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**California's nonfarm payroll jobs increase by 11,800**  
***Unemployment rate unchanged at 8.1 percent***

**SACRAMENTO** – California's unemployment rate was unchanged at 8.1 percent in March, and nonfarm payroll jobs increased by 11,800 during the month for a total gain of 1,244,500 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 also was unchanged at 6.7 percent in March.

In February, the state's unemployment rate was 8.1 percent, and in March 2013, the unemployment rate was 9.2 percent. The unemployment rate is derived from a federal survey of 5,500 California households.

Nonfarm jobs in California totaled 15,365,500 in March, an increase of 11,800 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, March 2013 to March 2014, shows an increase of 325,100 jobs (up 2.2 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 March was 17,156,000, an increase of 43,000 from February 2014, and up 252,000 from the employment total in March of last year.

The number of people unemployed in California was 1,504,000 – up by 5,000 over the month, but down by 211,000 compared with March 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 15,365,500 in March, a net gain of 11,800 jobs since the February survey. This followed a gain of 62,100 jobs (as revised) in February.

Seven categories (mining and logging; construction; trade, transportation and utilities; information; professional and business services; educational and health services; and government) added jobs over the month, gaining 18,100 jobs. Information posted the largest increase over the month, adding 7,000 jobs.

Four categories (manufacturing; financial activities; leisure and hospitality; and other services) reported job declines over the month, down 6,300 jobs. Financial activities posted the largest decrease over the month, down 2,400 jobs.

In a year-over-year comparison (March 2013 to March 2014), nonfarm payroll employment in California increased by 325,100 jobs (up 2.2 percent).

Nine categories (mining and logging; construction; trade, transportation and utilities; information; professional and business services; educational and health services; leisure and hospitality; other services; and government) posted job gains over the year, adding 328,800 jobs. Professional and business services posted the largest gains on a numerical basis, adding 88,100 jobs (up 3.8 percent). Construction posted the largest gains on a percentage basis, up 5.9 percent (adding 37,100 jobs).

Two categories (manufacturing and financial activities) posted job declines over the year, down 3,700 jobs. Financial activities posted the largest declines on both a numerical and percentage basis, down by 2,000 jobs (a 0.3 percent decrease).

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

In related data, the EDD reported that there were 510,919 people receiving regular Unemployment Insurance benefits during the March 2014 survey week. This compares with 539,062 last month and 532,831 last year. At the same time, new claims for unemployment insurance were 52,755 in March 2014, compared with 65,494 in February and 58,842 in March of last year.

Seasonally adjusted payroll detail follows:

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

Industrial Classification	March 2014 (prelim.)	February 2014 (revised)	March 2013	Change Over 12 Months (Percent)
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Workers . . . . .	15,365.5	15,353.7	15,040.4	2.2
Mining and logging . . . . .	31.1	30.9	30.9	0.6
Construction . . . . .	666.0	663.6	628.9	5.9
Manufacturing . . . . .	1,248.6	1,250.3	1,250.3	-0.1
Trade, transportation and utilities . . . . .	2,834.8	2,831.9	2,781.8	1.9
Information . . . . .	463.1	456.1	443.9	4.3
Financial activities . . . . .	778.1	780.5	780.1	-0.3
Professional and business services . . . . .	2,395.3	2,392.2	2,307.2	3.8
Educational and health services . . . . .	2,356.0	2,354.9	2,283.2	3.2
Leisure and hospitality . . . . .	1,693.5	1,694.6	1,655.0	2.3
Other services . . . . .	521.7	522.8	513.2	1.7
Government* . . . . .	2,377.3	2,375.9	2,365.9	0.5
Agriculture . . . . .	415.0	422.5	404.4	2.6

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

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

	March 2014 (prelim.)	February 2014 (revised)	January 2014	March 2013
Civilian labor force <sup>a</sup> . . . . .	18,659,000	18,612,000	18,574,000	18,619,000
Total civilian employment . . . . .	17,156,000	17,113,000	17,068,000	16,904,000
Unemployment . . . . .	1,504,000	1,499,000	1,506,000	1,715,000
Seasonally adjusted rate % . . . . .	8.1	8.1	8.1	9.2
US seasonally adjusted rate % . . . . .	6.7	6.7	6.6	7.5

