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California's unemployment rate decreases to 6.1 percent
Nonfarm payroll jobs increase by 36,300

SACRAMENTO – California's unemployment rate decreased to 6.1 percent in August, and nonfarm payroll jobs increased by 36,300 during the month for a total gain of 2,063,800 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 decreased in August to 5.1 percent.

In July, the state's unemployment rate was 6.2 percent, and in August 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 16,185,100 in August, an increase of 36,300 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 2014 to August 2015, shows an increase of 470,000 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 August was 17,872,000, an increase of 12,000 from July, and up 425,000 from the employment total in August of last year.

The number of people unemployed in California was 1,163,000 – down by 17,000 over the month, and down by 222,000 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 16,185,100 in August, a net gain of 36,300 jobs since the July survey. This followed a gain of 80,400 jobs (as revised) in July.

Seven categories (construction; trade, transportation and utilities; information; financial activities; educational and health services; leisure and hospitality; and government) added jobs over the month, gaining 56,200 jobs. Government posted the largest increase over the month, adding 31,300 jobs.

Four categories (mining and logging; manufacturing; professional and business services; and other services) reported job declines over the month, down 19,900 jobs. Professional and business services posted the largest decrease over the month, down 11,200 jobs.

In a year-over-year comparison (August 2014 to August 2015), nonfarm payroll employment in California increased by 470,000 jobs (up 3.0 percent).

Nine categories (construction; 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 473,900 jobs. Professional and business services posted the largest gains on a numerical basis, adding 134,600 jobs (up 5.5 percent). Construction posted the largest gains on a percentage basis, up 6.5 percent (adding 43,800 jobs).

Two categories, mining and logging and manufacturing, posted job declines over the year, down 3,900 jobs. Mining and logging posted the largest decreases on a numerical and percentage basis, down 2,700 jobs (an 8.6 percent decrease).

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE CLAIMS (NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)

In related data, the EDD reported that there were 367,255 people receiving regular Unemployment Insurance benefits during the August survey week. This compares with 377,940 in July and 411,005 in August of last year. At the same time, new claims for Unemployment Insurance were 43,332 in August, compared with 45,435 in July and 47,640 in August of last year.

Seasonally adjusted payroll detail follows:

Industrial Classification	August 2015 (prelim.)	July 2015 (revised)	August 2014	Change Over 12 Months (percent)
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Workers	16,185.1	16,148.8	15,715.1	3.0
Mining and logging	28.6	29.0	31.3	-8.6
Construction	721.9	721.2	678.1	6.5
Manufacturing	1,270.0	1,277.1	1,271.2	-0.1
Trade, transportation and utilities	2,962.9	2,955.0	2,881.3	2.8
Information	472.6	472.3	461.0	2.5
Financial activities	800.1	798.5	786.4	1.7
Professional and business services	2,580.8	2,592.0	2,446.2	5.5
Educational and health services	2,502.8	2,499.0	2,434.2	2.8
Leisure and hospitality	1,840.6	1,830.0	1,763.6	4.4
Other services	549.0	550.2	543.8	1.0
Government*	2,455.8	2,424.5	2,418.0	1.6
Agriculture	416.0	414.2	416.9	-0.2

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

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

	August 2015 (prelim.)	July 2015 (revised)	June 2015	August 2014
Civilian labor force ^a	19,035,000	19,040,000	19,043,000	18,832,000
Total civilian employment	17,872,000	17,860,000	17,847,000	17,447,000
Unemployment	1,163,000	1,180,000	1,196,000	1,385,000
Seasonally adjusted rate %	6.1	6.2	6.3	7.4
US seasonally adjusted rate %	5.1	5.3	5.3	6.1

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

	August 2015 (prelim.)	July 2015 (revised)	June 2015	August 2014
Civilian labor force ^a	19,072,000	19,133,000	19,056,000	18,870,000
Total civilian employment	17,905,000	17,889,000	17,877,000	17,435,000
Unemployment	1,167,000	1,243,000	1,179,000	1,434,000
Unadjusted rate %	6.1	6.5	6.2	7.6

