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**California's unemployment rate decreases to 9.6 percent**  
***Nonfarm payroll jobs increase by 41,200***

**SACRAMENTO** – California's unemployment rate decreased to 9.6 percent in February, and nonfarm payroll jobs increased by 41,200 during the month for a total gain of 725,100 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 February to 7.7 percent.

In January, the state's unemployment rate was 9.8 percent, and in February 2012, the unemployment rate was 10.8 percent. The unemployment rate is derived from a federal survey of 5,500 California households.

Nonfarm jobs in California totaled 14,570,400 in February, an increase of 41,200 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 (February 2012 to February 2013) shows an increase of 293,800 jobs (up 2.1 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 February was 16,850,000, an increase of 73,000 from January 2013, and up 368,000 from the employment total in February of last year.

The number of people unemployed in California was 1,792,000 – down by 26,000 over the month, and down by 209,000 compared with February 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 14,570,400 in February, a net gain of 41,200 jobs since the January survey. This followed a gain of 4,200 jobs (as revised) in January.

Six categories (construction; information; financial activities; professional and business services; leisure and hospitality; and government) added jobs over the month, gaining 57,700 jobs. Leisure and hospitality posted the largest increase over the month, adding 15,700 jobs.

Four categories (manufacturing; trade, transportation and utilities; educational and health services; and other services) reported job declines over the month, down 16,500 jobs. Trade, transportation and utilities posted the largest decrease over the month, down 7,000 jobs. One category, mining and logging, was unchanged over the month.

In a year-over-year comparison (February 2012 to February 2013), nonfarm payroll employment in California increased by 293,800 jobs (up 2.1 percent).

Eight categories (construction; trade, transportation and utilities; information; financial activities; professional and business services; educational and health services; leisure and hospitality; and other services) posted job gains over the year, adding 310,300 jobs. Professional and business services posted the largest gains on a numerical basis, adding 77,800 jobs (up 3.5 percent). Construction posted the largest gains on a percentage basis, up 6.2 percent (adding 35,800 jobs).

Three categories (mining and logging; manufacturing; and government) posted job declines over the year, down 16,500 jobs. Government posted the largest declines on a numerical basis, down by 9,500 jobs (a 0.4 percent decrease). Mining and logging posted the largest declines on a percentage basis, decreasing by 0.7 percent (down 200 jobs).

**UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE CLAIMS (NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)**

In related data, the EDD reported that there were 487,497 people receiving regular unemployment insurance benefits during the February survey week. This compares with 519,632 last month and 565,418 last year. At the same time, new claims for unemployment insurance were 41,698 in February 2013, compared with 68,907 in January and 55,287 in February of last year.

Seasonally adjusted payroll detail follows:

**PAYROLL EMPLOYMENT, SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA<sup>2</sup>**  
**(Amounts in thousands)**

Industrial Classification	February 2013 (prelim.)	January 2013 (revised)	February 2012	Change Over 12 Months (Percent)
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Workers . . . . .	14,570.4	14,529.2	14,276.6	2.1
Mining and logging . . . . .	29.9	29.9	30.1	-0.7
Construction . . . . .	616.9	611.2	581.1	6.2
Manufacturing . . . . .	1,243.7	1,247.0	1,250.5	-0.5
Trade, transportation and utilities . . . . .	2,747.8	2,754.8	2,702.0	1.7
Information . . . . .	432.9	421.1	425.3	1.8
Financial activities . . . . .	785.0	781.1	767.1	2.3
Professional and business services . . . . .	2,281.2	2,271.8	2,203.4	3.5
Educational and health services . . . . .	1,903.7	1,907.1	1,860.8	2.3
Leisure and hospitality . . . . .	1,649.4	1,633.7	1,572.2	4.9
Other services . . . . .	507.0	509.8	501.7	1.1
Government* . . . . .	2,372.9	2,361.7	2,382.4	-0.4
Agriculture . . . . .	408.5	402.1	397.3	2.8

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

**TABLE A**  
**EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT IN CALIFORNIA, SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA<sup>2</sup>**

	February 2013 (prelim.)	January 2013 (revised)	December 2012	February 2012
Civilian labor force <sup>a</sup> . . . . .	18,642,000	18,594,000	18,558,000	18,483,000
Total civilian employment . . . . .	16,850,000	16,777,000	16,745,000	16,482,000
Unemployment . . . . .	1,792,000	1,818,000	1,813,000	2,001,000
Seasonally adjusted rate % . . . . .	9.6	9.8	9.8	10.8
US seasonally adjusted rate % . . . . .	7.7	7.9	7.8	8.3

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

	February 2013 (prelim.)	January 2013 (revised)	December 2012	February 2012
Civilian labor force <sup>a</sup> . . . . .	18,647,000	18,556,000	18,540,000	18,475,000
Total civilian employment . . . . .	16,837,000	16,632,000	16,731,000	16,391,000
Unemployment . . . . .	1,810,000	1,925,000	1,809,000	2,084,000
Unadjusted rate % . . . . .	9.7	10.4	9.8	11.3

<sup>a</sup> Labor force by place of residence including workers involved in trade disputes.

