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**California's unemployment rate unchanged at 9.8 percent
Nonfarm payroll jobs increase by 1,700**

NOTE TO EDITORS: *This release incorporates revised historical labor force numbers and industry employment data. Each year our labor force and employment data are updated to reflect additional data inputs and estimation techniques. These data are produced in cooperation with the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, based on the same methodology used by all states. This data supplements the limited employment data released by EDD on Tuesday.*

SACRAMENTO – California's unemployment rate was unchanged at 9.8 percent in January, and nonfarm payroll jobs increased by 1,700 during the month for a total gain of 681,400 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 increased in January to 7.9 percent.

Last year, in January 2012, the state's unemployment rate was 11.0 percent. The unemployment rate is derived from a federal survey of 5,500 California households.

Nonfarm jobs in California totaled 14,526,700 in January, an increase of 1,700 jobs over the month, according to a survey of businesses that is larger and less variable statistically. The survey of 42,000 California businesses measures jobs in the economy. The year-over-year change (January 2012 to January 2013) shows an increase of 254,900 jobs (up 1.8 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 January was 16,775,000, an increase of 30,000 from December 2012, and up 322,000 from the employment total in January of last year.

The number of people unemployed in California was 1,816,000 – up by 3,000 over the month, but down by 212,000 compared with January 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 14,526,700 in January, a net gain of 1,700 jobs since the December survey. This followed a gain of 8,200 jobs (as revised) in December.

Seven categories (mining and logging; construction; financial activities; professional and business services; educational and health services; leisure and hospitality; and other services) added jobs over the month, gaining 29,300 jobs. Leisure and hospitality posted the largest increase over the month, adding 7,800 jobs.

Four categories (manufacturing; trade, transportation and utilities; information; and government) reported job declines over the month, down 27,600 jobs. Information posted the largest decrease over the month, down 18,200 jobs.

In a year-over-year comparison (January 2012 to January 2013), nonfarm payroll employment in California increased by 254,900 jobs (up 1.8 percent).

Seven categories (construction; trade, transportation and utilities; financial activities; professional and business services; educational and health services; leisure and hospitality; and other services) posted job gains over the year, adding 282,900 jobs. Professional and business services posted the largest gains on a numerical basis, adding 71,600 jobs (up 3.3 percent). Leisure and hospitality posted the largest gains on a percentage basis, up 4.1 percent (adding 64,900 jobs).

Four categories (mining and logging; manufacturing; information; and government) posted job declines over the year, down 28,000 jobs. Government posted the largest declines on a numerical basis, down by 21,600 jobs (a 0.9 percent decrease). Mining and logging posted the largest declines on a percentage basis, decreasing by 1.3 percent (down 400 jobs).

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE CLAIMS (NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)

In related data, the EDD reported that there were 519,632 people receiving regular unemployment insurance benefits during the January survey week. This compares with 496,500 last month and 575,895 last year. At the same time, new claims for unemployment insurance were 68,907 in January 2013, compared with 51,545 in December and 59,344 in January of last year.

Seasonally adjusted payroll detail follows:

PAYROLL EMPLOYMENT, SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA²
(Amounts in thousands)

Industrial Classification	January 2013 (prelim.)	December 2012 (revised)	January 2012	Change Over 12 Months (Percent)
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Workers	14,526.7	14,525.0	14,271.8	1.8
Mining and logging	29.9	29.6	30.3	-1.3
Construction	610.5	603.2	592.9	3.0
Manufacturing	1,247.7	1,250.6	1,250.5	-0.2
Trade, transportation and utilities	2,755.4	2,760.9	2,703.9	1.9
Information	421.1	439.3	424.3	-0.8
Financial activities	780.9	780.3	766.6	1.9
Professional and business services	2,265.8	2,262.4	2,194.2	3.3
Educational and health services	1,909.9	1,906.6	1,857.6	2.8
Leisure and hospitality	1,630.7	1,622.9	1,565.8	4.1
Other services	511.4	504.8	500.7	2.1
Government*	2,363.4	2,364.4	2,385.0	-0.9
Agriculture	402.0	381.7	399.3	0.7

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

TABLE A
EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT IN CALIFORNIA, SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA²

	January 2013 (prelim.)	December 2012 (revised)	November 2012	January 2012
Civilian labor force ^a	18,591,000	18,558,000	18,537,000	18,481,000
Total civilian employment	16,775,000	16,745,000	16,703,000	16,453,000
Unemployment	1,816,000	1,813,000	1,834,000	2,028,000
Seasonally adjusted rate %	9.8	9.8	9.9	11.0
US seasonally adjusted rate %	7.9	7.8	7.8	8.3

