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California's unemployment rate falls to 4.8 percent in April

SACRAMENTO – California's unemployment rate fell to 4.8 percent and nonfarm payroll employment fell by 16,300 jobs in April, according to data released today by the California Employment Development Department (EDD) from two surveys. The state has gained a total of 2,494,600 jobs since the economic expansion began in February 2010.

The U.S. unemployment rate decreased 0.1 percentage point in April to 4.4 percent, with employers nationwide adding 211,000 nonfarm payroll jobs.

In March, the state's unemployment rate was 4.9 percent, and in April 2016, the unemployment rate was 5.5 percent. The unemployment rate is derived from a federal survey of 5,500 California households.

Nonfarm payroll jobs in California totaled 16,681,200 in April, 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 change, April 2016 to April 2017, shows an increase of 236,700 jobs (up 1.4 percent).

EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT IN CALIFORNIA

The federal household survey, done with a smaller sample than the survey of employers, shows an increase in the number of employed Californians over the month and the year. It estimates the number of Californians holding jobs in April was 18,255,000, an increase of 28,000 from March, and up 273,000 from the employment total in April of last year.

The number of unemployed Californians was 923,000 in April – down by 20,000 over the month, and down by 132,000 compared with April of last year.

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PAYROLL EMPLOYMENT DETAIL (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)

EDD's payroll employment report (wage and salary jobs) in the nonfarm industries of California totaled 16,681,200 in April, a net loss of 16,300 jobs from March. This followed a revised gain of 22,800 jobs in March.

Month-over Job Gains

Four of California's eleven industry sectors added a total of 21,600 jobs in April. Leisure and hospitality posted the largest jobs increase with a gain of 7,400 jobs, followed by construction with a gain of 7,200 jobs. Other sectors adding jobs over the month were mining and logging, and educational and health services.

Month-over Job Losses

Seven industry sectors reported job declines over the month, down a total of 37,900 jobs. Professional and business services posted the largest decrease over the month, down by 17,500 jobs, followed by trade, transportation and utilities, which fell by 5,900 jobs. Other sectors losing jobs over the month were manufacturing; information; financial activities; other services; and government.

Year-over Job Gains

In a year-over-year comparison (April 2016 to April 2017), nonfarm payroll employment in California increased by 236,700 jobs (a 1.4 percent increase).

Eight of California's eleven industry sectors added a total of 258,500 jobs year-over. The largest job gains were in educational and health services, up 69,700 jobs (a 2.8 percent increase); leisure and hospitality, up 51,000 jobs (a 2.7 percent increase); and government, up 44,400 jobs (a 1.8 percent increase). Other sectors adding jobs over the year were construction; trade, transportation and utilities; financial activities; professional and business services; and other services.

Year-over Job Losses

Three industry sectors posted job declines over the year, down a total of 21,800 jobs. Manufacturing employment fell by 11,400 jobs (down 0.9 percent); information was down by 8,800 jobs (a 1.7 percent decrease); and mining and logging employment fell by 1,600 jobs (down 6.4 percent).

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE CLAIMS (NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)

In related data, the EDD reported that there were 388,142 people receiving regular Unemployment Insurance benefits during the April survey week. This compares with 420,505 in March and 398,005 in April of last year. At the same time, new claims for Unemployment Insurance were 45,319 in April, compared with 42,786 in March and 46,821 in April of last year.

Seasonally adjusted payroll detail follows:

PAYROLL EMPLOYMENT, SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA²

(Amounts in thousands)

Industrial Classification	April 2017 (prelim.)	March 2017 (revised)	April 2016	Change Over 12 Months (percent)
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Workers	16,681.2	16,697.5	16,444.5	1.4
Mining and logging	23.3	23.1	24.9	-6.4
Construction	810.8	803.6	772.8	4.9
Manufacturing	1,297.9	1,301.5	1,309.3	-0.9
Trade, transportation and utilities	3,009.9	3,015.8	2,990.2	0.7
Information	518.6	522.8	527.4	-1.7
Financial activities	827.0	828.3	820.5	0.8
Professional and business services	2,536.2	2,553.7	2,526.7	0.4
Educational and health services	2,600.4	2,593.6	2,530.7	2.8
Leisure and hospitality	1,941.0	1,933.6	1,890.0	2.7
Other services	571.8	572.6	552.1	3.6
Government*	2,544.3	2,548.9	2,499.9	1.8
Agriculture	436.8	433.5	440.7	-0.9

