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California's unemployment rate decreases to 6.3 percent

Nonfarm payroll jobs increase by 22,900

SACRAMENTO – California's unemployment rate decreased to 6.3 percent in June, and nonfarm payroll jobs increased by 22,900 during the month for a total gain of 1,947,700 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 June to 5.3 percent.

In May, the state's unemployment rate was 6.4 percent, and in June 2014, the unemployment rate was 7.5 percent. The unemployment rate is derived from a federal survey of 5,500 California households.

Nonfarm jobs in California totaled 16,069,000 in June, an increase of 22,900 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, June 2014 to June 2015, shows an increase of 461,800 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 June was 17,848,000, an increase of 35,000 from May, and up 483,000 from the employment total in June of last year.

The number of people unemployed in California was 1,195,000 – down by 18,000 over the month, and down by 217,000 compared with June 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 16,069,000 in June, a net gain of 22,900 jobs since the May survey. This followed a gain of 46,200 jobs (as revised) in May.

Six categories (manufacturing; trade, transportation and utilities; financial activities; professional and business services; educational and health services; and other services) added jobs over the month, gaining 33,000 jobs. Professional and business services posted the largest increase over the month, adding 12,700 jobs.

Five categories (mining and logging; construction; information; leisure and hospitality; and government) reported job declines over the month, down 10,100 jobs. Leisure and hospitality posted the largest decrease over the month, down 5,800 jobs.

In a year-over-year comparison (June 2014 to June 2015), nonfarm payroll employment in California increased by 461,800 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 463,800 jobs. Professional and business services posted the largest gains on a numerical basis, adding 133,100 jobs (up 5.5 percent). Construction posted the largest gains on a percentage basis, up 7.0 percent (adding 47,000 jobs).

One category, mining and logging, posted job declines over the year, down 2,000 jobs (a 6.4 percent decrease).

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE CLAIMS (NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)

In related data, the EDD reported that there were 362,157 people receiving regular Unemployment Insurance benefits during the June survey week. This compares with 379,996 in May and 418,927 in June of last year. At the same time, new claims for Unemployment Insurance were 45,591 in June, compared with 42,929 in May and 62,749 in June of last year.

Seasonally adjusted payroll detail follows:

PAYROLL EMPLOYMENT, SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA²
(Amounts in thousands)

Industrial Classification	June 2015 (prelim.)	May 2015 (revised)	June 2014	Change Over 12 Months (percent)
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Workers	16,069.0	16,046.1	15,607.2	3.0
Mining and logging	29.3	30.0	31.3	-6.4
Construction	718.1	718.4	671.1	7.0
Manufacturing	1,278.4	1,275.3	1,270.2	0.6
Trade, transportation and utilities	2,944.5	2,939.4	2,863.8	2.8
Information	468.1	468.7	453.2	3.3
Financial activities	795.4	791.7	783.8	1.5
Professional and business services	2,561.6	2,548.9	2,428.5	5.5
Educational and health services	2,483.5	2,476.6	2,404.0	3.3
Leisure and hospitality	1,811.4	1,817.2	1,756.7	3.1
Other services	547.3	545.8	539.2	1.5
Government*	2,431.4	2,434.1	2,405.4	1.1
Agriculture	403.2	413.9	399.3	1.0

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

TABLE A
EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT IN CALIFORNIA, SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA²

	June 2015 (prelim.)	May 2015 (revised)	April 2015	June 2014
Civilian labor force ^a	19,043,000	19,026,000	18,954,000	18,777,000
Total civilian employment	17,848,000	17,813,000	17,754,000	17,365,000
Unemployment	1,195,000	1,213,000	1,200,000	1,412,000
Seasonally adjusted rate %	6.3	6.4	6.3	7.5
US seasonally adjusted rate %	5.3	5.5	5.4	6.1

TABLE B
EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT IN CALIFORNIA, UNADJUSTED DATA