<sup>2</sup> 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**  
**February 2013 (Preliminary); 2012 BENCHMARK**  
*NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED*

COUNTY	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYMENT	UNEMPLOYMENT	RATE*
<b>STATE TOTAL</b>	<b>18,646,900</b>	<b>16,836,500</b>	<b>1,810,400</b>	<b>9.7%</b>
ALAMEDA	783,000	720,400	62,600	8.0%
ALPINE	580	530	50	9.3%
AMADOR	16,280	14,450	1,830	11.2%
BUTTE	102,200	90,200	11,900	11.7%
CALAVERAS	18,900	16,550	2,360	12.5%
COLUSA	11,450	8,490	2,960	25.9%
CONTRA COSTA	541,500	497,700	43,900	8.1%
DEL NORTE	11,450	10,040	1,410	12.3%
EL DORADO	91,100	82,300	8,800	9.6%
FRESNO	438,800	371,300	67,500	15.4%
GLENN	12,740	10,880	1,860	14.6%
HUMBOLDT	59,900	54,000	5,900	9.8%
IMPERIAL	77,200	58,500	18,700	24.2%
INYO	9,440	8,580	870	9.2%
KERN	395,000	341,500	53,600	13.6%
KINGS	61,500	51,900	9,600	15.6%
LAKE	25,170	21,520	3,640	14.5%
LASSEN	12,580	10,930	1,650	13.1%
LOS ANGELES	4,925,100	4,418,400	506,700	10.3%
MADERA	69,600	60,500	9,200	13.2%
MARIN	142,100	134,500	7,600	5.4%
MARIPOSA	8,930	7,890	1,040	11.7%
MENDOCINO	42,280	38,340	3,940	9.3%
MERCED	113,100	92,900	20,200	17.8%
MODOC	3,700	3,140	560	15.1%
MONO	9,020	8,300	730	8.1%
MONTEREY	226,000	195,600	30,400	13.5%
NAPA	78,500	73,000	5,500	7.0%
NEVADA	51,320	46,910	4,420	8.6%
ORANGE	1,635,900	1,528,900	107,100	6.5%
PLACER	179,200	164,300	14,900	8.3%
PLUMAS	9,280	7,740	1,540	16.6%
RIVERSIDE	953,800	850,000	103,800	10.9%
SACRAMENTO	682,300	617,200	65,200	9.5%
SAN BENITO	27,700	23,500	4,200	15.0%
SAN BERNARDINO	870,900	777,300	93,600	10.7%
SAN DIEGO	1,614,000	1,485,400	128,600	8.0%
SAN FRANCISCO	483,400	453,100	30,400	6.3%
SAN JOAQUIN	299,200	255,400	43,900	14.7%
SAN LUIS OBISPO	145,400	135,100	10,200	7.0%
SAN MATEO	399,800	376,300	23,500	5.9%
SANTA BARBARA	230,900	213,200	17,700	7.7%
SANTA CLARA	924,300	856,000	68,300	7.4%
SANTA CRUZ	154,400	136,200	18,300	11.8%
SHASTA	79,900	69,600	10,400	13.0%
SIERRA	1,540	1,300	240	15.3%
SISKIYOU	18,800	15,720	3,080	16.4%
SOLANO	218,700	198,400	20,300	9.3%
SONOMA	259,100	239,400	19,700	7.6%
STANISLAUS	237,900	202,400	35,500	14.9%
SUTTER	42,800	34,800	8,000	18.7%
TEHAMA	25,210	21,850	3,360	13.3%
TRINITY	4,770	4,000	770	16.1%
TULARE	209,000	175,700	33,300	15.9%
TUOLUMNE	25,570	22,720	2,850	11.1%
VENTURA	446,900	410,600	36,300	8.1%
YOLO	100,600	88,400	12,100	12.1%
YUBA	27,100	22,800	4,300	15.9%

\*Not seasonally adjusted.

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