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

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

	April 2017 (prelim.)	March 2017 (revised)	February 2017	April 2016
Civilian labor force ^a	19,178,000	19,170,000	19,157,000	19,037,000
Total civilian employment	18,255,000	18,227,000	18,190,000	17,982,000
Unemployment	923,000	943,000	967,000	1,055,000
Seasonally adjusted rate %	4.8	4.9	5.0	5.5
US seasonally adjusted rate %	4.4	4.5	4.7	5.0

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

	April 2017 (prelim.)	March 2017 (revised)	February 2017	April 2016
Civilian labor force ^a	19,084,000	19,170,000	19,122,000	19,030,000
Total civilian employment	18,222,000	18,194,000	18,120,000	18,011,000
Unemployment	863,000	976,000	1,002,000	1,019,000
Unadjusted rate %	4.5	5.1	5.2	5.4

^aLabor force by place of residence, including workers involved in trade disputes.

²Seasonal 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
April 2017 (Preliminary); 2016 BENCHMARK
NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

COUNTY	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYMENT	UNEMPLOYMENT	RATE*
STATE TOTAL	19,084,500	18,222,000	862,500	4.5%
ALAMEDA	834,400	805,600	28,800	3.5%
ALPINE	580	560	30	4.8%
AMADOR	14,720	13,980	740	5.1%
BUTTE	103,600	97,700	5,800	5.6%
CALAVERAS	20,850	19,860	990	4.7%
COLUSA	10,630	8,910	1,720	16.2%
CONTRA COSTA	553,700	533,700	20,000	3.6%
DEL NORTE	9,550	8,930	630	6.6%
EL DORADO	88,600	84,900	3,700	4.2%
FRESNO	446,700	407,600	39,200	8.8%
GLENN	13,030	12,020	1,010	7.8%
HUMBOLDT	62,600	60,130	2,470	3.9%
IMPERIAL	72,600	58,600	13,900	19.2%
INYO	8,870	8,480	390	4.4%
KERN	383,400	346,900	36,500	9.5%
KINGS	56,000	50,700	5,300	9.5%
LAKE	29,510	27,860	1,650	5.6%
LASSEN	10,230	9,580	660	6.4%
LOS ANGELES	5,105,600	4,894,900	210,700	4.1%
MADERA	60,500	55,400	5,200	8.5%
MARIN	139,700	135,900	3,800	2.7%
MARIPOSA	7,310	6,880	440	5.9%
MENDOCINO	39,350	37,540	1,810	4.6%
MERCED	112,800	101,400	11,500	10.2%
MODOC	3,300	3,060	240	7.4%
MONO	8,420	8,110	310	3.7%
MONTEREY	221,600	205,700	15,900	7.2%
NAPA	73,800	71,300	2,500	3.4%
NEVADA	47,350	45,470	1,880	4.0%
ORANGE	1,582,000	1,530,100	51,900	3.3%
PLACER	178,000	171,300	6,600	3.7%
PLUMAS	7,370	6,610	770	10.4%
RIVERSIDE	1,053,100	1,002,000	51,100	4.9%
SACRAMENTO	689,900	658,500	31,400	4.6%
SAN BENITO	29,600	27,800	1,800	6.1%
SAN BERNARDINO	938,900	895,600	43,200	4.6%
SAN DIEGO	1,554,800	1,496,300	58,500	3.8%
SAN FRANCISCO	559,100	543,900	15,200	2.7%
SAN JOAQUIN	316,500	293,900	22,600	7.1%
SAN LUIS OBISPO	140,900	136,300	4,600	3.3%
SAN MATEO	447,900	436,800	11,000	2.5%
SANTA BARBARA	217,700	208,900	8,700	4.0%
SANTA CLARA	1,016,800	985,400	31,400	3.1%
SANTA CRUZ	143,900	133,900	9,900	6.9%
SHASTA	75,000	70,600	4,500	6.0%
SIERRA	1,300	1,210	100	7.3%
SISKIYOU	17,580	16,260	1,320	7.5%
SOLANO	205,900	196,300	9,600	4.7%
SONOMA	256,500	248,300	8,300	3.2%
STANISLAUS	243,100	224,000	19,100	7.9%
SUTTER	45,300	40,900	4,400	9.7%
TEHAMA	25,350	23,790	1,570	6.2%
TRINITY	4,960	4,630	330	6.6%
TULARE	209,500	188,700	20,800	9.9%
TUOLUMNE	21,580	20,420	1,160	5.4%
VENTURA	429,100	411,800	17,300	4.0%
YOLO	105,400	100,100	5,300	5.0%
YUBA	28,300	26,100	2,200	7.8%

*Not seasonally adjusted.

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