TABLE B
EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT IN CALIFORNIA, UNADJUSTED DATA

	January 2013 (prelim.)	December 2012 (revised)	November 2012	January 2012
Civilian labor force ^a	18,551,000	18,540,000	18,511,000	18,383,000
Total civilian employment	16,629,000	16,731,000	16,740,000	16,280,000
Unemployment	1,922,000	1,809,000	1,771,000	2,102,000
Unadjusted rate %	10.4	9.8	9.6	11.4

^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
January 2013 (Preliminary); 2012 BENCHMARK
NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

COUNTY	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYMENT	UNEMPLOYMENT	RATE*
STATE TOTAL	18,550,600	16,628,800	1,921,700	10.4%
ALAMEDA	780,500	713,300	67,200	8.6%
ALPINE	560	510	60	9.9%
AMADOR	16,350	14,410	1,950	11.9%
BUTTE	101,600	88,700	12,900	12.7%
CALAVERAS	18,960	16,460	2,500	13.2%
COLUSA	11,680	8,440	3,240	27.7%
CONTRA COSTA	539,400	492,700	46,600	8.6%
DEL NORTE	11,470	9,910	1,560	13.6%
EL DORADO	90,100	81,100	9,000	10.0%
FRESNO	441,000	370,300	70,600	16.0%
GLENN	12,720	10,750	1,970	15.5%
HUMBOLDT	60,300	54,000	6,300	10.4%
IMPERIAL	78,000	57,900	20,100	25.8%
INYO	9,450	8,540	900	9.6%
KERN	395,700	339,700	55,900	14.1%
KINGS	61,000	50,900	10,200	16.7%
LAKE	25,300	21,370	3,930	15.5%
LASSEN	13,130	11,390	1,740	13.3%
LOS ANGELES	4,894,400	4,360,100	534,300	10.9%
MADERA	69,900	60,200	9,600	13.8%
MARIN	141,400	133,200	8,300	5.8%
MARIPOSA	9,000	7,880	1,110	12.4%
MENDOCINO	42,540	38,310	4,230	9.9%
MERCED	113,800	92,900	20,900	18.4%
MODOC	3,790	3,210	580	15.3%
MONO	8,950	8,170	780	8.7%
MONTEREY	223,900	191,800	32,100	14.3%
NAPA	78,000	71,800	6,200	8.0%
NEVADA	51,390	46,780	4,610	9.0%
ORANGE	1,619,500	1,504,700	114,700	7.1%
PLACER	177,800	161,900	15,900	8.9%
PLUMAS	9,380	7,810	1,570	16.8%
RIVERSIDE	950,500	841,100	109,400	11.5%
SACRAMENTO	678,300	608,200	70,100	10.3%
SAN BENITO	27,400	23,200	4,200	15.4%
SAN BERNARDINO	870,000	769,200	100,800	11.6%
SAN DIEGO	1,601,700	1,464,600	137,200	8.6%
SAN FRANCISCO	481,500	448,600	33,000	6.8%
SAN JOAQUIN	299,500	252,900	46,600	15.5%
SAN LUIS OBISPO	146,900	135,900	11,000	7.5%
SAN MATEO	397,600	372,600	25,000	6.3%
SANTA BARBARA	229,200	210,000	19,200	8.4%
SANTA CLARA	917,400	844,600	72,800	7.9%
SANTA CRUZ	151,000	131,900	19,100	12.6%
SHASTA	80,500	69,600	11,000	13.6%
SIERRA	1,540	1,300	240	15.5%
SISKIYOU	18,900	15,660	3,230	17.1%
SOLANO	218,000	196,200	21,800	10.0%
SONOMA	257,100	235,900	21,300	8.3%
STANISLAUS	238,800	201,500	37,300	15.6%
SUTTER	42,700	34,700	8,000	18.8%
TEHAMA	25,670	22,140	3,530	13.8%
TRINITY	4,810	4,000	810	16.8%
TULARE	208,600	173,500	35,100	16.8%
TUOLUMNE	25,430	22,390	3,040	12.0%
VENTURA	439,600	400,200	39,400	9.0%
YOLO	99,900	87,200	12,700	12.7%
YUBA	27,300	22,700	4,600	16.8%

*Not seasonally adjusted.

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