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California's nonfarm payroll jobs increase by 60,400

SACRAMENTO – California's unemployment rate increased to 5.8 percent in December, and nonfarm payroll jobs increased by 60,400 during the month for a total gain of 2,198,800 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 was unchanged in December at 5.0 percent.

In November, the state's unemployment rate was 5.7 percent, and in December 2014, the unemployment rate was 7.1 percent. The unemployment rate is derived from a federal survey of 5,500 California households.

Nonfarm jobs in California totaled 16,320,100 in December, an increase of 60,400 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, December 2014 to December 2015, shows an increase of 459,400 jobs (up 2.9 percent).

EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT IN CALIFORNIA

The federal survey of households, done with a smaller sample than the survey of employers, shows a decrease in the number of employed people. It estimates the number of Californians holding jobs in December was 17,900,000, a decrease of 10,000 from November, but up 334,000 from the employment total in December of last year.

The number of people unemployed in California was 1,096,000 – up by 14,000 over the month, but down by 251,000 compared with December 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 16,320,100 in December, a net gain of 60,400 jobs since the November survey. This followed a gain of 7,200 jobs (as revised) in November.

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) added jobs over the month, gaining 60,500 jobs. Professional and business services posted the largest increase over the month, adding 15,800 jobs.

One category, mining and logging, reported job declines over the month, down 100 jobs.

In a year-over-year comparison (December 2014 to December 2015), nonfarm payroll employment in California increased by 459,400 jobs (up 2.9 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 464,900 jobs. Professional and business services posted the largest gains on a numerical basis, adding 124,700 jobs (up 5.0 percent). Construction posted the largest gains on a percentage basis, up 8.6 percent (adding 59,300 jobs).

Two categories, mining and logging and manufacturing, posted job declines over the year, down 5,500 jobs. Mining and logging posted the largest decreases on both a numerical and percentage basis, down 3,000 jobs (a 9.6 percent decrease).

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE CLAIMS (NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)

In related data, the EDD reported that there were 393,350 people receiving regular Unemployment Insurance benefits during the December survey week. This compares with 355,913 in November and 436,034 in December of last year. At the same time, new claims for Unemployment Insurance were 53,248 in December, compared with 54,438 in November and 47,858 in December of last year.

Seasonally adjusted payroll detail follows:

PAYROLL EMPLOYMENT, SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA²
(Amounts in thousands)

Industrial Classification	December 2015 (prelim.)	November 2015 (revised)	December 2014	Change Over 12 Months (percent)
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Workers	16,320.1	16,259.7	15,860.7	2.9
Mining and logging	28.1	28.2	31.1	-9.6
Construction	745.8	734.6	686.5	8.6
Manufacturing	1,269.2	1,267.6	1,271.7	-0.2
Trade, transportation and utilities	2,984.7	2,977.0	2,914.3	2.4
Information	477.4	472.4	462.0	3.3
Financial activities	797.4	793.5	793.0	0.6
Professional and business services	2,618.1	2,602.3	2,493.4	5.0
Educational and health services	2,516.0	2,513.9	2,443.9	3.0
Leisure and hospitality	1,861.1	1,854.3	1,784.5	4.3
Other services	555.1	552.4	548.6	1.2
Government*	2,467.2	2,463.5	2,431.7	1.5
Agriculture	418.8	424.3	414.9	0.9

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

TABLE A
EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT IN CALIFORNIA, SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA²

	December 2015 (prelim.)	November 2015 (revised)	October 2015	December 2014
Civilian labor force ^a	18,997,000	18,992,000	18,994,000	18,914,000
Total civilian employment	17,900,000	17,910,000	17,899,000	17,566,000
Unemployment	1,096,000	1,082,000	1,095,000	1,347,000
Seasonally adjusted rate %	5.8	5.7	5.8	7.1
US seasonally adjusted rate %	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.6

TABLE B
EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT IN CALIFORNIA, UNADJUSTED DATA

