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California's unemployment rate decreases to 8.3 percent
Nonfarm payroll jobs increase by 13,600

SACRAMENTO – California's unemployment rate decreased to 8.3 percent in December, and nonfarm payroll jobs increased by 13,600 during the month for a total gain of 922,500 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 decreased to 6.7 percent in December.

In November, the state's unemployment rate was 8.5 percent, and in December 2012, the unemployment rate was 9.8 percent. The unemployment rate is derived from a federal survey of 5,500 California households.

Nonfarm jobs in California totaled 14,767,800 in December, an increase of 13,600 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, December 2012 to December 2013, shows an increase of 235,700 jobs (up 1.6 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 December was 17,036,000, an increase of 24,000 from November 2013, and up 291,000 from the employment total in December of last year.

The number of people unemployed in California was 1,532,000 – down by 48,000 over the month, and down by 281,000 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 14,767,800 in December, a net gain of 13,600 jobs since the November survey. This followed a gain of 50,300 jobs (as revised) in November.

Seven categories (mining and logging; trade, transportation and utilities; financial activities; professional and business services; educational and health services; leisure and hospitality; and government) added jobs over the month, gaining 28,400 jobs. Professional and business services posted the largest increase over the month, adding 8,400 jobs.

Four categories (construction; manufacturing; information; and other services) reported job declines over the month, down 14,800 jobs. Manufacturing posted the largest decrease over the month, down 6,000 jobs.

In a year-over-year comparison (December 2012 to December 2013), nonfarm payroll employment in California increased by 235,700 jobs (up 1.6 percent).

Ten categories (mining and logging; construction; manufacturing; 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 254,100 jobs. Leisure and hospitality posted the largest gains on a numerical basis, adding 73,400 jobs (up 4.5 percent). Construction posted the largest gains on a percentage basis, up 4.8 percent, (adding 28,900 jobs).

One category, government, posted job declines over the year, down 18,400 jobs (a 0.8 percent decrease).

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE CLAIMS (NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)

In related data, the EDD reported that there were 504,558 people receiving regular Unemployment Insurance benefits during the December survey week. This compares with 465,581 last month and 496,500 last year. At the same time, new claims for unemployment insurance were 73,458 in December 2013, compared with 72,642 in November and 51,545 in December of last year.

Seasonally adjusted payroll detail follows:

PAYROLL EMPLOYMENT, SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA²
(Amounts in thousands)

Industrial Classification	December 2013 (prelim.)	November 2013 (revised)	December 2012	Change Over 12 Months (Percent)
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Workers	14,767.8	14,754.2	14,532.1	1.6
Mining and logging	30.3	29.8	29.6	2.4
Construction	632.1	633.8	603.2	4.8
Manufacturing	1,251.5	1,257.5	1,250.6	0.1
Trade, transportation and utilities	2,805.7	2,799.9	2,760.9	1.6
Information	439.7	442.5	439.3	0.1
Financial activities	783.2	782.1	780.3	0.4
Professional and business services	2,326.6	2,318.2	2,262.4	2.8
Educational and health services	1,934.5	1,930.5	1,906.6	1.5
Leisure and hospitality	1,696.3	1,688.5	1,622.9	4.5
Other services	514.8	519.1	504.8	2.0
Government*	2,353.1	2,352.3	2,371.5	-0.8
Agriculture	410.5	408.8	381.7	7.5

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

TABLE A
EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT IN CALIFORNIA, SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA²

	December 2013 (prelim.)	November 2013 (revised)	October 2013	December 2012
Civilian labor force ^a	18,568,000	18,592,000	18,606,000	18,558,000
Total civilian employment	17,036,000	17,012,000	16,994,000	16,745,000
Unemployment	1,532,000	1,580,000	1,612,000	1,813,000
Seasonally adjusted rate %	8.3	8.5	8.7	9.8
US seasonally adjusted rate %	6.7	7.0	7.2	7.9

TABLE B
EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT IN CALIFORNIA, UNADJUSTED DATA

