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Nonfarm payroll jobs increase by 80,600

NOTE TO EDITORS: *In recognition of Labor Day, EDD will release an annual summary of key labor data and a compilation of the top in-demand jobs available statewide and by eight economic regions. EDD will also include employment resources to help people connect with those jobs. Look for the news release on Wednesday, Sept. 2.*

SACRAMENTO – California's unemployment rate decreased to 6.2 percent in July, and nonfarm payroll jobs increased by 80,600 during the month for a total gain of 2,027,700 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 was unchanged in July at 5.3 percent.

In June, the state's unemployment rate was 6.3 percent, and in July 2014, the unemployment rate was 7.4 percent. The unemployment rate is derived from a federal survey of 5,500 California households.

Nonfarm jobs in California totaled 16,149,000 in July, an increase of 80,600 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, July 2014 to July 2015, shows an increase of 494,200 jobs (up 3.2 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 July was 17,861,000, an increase of 14,000 from June, and up 455,000 from the employment total in July of last year.

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The number of people unemployed in California was 1,179,000 – down by 17,000 over the month, and down by 217,000 compared with July 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 16,149,000 in July, a net gain of 80,600 jobs since the June survey. This followed a gain of 22,300 jobs (as revised) in June.

Nine categories (construction; manufacturing; trade, transportation and utilities; information; financial activities; professional and business services; educational and health services; leisure and hospitality; and other services) added jobs over the month, gaining 82,000 jobs. Professional and business services posted the largest increase over the month, adding 22,300 jobs.

Two categories (mining and logging and government) reported job declines over the month, down 1,400 jobs. Government posted the largest decrease over the month, down 1,100 jobs.

In a year-over-year comparison (July 2014 to July 2015), nonfarm payroll employment in California increased by 494,200 jobs (up 3.2 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 496,500 jobs. Professional and business services posted the largest gains on a numerical basis, adding 156,100 jobs (up 6.4 percent). Construction posted the largest gains on a percentage basis, up 7.3 percent (adding 48,900 jobs).

One category, mining and logging, posted job declines over the year, down 2,300 jobs (a 7.3 percent decrease).

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE CLAIMS (NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)

In related data, the EDD reported that there were 377,940 people receiving regular Unemployment Insurance benefits during the July survey week. This compares with 362,157 in June and 426,224 in July of last year. At the same time, new claims for Unemployment Insurance were 45,435 in July, compared with 45,591 in June and 56,565 in July of last year.

Seasonally adjusted payroll detail follows:

PAYROLL EMPLOYMENT, SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA²
(Amounts in thousands)

Industrial Classification	July 2015 (prelim.)	June 2015 (revised)	July 2014	Change Over Months (percent)
Agricultural Wage and Employment Workers	16,149.0	16,068.4	15,654.8	3.2
Forestry and logging	29.0	29.3	31.3	-7.3
Manufacturing	720.9	717.9	672.0	7.3
Construction	1,278.2	1,273.5	1,270.1	0.6
Transportation and communications	2,955.1	2,946.7	2,871.4	2.9
Information	472.0	467.3	459.0	2.8
Professional activities	800.1	795.0	785.7	1.8
Retail and business services	2,590.2	2,567.9	2,434.1	6.4
Personal and health services	2,491.9	2,482.0	2,424.7	2.8
Food and hospitality	1,830.3	1,811.2	1,759.3	4.0
Other services	550.2	545.4	541.7	1.6
Government*	2,431.1	2,432.2	2,405.5	1.1
Not classified	411.6	403.8	411.6	0.0

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

**TABLE A
EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT IN CALIFORNIA, SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA²**

	July 2015 (prelim.)	June 2015 (revised)	May 2015	July 2014
Labor force ^a	19,040,000	19,043,000	19,026,000	18,803,000
Seasonally adjusted employment	17,861,000	17,847,000	17,813,000	17,406,000
Unemployment	1,179,000	1,196,000	1,213,000	1,396,000
Seasonally adjusted rate %	6.2	6.3	6.4	7.4
Unadjusted rate %	5.3	5.3	5.5	6.2