	December 2015 (prelim.)	November 2015 (revised)	October 2015	December 2014
Civilian labor force ^a	18,934,000	18,988,000	19,017,000	18,856,000
Total civilian employment	17,843,000	17,913,000	17,938,000	17,578,000
Unemployment	1,092,000	1,074,000	1,080,000	1,277,000
Unadjusted rate %	5.8	5.7	5.7	6.8

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

COUNTY	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYMENT	UNEMPLOYMENT	RATE*
STATE TOTAL	18,934,500	17,842,900	1,091,600	5.8%
ALAMEDA	821,900	786,200	35,700	4.3%
ALPINE	640	610	40	5.7%
AMADOR	14,380	13,470	910	6.3%
BUTTE	101,900	94,800	7,100	7.0%
CALAVERAS	20,170	18,900	1,280	6.3%
COLUSA	10,860	8,760	2,100	19.3%
CONTRA COSTA	549,600	524,700	24,900	4.5%
DEL NORTE	9,880	9,000	880	8.9%
EL DORADO	89,100	84,300	4,800	5.3%
FRESNO	436,500	391,400	45,100	10.3%
GLENN	12,900	11,750	1,150	8.9%
HUMBOLDT	61,840	58,410	3,430	5.6%
IMPERIAL	80,000	64,300	15,700	19.6%
INYO	8,960	8,430	530	5.9%
KERN	395,200	354,800	40,400	10.2%
KINGS	56,500	50,300	6,200	10.9%
LAKE	29,960	27,760	2,200	7.3%
LASSEN	10,530	9,710	810	7.7%
LOS ANGELES	4,977,500	4,687,200	290,400	5.8%
MADERA	62,200	55,900	6,300	10.1%
MARIN	144,500	139,800	4,600	3.2%
MARIPOSA	7,580	6,970	610	8.1%
MENDOCINO	40,820	38,420	2,400	5.9%
MERCED	113,500	100,100	13,500	11.9%
MODOC	3,190	2,890	300	9.4%
MONO	8,640	8,170	470	5.5%
MONTEREY	211,400	189,300	22,100	10.4%
NAPA	72,100	68,400	3,700	5.1%
NEVADA	48,610	46,160	2,450	5.0%
ORANGE	1,602,100	1,537,000	65,100	4.1%
PLACER	177,500	169,300	8,200	4.6%
PLUMAS	7,820	6,870	950	12.2%
RIVERSIDE	1,032,000	969,200	62,800	6.1%
SACRAMENTO	685,300	647,100	38,200	5.6%
SAN BENITO	30,000	27,800	2,200	7.4%
SAN BERNARDINO	929,600	875,700	53,900	5.8%
SAN DIEGO	1,568,300	1,493,800	74,400	4.7%
SAN FRANCISCO	552,800	534,600	18,300	3.3%
SAN JOAQUIN	312,000	284,400	27,500	8.8%
SAN LUIS OBISPO	140,600	134,300	6,300	4.5%
SAN MATEO	446,700	433,100	13,600	3.1%
SANTA BARBARA	220,000	207,800	12,100	5.5%
SANTA CLARA	1,038,400	999,700	38,700	3.7%
SANTA CRUZ	137,500	125,800	11,700	8.5%
SHASTA	74,900	69,200	5,600	7.5%
SIERRA	1,480	1,360	120	7.8%
SISKIYOU	16,590	14,700	1,890	11.4%
SOLANO	207,500	195,800	11,700	5.6%
SONOMA	258,100	247,300	10,900	4.2%
STANISLAUS	241,000	219,000	22,000	9.1%
SUTTER	43,500	38,500	4,900	11.4%
TEHAMA	25,340	23,430	1,910	7.5%
TRINITY	4,850	4,430	420	8.7%
TULARE	197,000	172,900	24,100	12.2%
TUOLUMNE	21,260	19,790	1,470	6.9%
VENTURA	431,200	407,800	23,300	5.4%
YOLO	102,800	96,000	6,800	6.6%
YUBA	27,800	25,100	2,600	9.4%