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California's unemployment rate decreases to 5.2 percent

Nonfarm payroll jobs increase by 15,200

SACRAMENTO – California's unemployment rate decreased to 5.2 percent in May, and nonfarm payroll jobs increased by 15,200 during the month for a total gain of 2,220,600 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 4.7 percent in May.

The state's unemployment rate declined from 5.3 percent in April and 6.4 percent in May 2015. The unemployment rate is derived from a federal survey of 5,500 California households.

Nonfarm jobs in California totaled 16,407,100 in May, an increase of 15,200 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 state added 440,300 jobs, a 2.8 percent increase, from May 2015 to May 2016.

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 May was 18,081,000, an increase of 9,000 from April, and up 337,000 from May of last year.

The number of people unemployed in California was 995,000 – down by 19,000 over the month, and down by 208,000 compared with May 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 16,407,100 in May, a net gain of 15,200 jobs since the April survey. This followed an April gain of 70,000 jobs, revised up from the preliminary estimate of 59,600 jobs.

Six categories added a total of 32,400 jobs: Information, financial activities, professional and business services, educational and health services, other services, and government. Professional and business services and educational and health services led the way, each with a gain of 12,800 jobs.

Five categories lost a total of 17,200 jobs: mining and logging, manufacturing, construction, trade, transportation and utilities, and leisure and hospitality. Manufacturing had the largest loss, 5,000 jobs.

In a year-over-year comparison (May 2015 to May 2016), nonfarm payroll employment in California increased by 440,300 jobs (up 2.8 percent).

Nine categories gained jobs over the year: construction, trade, transportation and utilities, information, financial activities, professional and business services, educational and health services, leisure and hospitality, other services, and government – a total increase of 456,200 jobs. Educational and health services posted the largest gain on a numerical basis, adding 102,000 jobs, a 4.2 percent increase. Construction posted the largest gain on a percentage basis, up 5.5 percent- adding 39,600 jobs.

Two categories, manufacturing and the mining and logging sector, lost a total of 15,900 jobs over the year. Manufacturing lost 12,100 jobs, a 0.9 percent decrease. Mining and logging lost 3,800 jobs, a 12.9 percent decrease.

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE CLAIMS (NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)

In related data, the EDD reported that there were 362,535 people receiving regular Unemployment Insurance benefits during the May survey week. This compares with 398,005 in April and 379,996 in May of last year. At the same time, new claims for Unemployment Insurance were 42,929 in May, compared with 46,821 in April and 43,040 in May of last year.

Seasonally adjusted payroll detail follows:

PAYROLL EMPLOYMENT, SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA²

(Amounts in thousands)

Industrial Classification	May 2016 (prelim.)	April 2016 (revised)	May 2015	Change Over 12 Months (percent)
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Workers	16,407.1	16,391.9	15,966.8	2.8
Mining and logging	25.7	26.3	29.5	-12.9
Construction	760.3	763.1	720.7	5.5
Manufacturing	1,280.1	1,285.1	1,292.2	-0.9
Trade, transportation and utilities	2,993.4	2,994.9	2,925.2	2.3
Information	495.7	493.8	482.7	2.7
Financial activities	810.8	808.5	795.8	1.9
Professional and business services	2,564.0	2,551.2	2,478.3	3.5
Educational and health services	2,539.8	2,527.0	2,437.8	4.2
Leisure and hospitality	1,882.4	1,889.7	1,818.0	3.5
Other services	553.2	551.6	543.3	1.8
Government*	2,501.7	2,500.7	2,443.3	2.4
Agriculture	430.2	445.1	420.9	2.2

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

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

	May 2016 (prelim.)	April 2016 (revised)	March 2016	May 2015
Civilian labor force ^a	19,076,000	19,085,000	19,059,000	18,947,000
Total civilian employment	18,081,000	18,072,000	18,038,000	17,744,000
Unemployment	995,000	1,014,000	1,021,000	1,203,000
Seasonally adjusted rate %	5.2	5.3	5.4	6.4
US seasonally adjusted rate %	4.7	5.0	5.0	5.5