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

	July 2015 (prelim.)	June 2015 (revised)	May 2015	July 2014
Labor force ^a	19,135,000	19,056,000	19,060,000	18,897,000
Seasonally unadjusted employment	17,892,000	17,877,000	17,880,000	17,400,000
Unemployment	1,243,000	1,179,000	1,181,000	1,498,000
Unadjusted rate %	6.5	6.2	6.2	7.9

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

COUNTY	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYMENT	UNEMPLOYMENT	RATE*
STATE TOTAL	19,135,100	17,891,700	1,243,400	6.5%
ALAMEDA	826,400	785,000	41,300	5.0%
ALPINE	480	440	40	9.2%
AMADOR	14,970	14,010	970	6.5%
BUTTE	102,400	94,800	7,600	7.5%
CALAVERAS	20,900	19,500	1,400	6.7%
COLUSA	11,220	9,900	1,320	11.8%
CONTRA COSTA	553,500	524,600	28,900	5.2%
DEL NORTE	9,840	8,990	850	8.7%
EL DORADO	89,900	84,800	5,100	5.7%
FRESNO	451,500	408,000	43,400	9.6%
GLENN	12,970	11,770	1,200	9.2%
HUMBOLDT	61,700	58,000	3,700	6.0%
IMPERIAL	78,600	59,600	19,000	24.2%
INYO	9,270	8,730	540	5.8%
KERN	398,600	358,900	39,700	10.0%
KINGS	58,100	52,400	5,700	9.8%
LAKE	30,070	27,920	2,150	7.2%
LASSEN	10,630	9,900	730	6.9%
LOS ANGELES	5,086,400	4,707,300	379,100	7.5%
MADERA	62,000	55,800	6,100	9.9%
MARIN	144,500	139,100	5,300	3.7%
MARIPOSA	8,850	8,350	510	5.7%
MENDOCINO	40,960	38,720	2,240	5.5%
MERCED	112,300	100,200	12,100	10.8%
MODOC	3,500	3,210	280	8.1%
MONO	7,870	7,390	480	6.1%
MONTEREY	229,800	215,100	14,800	6.4%
NAPA	75,600	72,300	3,300	4.4%
NEVADA	48,470	45,770	2,690	5.6%
ORANGE	1,607,000	1,531,400	75,600	4.7%
PLACER	179,200	169,900	9,300	5.2%
PLUMAS	8,680	7,970	710	8.2%
RIVERSIDE	1,025,700	950,900	74,800	7.3%
SACRAMENTO	692,500	649,300	43,200	6.2%
SAN BENITO	30,200	28,100	2,100	7.0%
SAN BERNARDINO	921,500	857,900	63,600	6.9%
SAN DIEGO	1,581,500	1,496,400	85,100	5.4%
SAN FRANCISCO	553,000	532,100	20,900	3.8%
SAN JOAQUIN	313,200	285,400	27,800	8.9%
SAN LUIS OBISPO	141,700	134,800	6,900	4.9%
SAN MATEO	447,300	431,400	15,900	3.6%
SANTA BARBARA	224,000	212,700	11,300	5.0%
SANTA CLARA	1,039,400	995,200	44,300	4.3%
SANTA CRUZ	145,300	135,800	9,500	6.5%
SHASTA	74,700	68,900	5,800	7.8%
SIERRA	1,540	1,430	110	7.2%
SISKIYOU	17,500	15,970	1,530	8.7%
SOLANO	207,800	194,900	13,000	6.2%
SONOMA	261,300	249,200	12,100	4.6%
STANISLAUS	242,900	220,000	22,900	9.4%
SUTTER	45,000	40,600	4,400	9.7%
TEHAMA	25,120	23,020	2,100	8.4%
TRINITY	4,970	4,580	390	7.9%
TULARE	199,000	175,600	23,300	11.7%
TUOLUMNE	21,840	20,280	1,560	7.1%
VENTURA	429,300	404,100	25,200	5.9%
YOLO	104,400	97,800	6,500	6.3%
YUBA	28,100	25,600	2,500	9.1%

*Not seasonally adjusted.