



## N E W S R E L E A S E

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### **California's Unemployment Rate Increases To 12.2 Percent**

**SACRAMENTO** – California's unemployment rate was 12.2 percent in August, and nonfarm payroll jobs declined by 12,300 during the month, according to data released today by the California Employment Development Department (EDD) from two separate surveys.

The U.S. unemployment rate also increased in August, rising to 9.7 percent.

In July, the state's unemployment rate was 11.9 percent, and in August 2008, the unemployment rate was 7.6 percent. The unemployment rate is derived from a federal survey of 5,500 California households.

Nonfarm jobs in California totaled 14,234,100 in August, a decrease of 12,300 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 (August 2008 to August 2009) shows a decrease of 741,500 jobs (down 5.0 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 August was 16,143,000, a decrease of 116,000 from July, and down 895,000 from the employment total in August of last year.

The number of people unemployed in California was 2,248,000 – up by 49,000 over the month, and up by 851,000 compared with August 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 14,234,100 in August, a net loss of 12,300 jobs since the July survey. This followed a loss of 38,900 jobs (as revised) in July.

Three categories (**information**; **educational and health services**; and **government**) added jobs over the month, gaining 11,400 jobs. Educational and health services posted the largest increase over the month, adding 6,000 jobs. Eight categories (**natural resources and mining**; **construction**; **manufacturing**; **trade, transportation and utilities**; **financial activities**; **professional and business services**; **leisure and hospitality**; and **other services**) reported job declines this month, down 23,700 jobs. Trade, transportation and utilities posted the largest decline over the month, down by 7,100 jobs.

In a year-over-year comparison (August 2008 to August 2009), nonfarm payroll employment in California decreased by 741,500 jobs (down 5.0 percent).

One industry division, **educational and health services**, posted job gains over the year, adding 14,200 jobs (a 0.8 percent increase).

Ten categories (**natural resources and mining**; **construction**; **manufacturing**; **trade, transportation and utilities**; **information**; **financial activities**; **professional and business services**; **leisure and hospitality**; **other services**; and **government**) posted job declines over the year, down 755,700 jobs. Trade, transportation and utilities employment showed the largest decline on a numerical basis, down by 190,700 jobs (a decline of 6.7 percent). Construction posted the largest decline on a percentage basis, down by 18.5 percent (a decrease of 142,000 jobs).

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

In related data, the EDD reported that there were 790,099 people receiving regular unemployment insurance benefits during the August survey week. This compares with 812,165 last month and 504,667 last year. At the same time, new claims for unemployment insurance were 69,488 in August 2009, compared with 80,048 in July and 51,731 in August of last year.

***NOTE TO EDITORS:*** *EDD encourages those who are filing for Unemployment Insurance benefits to do so on-line through our Web site at [www.edd.ca.gov](http://www.edd.ca.gov). On-line claim filing is the fastest, most convenient way to apply for unemployment benefits, and is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.*

Seasonally adjusted payroll detail follows:

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

Industrial Classification	August 2009 (prelim.)	July 2009 (revised)	August 2008	Change Over 12 Months (Percent)
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Workers . . . . .	14,234.1	14,246.4	14,975.6	-5.0
Natural resources and mining . . . . .	26.7	26.9	28.7	-7.0
Construction . . . . .	625.4	632.4	767.4	-18.5
Manufacturing . . . . .	1,299.5	1,302.3	1,421.5	-8.6
Trade, transportation and utilities . . . . .	2,666.6	2,673.7	2,857.3	-6.7
Information . . . . .	446.3	442.9	475.3	-6.1
Financial activities . . . . .	800.8	801.8	843.0	-5.0
Professional and business services . . . . .	2,111.5	2,112.2	2,244.9	-5.9
Educational and health services . . . . .	1,744.4	1,738.4	1,730.2	0.8
Leisure and hospitality . . . . .	1,514.7	1,516.7	1,572.3	-3.7
Other services . . . . .	496.0	498.9	514.5	-3.6
Government* . . . . .	2,502.2	2,500.2	2,520.5	-0.7
Agriculture . . . . .	390.0	392.0	391.6	-0.4

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

Note: Payroll employment statistics for July and August 2009 have been prepared using a new U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics computerized estimation system. Since this system has a different rounding convention, industry totals will no longer exactly match the sum of their sub-industries. Visit the Labor Market Information section of our Web site at [www.edd.ca.gov](http://www.edd.ca.gov) for further information.

