500	3,900	5.1%
NEVADA	49,070	46,360	2,710	5.5%
ORANGE	1,627,500	1,555,800	71,700	4.4%
PLACER	178,700	169,300	9,400	5.2%
PLUMAS	9,150	8,200	950	10.4%
RIVERSIDE	959,000	888,200	70,800	7.4%
SACRAMENTO	675,600	634,000	41,600	6.2%
SAN BENITO	27,400	24,900	2,600	9.4%
SAN BERNARDINO	868,700	808,000	60,700	7.0%
SAN DIEGO	1,606,700	1,523,800	82,900	5.2%
SAN FRANCISCO	502,100	482,800	19,300	3.8%
SAN JOAQUIN	292,000	261,600	30,400	10.4%
SAN LUIS OBISPO	138,500	131,500	6,900	5.0%
SAN MATEO	416,000	401,300	14,700	3.5%
SANTA BARBARA	222,300	209,700	12,600	5.7%
SANTA CLARA	948,500	906,200	42,300	4.5%
SANTA CRUZ	150,000	137,600	12,400	8.3%
SHASTA	79,700	73,300	6,500	8.1%
SIERRA	1,410	1,270	140	10.0%
SISKIYOU	18,110	16,120	1,990	11.0%
SOLANO	218,500	205,200	13,300	6.1%
SONOMA	263,600	251,300	12,300	4.7%
STANISLAUS	233,800	209,400	24,400	10.5%
SUTTER	40,600	35,300	5,300	13.0%
TEHAMA	24,890	22,690	2,200	8.8%
TRINITY	4,860	4,410	460	9.4%
TULARE	197,700	172,600	25,100	12.7%
TUOLUMNE	23,490	21,840	1,650	7.0%
VENTURA	434,200	408,500	25,700	5.9%
YOLO	99,100	90,900	8,200	8.2%
YUBA	26,000	23,200	2,800	10.8%

*\*Not seasonally adjusted.*

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