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California's nonfarm payroll jobs increase by 54,200

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SACRAMENTO – California's unemployment rate increased to 6.4 percent in May, and nonfarm payroll jobs increased by 54,200 during the month for a total gain of 1,932,800 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 increased in May to 5.5 percent.

In April, the state's unemployment rate was 6.3 percent, and in May 2014, the unemployment rate was 7.6 percent. The unemployment rate is derived from a federal survey of 5,500 California households.

Nonfarm jobs in California totaled 16,054,100 in May, an increase of 54,200 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, May 2014 to May 2015, shows an increase of 465,700 jobs (up 3.0 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 17,813,000, an increase of 59,000 from April, and up 487,000 from the employment total in May of last year.

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The number of people unemployed in California was 1,212,000 – up by 12,000 over the month, but down by 220,000 compared with May of last year.

PAYROLL EMPLOYMENT DETAIL (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)

EDD's report on payroll employment (wage and salary jobs) in the nonfarm industries of California totaled 16,054,100 in May, a net gain of 54,200 jobs since the April survey. This followed a gain of 17,200 jobs (as revised) in April.

Five categories (construction; trade, transportation and utilities; professional and business services; educational and health services; and leisure and hospitality) added jobs over the month, gaining 62,700 jobs. Professional and business services posted the largest increase over the month, adding 21,300 jobs.

Six categories (mining and logging; manufacturing; information; financial activities; other services; and government) reported job declines over the month, down 8,500 jobs. Information posted the largest decrease over the month, down 3,900 jobs.

In a year-over-year comparison (May 2014 to May 2015), nonfarm payroll employment in California increased by 465,700 jobs (up 3.0 percent).

Ten categories (construction; manufacturing; trade, transportation and utilities; information; financial activities; professional and business services; educational and health services; leisure and hospitality; other services; and government) posted job gains over the year, adding 467,200 jobs. Professional and business services posted the largest gains on a numerical basis, adding 125,500 jobs (up 5.2 percent). Construction posted the largest gains on a percentage basis, up 6.9 percent (adding 46,600 jobs).

One category, mining and logging, posted job declines over the year, down 1,500 jobs (a 4.8 percent decrease).

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE CLAIMS (NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)

In related data, the EDD reported that there were 379,996 people receiving regular Unemployment Insurance benefits during the May survey week. This compares with 415,987 in April and 435,763 in May of last year. At the same time, new claims for Unemployment Insurance were 42,929 in May, compared with 47,462 in April and 53,388 in May of last year.

Seasonally adjusted payroll detail follows:

PAYROLL EMPLOYMENT, SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA[2]
(Amounts in thousands)

Industrial Classification	May 2015 (prelim.)	April 2015 (revised)	May 2014	Change Over 12 Months (percent)
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Workers	16,054.1	15,999.9	15,588.4	3.0
Mining and logging	29.8	30.5	31.3	-4.8
Construction	719.5	713.4	672.9	6.9
Manufacturing	1,274.0	1,274.3	1,269.4	0.4
Trade, transportation and utilities	2,940.6	2,932.0	2,857.6	2.9
Information	469.5	473.4	452.8	3.7
Financial activities	791.3	792.3	782.7	1.1
Professional and business services	2,548.8	2,527.5	2,423.3	5.2
Educational and health services	2,479.8	2,464.1	2,403.9	3.2
Leisure and hospitality	1,818.7	1,807.7	1,752.0	3.8
Other services	546.5	547.6	538.2	1.5
Government*	2,435.6	2,437.1	2,404.3	1.3
Agriculture	413.9	422.6	416.8	-0.7

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

TABLE A
EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT IN CALIFORNIA, SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA[2]

	May 2015 (prelim.)	April 2015 (revised)	March 2015	May 2014
Civilian labor force [a]	19,026,000	18,954,000	18,936,000	18,758,000
Total civilian employment	17,813,000	17,754,000	17,712,000	17,326,000
Unemployment	1,212,000	1,200,000	1,224,000	1,432,000
Seasonally adjusted rate %	6.4	6.3	6.5	7.6
US seasonally adjusted rate % .	5.5	5.4	5.5	6.3

