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California's unemployment rate falls to 5.1 percent in January
Nonfarm payroll jobs increase by 9,700

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.

SACRAMENTO – California's unemployment rate fell to 5.1 percent and the state's employers added 9,700 nonfarm payroll jobs in January, according to data released today by the California Employment Development Department (EDD) from two surveys. With January's job gains, the state has gained a total of 2,465,100 jobs since the economic expansion began in February 2010.

The U.S. unemployment rate increased 0.1 percentage point in January to 4.8 percent, with employers nationwide adding 227,000 nonfarm payroll jobs.

In December, the state's unemployment rate was 5.2 percent, and in January 2016, the unemployment rate was 5.7 percent. The unemployment rate is derived from a federal survey of 5,500 California households.

Nonfarm jobs in California totaled 16,647,600 in January, 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, January 2016 to January 2017, shows an increase of 330,500 jobs (up 2.0 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 January was 18,176,000, an increase of 11,000 from December, and up 267,000 from the employment total in January of last year.

The number of unemployed Californian's was 986,000 in January – down by 13,000 over the month, and down by 90,000 compared with January 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 16,647,600 in January, a net gain of 9,700 jobs from December. This followed a revised gain of 4,400 jobs in December.

Month-over Job Gains

Seven of California's eleven industry sectors added a total of 42,700 jobs in January. Educational and health services posted the largest jobs increase, with a gain of 19,800 jobs, followed by professional and business services, with a gain of 12,500 jobs. Other sectors adding jobs over the month were manufacturing; information; financial activities; other services; and government.

Month-over Job Losses

Four industry sectors (mining and logging; construction; trade, transportation and utilities; and leisure and hospitality) reported job declines over the month, down a total of 33,000 jobs. Trade, transportation and utilities posted the largest decrease over the month, down by 21,100 jobs.

Year-over Job Gains

In a year-over-year comparison (January 2016 to January 2017), nonfarm payroll employment in California increased by 330,500 jobs (a 2.0 percent increase).

Nine of California's eleven industry sectors added a total of 338,200 jobs year-over. The largest job gains on a numerical basis were in educational and health services, up 92,600 jobs (a 3.7 percent increase), and government, up 59,700 jobs (a 2.4 percent increase). Other sectors adding jobs over the year were construction; trade, transportation and utilities; information; financial activities; professional and business services; leisure and hospitality; and other services.

Year-over Job Losses

Two industry sectors (mining and logging, and manufacturing) posted job declines over the year, down a total of 7,700 jobs. Manufacturing employment fell by 4,800 jobs (down 0.4 percent), while mining and logging was down by 2,900 jobs (an 11.0 percent decrease).

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE CLAIMS (NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)

In related data, the EDD reported that there were 386,875 people receiving regular Unemployment Insurance benefits during the January survey week. This compares with 367,944 in December and 410,293 in January of last year. At the same time, new claims for Unemployment Insurance were 62,201 in January, compared with 52,953 in December and 53,682 in January of last year.

Seasonally adjusted payroll detail follows:

PAYROLL EMPLOYMENT, SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA²
(Amounts in thousands)

Industrial Classification	January 2017 (prelim.)	December 2016 (revised)	January 2016	Change Over 12 Months (percent)
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Workers	16,647.6	16,637.9	16,317.1	2.0
Mining and logging	23.4	23.7	26.3	-11.0
Construction	777.0	783.9	761.6	2.0
Manufacturing	1,304.5	1,304.3	1,309.3	-0.4
Trade, transportation and utilities	3,002.0	3,023.1	2,962.6	1.3
Information	531.7	524.5	511.8	3.9
Financial activities	833.2	831.5	814.6	2.3
Professional and business services	2,556.2	2,543.7	2,521.4	1.4
Educational and health services	2,590.3	2,570.5	2,497.7	3.7
Leisure and hospitality	1,917.9	1,922.6	1,874.6	2.3
Other services	564.9	564.5	550.4	2.6
Government*	2,546.5	2,545.6	2,486.8	2.4
Agriculture	432.4	429.3	422.4	2.4

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

TABLE A
EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT IN CALIFORNIA, SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA²

	January 2017 (prelim.)	December 2016 (revised)	November 2016	January 2016
Civilian labor force ^a	19,162,000	19,165,000	19,165,000	18,985,000
Total civilian employment	18,176,000	18,165,000	18,158,000	17,909,000
Unemployment	986,000	999,000	1,007,000	1,076,000
Seasonally adjusted rate %	5.1	5.2	5.3	5.7
US seasonally adjusted rate %	4.8	4.7	4.6	4.9