	June 2015 (prelim.)	May 2015 (revised)	April 2015	June 2014
Civilian labor force ^a	19,057,000	19,060,000	18,883,000	18,785,000
Total civilian employment	17,878,000	17,880,000	17,730,000	17,399,000
Unemployment	1,178,000	1,181,000	1,153,000	1,386,000
Unadjusted rate %	6.2	6.2	6.1	7.4

^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
June 2015 (Preliminary); 2014 BENCHMARK
NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

COUNTY	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYMENT	UNEMPLOYMENT	RATE*
STATE TOTAL	19,056,900	17,878,400	1,178,500	6.2%
ALAMEDA	819,000	781,000	38,000	4.6%
ALPINE	480	430	50	9.4%
AMADOR	14,820	13,910	910	6.1%
BUTTE	102,800	95,500	7,200	7.0%
CALAVERAS	20,840	19,540	1,290	6.2%
COLUSA	10,930	9,530	1,410	12.9%
CONTRA COSTA	548,800	522,000	26,800	4.9%
DEL NORTE	10,110	9,290	810	8.1%
EL DORADO	89,800	84,900	4,900	5.4%
FRESNO	450,300	407,800	42,600	9.5%
GLENN	13,030	11,920	1,110	8.6%
HUMBOLDT	62,500	59,100	3,400	5.4%
IMPERIAL	79,200	62,500	16,700	21.1%
INYO	9,200	8,710	490	5.3%
KERN	396,000	356,600	39,300	9.9%
KINGS	57,200	51,400	5,900	10.2%
LAKE	30,570	28,500	2,080	6.8%
LASSEN	10,920	10,200	720	6.6%
LOS ANGELES	5,069,300	4,700,000	369,400	7.3%
MADERA	63,200	57,200	6,000	9.5%
MARIN	142,600	137,700	4,800	3.4%
MARIPOSA	8,690	8,200	490	5.6%
MENDOCINO	41,820	39,680	2,140	5.1%
MERCED	116,300	104,100	12,200	10.5%
MODOC	3,500	3,240	260	7.5%
MONO	7,560	7,040	520	6.9%
MONTEREY	231,600	217,100	14,500	6.3%
NAPA	75,100	72,000	3,100	4.1%
NEVADA	48,990	46,460	2,530	5.2%
ORANGE	1,595,800	1,526,500	69,300	4.3%
PLACER	178,900	170,100	8,700	4.9%
PLUMAS	8,730	8,020	710	8.1%
RIVERSIDE	1,022,100	954,800	67,300	6.6%
SACRAMENTO	690,500	650,100	40,300	5.8%
SAN BENITO	30,000	27,800	2,100	7.1%
SAN BERNARDINO	918,900	859,600	59,300	6.5%
SAN DIEGO	1,565,700	1,487,500	78,200	5.0%
SAN FRANCISCO	545,400	526,100	19,300	3.5%
SAN JOAQUIN	312,500	285,600	26,900	8.6%
SAN LUIS OBISPO	143,700	137,300	6,400	4.4%
SAN MATEO	441,300	426,600	14,700	3.3%
SANTA BARBARA	224,800	214,300	10,500	4.7%
SANTA CLARA	1,033,200	992,100	41,100	4.0%
SANTA CRUZ	145,700	136,600	9,100	6.3%
SHASTA	75,000	69,500	5,500	7.4%
SIERRA	1,560	1,440	110	7.3%
SISKIYOU	18,180	16,700	1,490	8.2%
SOLANO	205,900	193,800	12,100	5.9%
SONOMA	260,100	248,800	11,300	4.3%
STANISLAUS	242,300	219,700	22,600	9.3%
SUTTER	45,200	40,600	4,600	10.2%
TEHAMA	25,610	23,660	1,960	7.6%
TRINITY	5,140	4,770	370	7.2%
TULARE	200,600	178,600	22,000	11.0%
TUOLUMNE	21,900	20,440	1,460	6.7%
VENTURA	431,100	408,200	22,900	5.3%
YOLO	103,800	97,600	6,200	6.0%
YUBA	28,400	26,000	2,500	8.7%

*Not seasonally adjusted.

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