TABLE B
EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT IN CALIFORNIA, UNADJUSTED DATA

	May 2015 (prelim.)	April 2015 (revised)	March 2015	May 2014
Civilian labor force [a]	19,061,000	18,883,000	18,878,000	18,737,000
Total civilian employment	17,881,000	17,730,000	17,654,000	17,395,000
Unemployment	1,180,000	1,153,000	1,224,000	1,343,000
Unadjusted rate %	6.2	6.1	6.5	7.2

[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 2015 (Preliminary); 2014 BENCHMARK
NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

COUNTY	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYMENT	UNEMPLOYMENT	RATE*
STATE TOTAL	19,061,500	17,881,000	1,180,400	6.2%
ALAMEDA	817,200	779,600	37,600	4.6%
ALPINE	480	430	50	9.5%
AMADOR	14,760	13,820	940	6.3%
BUTTE	102,400	95,400	7,100	6.9%
CALAVERAS	20,630	19,320	1,310	6.4%
COLUSA	10,960	9,460	1,510	13.7%
CONTRA COSTA	547,700	521,300	26,400	4.8%
DEL NORTE	10,010	9,190	820	8.2%
EL DORADO	89,700	84,700	5,000	5.6%
FRESNO	451,400	407,200	44,200	9.8%
GLENN	12,920	11,790	1,130	8.7%
HUMBOLDT	63,000	59,600	3,300	5.3%
IMPERIAL	79,200	62,300	16,900	21.3%
INYO	9,100	8,600	500	5.5%
KERN	397,400	357,600	39,800	10.0%
KINGS	56,900	51,000	5,900	10.3%
LAKE	30,550	28,440	2,110	6.9%
LASSEN	10,850	10,100	760	7.0%
LOS ANGELES	5,087,300	4,714,800	372,400	7.3%
MADERA	63,600	57,300	6,300	9.8%
MARIN	142,300	137,600	4,700	3.3%
MARIPOSA	8,100	7,570	530	6.5%
MENDOCINO	41,460	39,320	2,150	5.2%
MERCED	115,800	103,000	12,800	11.1%
MODOC	3,310	3,040	270	8.2%
MONO	7,320	6,720	600	8.2%
MONTEREY	227,100	211,500	15,700	6.9%
NAPA	75,100	72,000	3,100	4.1%
NEVADA	48,560	45,970	2,600	5.3%
ORANGE	1,601,700	1,533,800	67,900	4.2%
PLACER	178,400	169,600	8,800	4.9%
PLUMAS	8,360	7,590	770	9.2%
RIVERSIDE	1,022,300	956,700	65,500	6.4%
SACRAMENTO	687,800	647,800	40,000	5.8%
SAN BENITO	30,000	27,700	2,300	7.7%
SAN BERNARDINO	919,300	861,500	57,800	6.3%
SAN DIEGO	1,563,100	1,485,900	77,300	4.9%
SAN FRANCISCO	544,700	525,600	19,000	3.5%
SAN JOAQUIN	314,400	287,300	27,100	8.6%
SAN LUIS OBISPO	143,100	136,900	6,200	4.3%
SAN MATEO	440,800	426,400	14,400	3.3%
SANTA BARBARA	224,400	214,100	10,300	4.6%
SANTA CLARA	1,028,300	987,600	40,700	4.0%
SANTA CRUZ	144,500	134,600	9,800	6.8%
SHASTA	75,200	69,500	5,700	7.5%
SIERRA	1,510	1,390	120	8.1%
SISKIYOU	17,820	16,280	1,540	8.6%
SOLANO	205,600	193,500	12,200	5.9%
SONOMA	259,600	248,500	11,100	4.3%
STANISLAUS	241,600	218,500	23,100	9.6%
SUTTER	44,900	40,100	4,900	10.9%
TEHAMA	25,380	23,430	1,950	7.7%
TRINITY	4,960	4,570	400	8.0%
TULARE	201,900	179,600	22,300	11.0%
TUOLUMNE	21,740	20,250	1,480	6.8%
VENTURA	433,500	410,800	22,700	5.2%
YOLO	103,300	97,100	6,300	6.1%
YUBA	28,200	25,700	2,500	9.0%

Not seasonally adjusted.

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