	December 2013 (prelim.)	November 2013 (revised)	October 2013	December 2012
Civilian labor force ^a	18,504,000	18,583,000	18,575,000	18,540,000
Total civilian employment	17,038,000	17,041,000	17,026,000	16,731,000
Unemployment	1,466,000	1,542,000	1,549,000	1,809,000
Unadjusted rate %	7.9	8.3	8.3	9.8

^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 2013 (Preliminary); 2012 BENCHMARK
NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

COUNTY	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYMENT	UNEMPLOYMENT	RATE*
STATE TOTAL	18,503,800	17,037,700	1,466,100	7.9%
ALAMEDA	770,000	721,600	48,300	6.3%
ALPINE	470	430	40	8.4%
AMADOR	15,790	14,370	1,430	9.0%
BUTTE	101,200	91,900	9,200	9.1%
CALAVERAS	18,710	16,940	1,770	9.4%
COLUSA	11,280	8,980	2,310	20.5%
CONTRA COSTA	532,500	498,500	34,000	6.4%
DEL NORTE	10,770	9,620	1,150	10.7%
EL DORADO	89,200	82,800	6,400	7.2%
FRESNO	430,200	376,400	53,700	12.5%
GLENN	12,460	11,050	1,410	11.3%
HUMBOLDT	59,100	54,700	4,400	7.5%
IMPERIAL	76,600	59,400	17,200	22.5%
INYO	9,020	8,370	640	7.1%
KERN	396,700	354,100	42,600	10.7%
KINGS	59,700	52,100	7,600	12.8%
LAKE	23,900	21,020	2,890	12.1%
LASSEN	12,440	11,180	1,260	10.1%
LOS ANGELES	4,940,200	4,506,400	433,800	8.8%
MADERA	68,400	61,000	7,300	10.7%
MARIN	142,900	136,900	6,000	4.2%
MARIPOSA	9,440	8,600	840	8.9%
MENDOCINO	41,360	38,310	3,050	7.4%
MERCED	109,400	93,800	15,600	14.2%
MODOC	3,670	3,280	390	10.6%
MONO	8,480	7,880	610	7.2%
MONTEREY	217,400	193,500	23,900	11.0%
NAPA	76,900	72,400	4,500	5.9%
NEVADA	49,700	46,380	3,320	6.7%
ORANGE	1,633,100	1,547,500	85,600	5.2%
PLACER	176,800	165,300	11,600	6.5%
PLUMAS	8,910	7,860	1,050	11.8%
RIVERSIDE	939,800	854,400	85,500	9.1%
SACRAMENTO	672,300	620,800	51,600	7.7%
SAN BENITO	26,800	24,000	2,800	10.4%
SAN BERNARDINO	855,700	781,300	74,400	8.7%
SAN DIEGO	1,596,900	1,495,200	101,800	6.4%
SAN FRANCISCO	484,200	461,200	23,100	4.8%
SAN JOAQUIN	292,000	256,600	35,500	12.1%
SAN LUIS OBISPO	143,100	135,100	8,100	5.6%
SAN MATEO	401,400	383,100	18,300	4.6%
SANTA BARBARA	227,800	213,700	14,100	6.2%
SANTA CLARA	926,700	874,000	52,700	5.7%
SANTA CRUZ	150,800	136,900	13,900	9.2%
SHASTA	78,600	70,900	7,700	9.8%
SIERRA	1,520	1,350	160	10.8%
SISKIYOU	17,900	15,670	2,230	12.5%
SOLANO	219,400	203,300	16,100	7.3%
SONOMA	256,600	242,000	14,600	5.7%
STANISLAUS	233,000	204,500	28,400	12.2%
SUTTER	42,400	36,200	6,200	14.5%
TEHAMA	24,450	21,910	2,540	10.4%
TRINITY	4,700	4,180	520	11.1%
TULARE	201,800	174,700	27,100	13.4%
TUOLUMNE	24,680	22,580	2,110	8.5%
VENTURA	438,900	408,800	30,100	6.9%
YOLO	98,300	89,000	9,300	9.5%
YUBA	27,000	23,700	3,300	12.2%

*Not seasonally adjusted.

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