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

	May 2016 (prelim.)	April 2016 (revised)	March 2016	May 2015
Civilian labor force ^a	18,984,000	19,017,000	19,030,000	19,037,000
Total civilian employment	18,085,000	18,030,000	17,972,000	17,872,000
Unemployment	899,000	987,000	1,058,000	1,165,000
Unadjusted rate %	4.7	5.2	5.6	6.1

^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
May 2016 (Preliminary); 2015 BENCHMARK
NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

COUNTY	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYMENT	UNEMPLOYMENT	RATE
STATE TOTAL	18,983,900	18,085,000	898,900	4.7%
ALAMEDA	824,000	792,700	31,400	3.8%
ALPINE	490	450	40	7.2%
AMADOR	14,610	13,830	780	5.3%
BUTTE	101,700	95,700	6,000	5.9%
CALAVERAS	20,540	19,460	1,080	5.3%
COLUSA	10,780	9,410	1,370	12.7%
CONTRA COSTA	548,800	526,900	21,800	4.0%
DEL NORTE	9,870	9,210	660	6.6%
EL DORADO	88,600	84,400	4,200	4.7%
FRESNO	450,900	412,500	38,300	8.5%
GLENN	13,270	12,300	970	7.3%
HUMBOLDT	62,260	59,650	2,620	4.2%
IMPERIAL	77,500	62,400	15,000	19.4%
INYO	9,070	8,660	420	4.6%
KERN	395,200	357,000	38,200	9.7%
KINGS	58,200	53,200	5,000	8.6%
LAKE	29,290	27,570	1,720	5.9%
LASSEN	10,660	10,020	640	6.0%
LOS ANGELES	4,990,800	4,777,200	213,600	4.3%
MADERA	61,600	56,400	5,200	8.5%
MARIN	141,700	137,700	4,000	2.8%
MARIPOSA	8,040	7,580	460	5.7%
MENDOCINO	39,950	38,210	1,740	4.3%
MERCED	114,800	103,600	11,200	9.7%
MODOC	3,250	3,030	220	6.7%
MONO	7,740	7,260	490	6.3%
MONTEREY	226,400	212,900	13,400	5.9%
NAPA	75,800	73,200	2,600	3.4%
NEVADA	48,220	46,140	2,080	4.3%
ORANGE	1,603,000	1,545,800	57,100	3.6%
PLACER	176,900	169,800	7,100	4.0%
PLUMAS	7,940	7,300	650	8.1%
RIVERSIDE	1,033,400	977,800	55,600	5.4%
SACRAMENTO	683,400	650,200	33,200	4.9%
SAN BENITO	29,800	27,900	1,900	6.3%
SAN BERNARDINO	925,100	877,100	48,000	5.2%
SAN DIEGO	1,558,400	1,493,000	65,400	4.2%
SAN FRANCISCO	549,800	533,900	15,900	2.9%
SAN JOAQUIN	323,300	300,300	23,000	7.1%
SAN LUIS OBISPO	144,900	139,800	5,100	3.5%
SAN MATEO	443,300	431,500	11,700	2.6%
SANTA BARBARA	223,400	214,600	8,800	4.0%
SANTA CLARA	1,027,600	993,500	34,100	3.3%
SANTA CRUZ	145,700	137,100	8,600	5.9%
SHASTA	74,000	69,400	4,600	6.2%
SIERRA	1,310	1,220	90	7.0%
SISKIYOU	17,790	16,550	1,230	6.9%
SOLANO	206,300	196,300	10,000	4.9%
SONOMA	259,600	250,600	9,000	3.5%
STANISLAUS	243,800	224,300	19,400	8.0%
SUTTER	44,700	40,700	4,000	9.0%
TEHAMA	24,530	22,900	1,620	6.6%
TRINITY	5,270	4,960	310	5.9%
TULARE	207,200	187,500	19,700	9.5%
TUOLUMNE	21,560	20,350	1,210	5.6%
VENTURA	427,000	408,000	19,000	4.5%
YOLO	103,100	97,900	5,100	5.0%
YUBA	28,000	25,900	2,100	7.7%