TABLE B
EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT IN CALIFORNIA, UNADJUSTED DATA

	January 2017 (prelim.)	December 2016 (revised)	November 2016	January 2016
Civilian labor force ^a	19,083,000	19,098,000	19,158,000	18,916,000
Total civilian employment	18,033,000	18,141,000	18,194,000	17,804,000
Unemployment	1,049,000	957,000	964,000	1,113,000
Unadjusted rate %	5.5	5.0	5.0	5.9

^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
January 2017 (Preliminary); 2016 BENCHMARK
NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

COUNTY	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYMENT	UNEMPLOYMENT	RATE*
STATE TOTAL	19,082,500	18,033,300	1,049,200	5.5%
ALAMEDA	837,900	803,700	34,200	4.1%
ALPINE	630	600	30	4.5%
AMADOR	14,580	13,660	920	6.3%
BUTTE	102,500	95,300	7,300	7.1%
CALAVERAS	20,780	19,520	1,260	6.1%
COLUSA	10,570	8,070	2,500	23.6%
CONTRA COSTA	556,300	532,200	24,100	4.3%
DEL NORTE	9,870	9,130	750	7.5%
EL DORADO	89,600	84,900	4,700	5.3%
FRESNO	447,400	399,900	47,400	10.6%
GLENN	13,060	11,790	1,270	9.7%
HUMBOLDT	62,040	59,000	3,040	4.9%
IMPERIAL	74,600	59,900	14,700	19.6%
INYO	8,890	8,410	480	5.4%
KERN	389,100	345,800	43,300	11.1%
KINGS	56,400	49,800	6,600	11.7%
LAKE	29,520	27,420	2,100	7.1%
LASSEN	10,730	9,890	850	7.9%
LOS ANGELES	5,037,200	4,779,800	257,400	5.1%
MADERA	62,700	56,400	6,300	10.0%
MARIN	140,300	135,800	4,500	3.2%
MARIPOSA	7,040	6,420	620	8.8%
MENDOCINO	39,220	36,990	2,230	5.7%
MERCED	114,900	100,500	14,500	12.6%
MODOC	3,200	2,880	330	10.3%
MONO	9,000	8,610	390	4.3%
MONTEREY	212,300	188,400	23,800	11.2%
NAPA	71,100	67,700	3,400	4.8%
NEVADA	48,670	46,290	2,380	4.9%
ORANGE	1,593,100	1,531,400	61,700	3.9%
PLACER	179,500	171,400	8,100	4.5%
PLUMAS	7,470	6,480	990	13.2%
RIVERSIDE	1,062,500	1,002,000	60,500	5.7%
SACRAMENTO	696,100	658,700	37,400	5.4%
SAN BENITO	29,800	27,600	2,200	7.4%
SAN BERNARDINO	947,100	895,700	51,300	5.4%
SAN DIEGO	1,569,700	1,499,200	70,600	4.5%
SAN FRANCISCO	558,400	540,300	18,000	3.2%
SAN JOAQUIN	319,800	292,100	27,700	8.7%
SAN LUIS OBISPO	138,200	132,300	5,900	4.2%
SAN MATEO	447,000	433,900	13,100	2.9%
SANTA BARBARA	214,300	201,700	12,600	5.9%
SANTA CLARA	1,024,700	987,100	37,600	3.7%
SANTA CRUZ	142,600	130,000	12,600	8.9%
SHASTA	75,200	69,500	5,600	7.5%
SIERRA	1,310	1,190	130	9.5%
SISKIYOU	17,690	15,790	1,900	10.7%
SOLANO	207,300	195,600	11,700	5.6%
SONOMA	257,100	246,800	10,300	4.0%
STANISLAUS	246,100	224,100	22,000	8.9%
SUTTER	45,000	40,000	5,000	11.1%
TEHAMA	25,520	23,590	1,930	7.6%
TRINITY	4,880	4,470	410	8.4%
TULARE	206,800	181,100	25,700	12.4%
TUOLUMNE	21,690	20,230	1,460	6.7%
VENTURA	428,700	407,000	21,700	5.1%
YOLO	106,500	99,500	7,000	6.6%
YUBA	28,600	25,800	2,700	9.6%

*Not seasonally adjusted.

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