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

COUNTY	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYMENT	UNEMPLOYMENT	RATE*
STATE TOTAL	19,071,900	17,905,300	1,166,600	6.1%
ALAMEDA	823,600	784,300	39,400	4.8%
ALPINE	470	430	40	8.3%
AMADOR	14,850	13,950	890	6.0%
BUTTE	102,400	95,300	7,000	6.9%
CALAVERAS	20,760	19,480	1,280	6.2%
COLUSA	11,260	10,110	1,150	10.2%
CONTRA COSTA	551,600	524,300	27,300	5.0%
DEL NORTE	9,840	9,030	810	8.2%
EL DORADO	89,800	85,000	4,800	5.3%
FRESNO	448,700	408,700	40,000	8.9%
GLENN	12,910	11,850	1,060	8.2%
HUMBOLDT	61,800	58,300	3,500	5.6%
IMPERIAL	78,900	60,200	18,700	23.7%
INYO	9,230	8,730	500	5.4%
KERN	399,100	362,000	37,000	9.3%
KINGS	57,700	52,400	5,300	9.1%
LAKE	31,010	28,980	2,040	6.6%
LASSEN	10,780	10,090	690	6.4%
LOS ANGELES	5,040,000	4,688,800	351,200	7.0%
MADERA	63,200	57,600	5,600	8.8%
MARIN	144,400	139,400	5,100	3.5%
MARIPOSA	8,760	8,290	470	5.3%
MENDOCINO	41,700	39,570	2,130	5.1%
MERCED	113,500	102,500	11,000	9.7%
MODOC	3,480	3,230	250	7.3%
MONO	7,860	7,410	450	5.7%
MONTEREY	230,200	216,500	13,700	6.0%
NAPA	76,000	72,900	3,200	4.2%
NEVADA	48,300	45,790	2,520	5.2%
ORANGE	1,604,400	1,532,500	71,900	4.5%
PLACER	178,900	170,200	8,700	4.9%
PLUMAS	8,730	8,070	660	7.6%
RIVERSIDE	1,024,000	952,200	71,800	7.0%
SACRAMENTO	691,100	650,200	40,900	5.9%
SAN BENITO	30,100	28,100	1,900	6.5%
SAN BERNARDINO	920,100	860,300	59,800	6.5%
SAN DIEGO	1,575,700	1,494,700	80,900	5.1%
SAN FRANCISCO	555,500	535,700	19,800	3.6%
SAN JOAQUIN	313,300	287,400	25,900	8.3%
SAN LUIS OBISPO	139,500	132,900	6,600	4.7%
SAN MATEO	449,300	434,400	14,900	3.3%
SANTA BARBARA	222,800	212,100	10,700	4.8%
SANTA CLARA	1,039,500	997,500	42,000	4.0%
SANTA CRUZ	143,600	134,800	8,800	6.1%
SHASTA	75,400	70,000	5,400	7.2%
SIERRA	1,520	1,430	100	6.5%
SISKIYOU	17,390	15,960	1,430	8.2%
SOLANO	206,800	194,600	12,200	5.9%
SONOMA	261,800	250,400	11,300	4.3%
STANISLAUS	244,200	223,400	20,800	8.5%
SUTTER	45,500	41,500	4,000	8.7%
TEHAMA	25,340	23,410	1,920	7.6%
TRINITY	5,130	4,780	360	6.9%
TULARE	198,000	176,200	21,800	11.0%
TUOLUMNE	21,640	20,200	1,450	6.7%
VENTURA	428,500	403,700	24,800	5.8%
YOLO	103,700	97,600	6,200	5.9%
YUBA	28,400	26,000	2,400	8.3%

*Not seasonally adjusted.