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

	August 2009 (prelim.)	July 2009 (revised)	June 2009	August 2008
Civilian labor force <sup>a</sup> . . . . .	18,391,000	18,458,000	18,501,000	18,435,000
Total civilian employment . . . . .	16,143,000	16,259,000	16,347,000	17,038,000
Unemployment . . . . .	2,248,000	2,199,000	2,154,000	1,397,000
Seasonally adjusted rate % . . . . .	12.2	11.9	11.6	7.6
US seasonally adjusted rate % . . . . .	9.7	9.4	9.5	6.2

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

	August 2009 (prelim.)	July 2009 (revised)	June 2009	August 2008
Civilian labor force <sup>a</sup> . . . . .	18,501,000	18,600,000	18,537,000	18,527,000
Total civilian employment . . . . .	16,254,000	16,346,000	16,378,000	17,095,000
Unemployment . . . . .	2,247,000	2,254,000	2,159,000	1,431,000
Unadjusted rate % . . . . .	12.1	12.1	11.6	7.7

<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**  
**August 2009 (Preliminary); 2008 BENCHMARK**  
**NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED**

COUNTY	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYMENT	UNEMPLOYMENT	RATE*
<b>STATE TOTAL</b>	<b>18,500,600</b>	<b>16,253,800</b>	<b>2,246,800</b>	<b>12.1%</b>
ALAMEDA	776,000	685,000	91,000	11.7%
ALPINE	430	370	70	15.1%
AMADOR	18,190	15,940	2,240	12.3%
BUTTE	107,000	93,300	13,700	12.8%
CALAVERAS	21,190	18,140	3,050	14.4%
COLUSA	11,180	9,430	1,750	15.7%
CONTRA COSTA	532,800	472,900	59,900	11.2%
DEL NORTE	11,850	10,360	1,490	12.6%
EL DORADO	92,500	81,600	10,900	11.8%
FRESNO	450,800	384,800	66,000	14.6%
GLENN	12,600	10,630	1,960	15.6%
HUMBOLDT	59,800	53,100	6,700	11.3%
IMPERIAL	82,800	59,000	23,800	28.7%
INYO	9,090	8,190	900	9.9%
KERN	379,700	325,200	54,400	14.3%
KINGS	60,700	52,100	8,600	14.2%
LAKE	26,090	22,140	3,950	15.1%
LASSEN	13,830	12,160	1,670	12.0%
LOS ANGELES	4,950,600	4,329,000	621,600	12.6%
MADERA	69,100	60,000	9,200	13.3%
MARIN	135,900	124,700	11,200	8.3%
MARIPOSA	9,850	8,910	940	9.5%
MENDOCINO	44,590	39,950	4,640	10.4%
MERCED	106,300	88,500	17,800	16.7%
MODOC	4,250	3,780	470	11.1%
MONO	8,060	7,220	850	10.5%
MONTEREY	223,200	200,400	22,800	10.2%
NAPA	75,700	68,800	6,900	9.1%
NEVADA	50,380	44,680	5,700	11.3%
ORANGE	1,634,000	1,476,400	157,600	9.6%
PLACER	176,700	156,400	20,300	11.5%
PLUMAS	10,480	8,980	1,500	14.4%
RIVERSIDE	920,000	782,100	137,900	15.0%
SACRAMENTO	693,400	608,400	85,000	12.3%
SAN BENITO	25,000	21,900	3,100	12.5%
SAN BERNARDINO	872,200	750,900	121,300	13.9%
SAN DIEGO	1,575,100	1,411,200	163,900	10.4%
SAN FRANCISCO	452,000	406,300	45,600	10.1%
SAN JOAQUIN	304,700	256,700	48,000	15.7%
SAN LUIS OBISPO	139,000	125,900	13,100	9.4%
SAN MATEO	384,100	348,700	35,400	9.2%
SANTA BARBARA	223,900	204,900	19,100	8.5%
SANTA CLARA	897,600	789,800	107,800	12.0%
SANTA CRUZ	149,800	133,800	16,000	10.7%
SHASTA	84,400	71,600	12,800	15.2%
SIERRA	1,600	1,370	230	14.4%
SISKIYOU	19,270	16,570	2,700	14.0%
SOLANO	216,200	191,000	25,200	11.6%
SONOMA	262,300	235,400	26,900	10.2%
STANISLAUS	245,900	207,100	38,800	15.8%
SUTTER	44,000	37,400	6,600	15.0%
TEHAMA	26,280	22,540	3,740	14.2%
TRINITY	4,780	3,990	790	16.5%
TULARE	208,200	176,600	31,600	15.2%
TUOLUMNE	26,350	22,940	3,410	12.9%
VENTURA	430,700	382,500	48,200	11.2%
YOLO	98,300	87,500	10,800	11.0%
YUBA	30,400	25,100	5,300	17.5%

\*Not seasonally adjusted.