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

	March 2014 (prelim.)	February 2014 (revised)	January 2014	March 2013
Civilian labor force <sup>a</sup> . . . . .	18,685,000	18,624,000	18,555,000	18,538,000
Total civilian employment . . . . .	17,110,000	17,044,000	16,969,000	16,798,000
Unemployment . . . . .	1,576,000	1,580,000	1,586,000	1,740,000
Unadjusted rate % . . . . .	8.4	8.5	8.5	9.4

<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**  
**March 2014 (Preliminary); 2013 BENCHMARK**  
**NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED**

<b>COUNTY</b>	<b>LABOR FORCE</b>	<b>EMPLOYMENT</b>	<b>UNEMPLOYMENT</b>	<b>RATE*</b>
<b>STATE TOTAL</b>	<b>18,685,400</b>	<b>17,109,700</b>	<b>1,575,700</b>	<b>8.4%</b>
ALAMEDA	784,700	732,600	52,100	6.6%
ALPINE	390	350	50	11.5%
AMADOR	15,950	14,410	1,540	9.6%
BUTTE	103,800	93,500	10,300	9.9%
CALAVERAS	19,150	17,220	1,930	10.1%
COLUSA	11,250	8,490	2,750	24.5%
CONTRA COSTA	542,100	504,300	37,800	7.0%
DEL NORTE	11,000	9,760	1,250	11.4%
EL DORADO	90,400	82,800	7,600	8.4%
FRESNO	450,800	388,600	62,200	13.8%
GLENN	12,960	11,300	1,670	12.9%
HUMBOLDT	58,300	53,300	5,000	8.6%
IMPERIAL	79,000	62,100	16,900	21.4%
INYO	8,980	8,220	760	8.5%
KERN	386,300	335,600	50,700	13.1%
KINGS	60,000	51,200	8,800	14.7%
LAKE	26,810	23,730	3,080	11.5%
LASSEN	12,120	10,640	1,480	12.2%
LOS ANGELES	4,976,200	4,541,200	435,000	8.7%
MADERA	67,500	59,000	8,500	12.6%
MARIN	143,200	136,500	6,700	4.7%
MARIPOSA	8,740	7,820	920	10.5%
MENDOCINO	43,300	39,900	3,390	7.8%
MERCED	113,800	95,200	18,600	16.3%
MODOC	3,610	3,150	460	12.9%
MONO	8,110	7,460	650	8.0%
MONTEREY	213,400	186,400	27,000	12.6%
NAPA	78,200	73,500	4,700	6.0%
NEVADA	49,750	46,070	3,680	7.4%
ORANGE	1,624,700	1,530,300	94,400	5.8%
PLACER	180,600	167,800	12,800	7.1%
PLUMAS	9,180	7,840	1,340	14.6%
RIVERSIDE	960,300	869,700	90,700	9.4%
SACRAMENTO	683,600	628,300	55,300	8.1%
SAN BENITO	27,600	24,100	3,400	12.5%
SAN BERNARDINO	872,700	791,100	81,600	9.3%
SAN DIEGO	1,607,600	1,497,000	110,700	6.9%
SAN FRANCISCO	490,900	465,300	25,700	5.2%
SAN JOAQUIN	298,700	259,600	39,100	13.1%
SAN LUIS OBISPO	142,200	133,500	8,700	6.1%
SAN MATEO	406,900	386,700	20,200	5.0%
SANTA BARBARA	224,800	209,700	15,100	6.7%
SANTA CLARA	937,100	879,800	57,300	6.1%
SANTA CRUZ	150,500	134,200	16,200	10.8%
SHASTA	81,400	72,500	8,900	10.9%
SIERRA	1,440	1,240	200	13.8%
SISKIYOU	17,880	15,220	2,660	14.9%
SOLANO	218,000	200,700	17,300	7.9%
SONOMA	263,100	246,900	16,200	6.2%
STANISLAUS	238,300	206,000	32,300	13.6%
SUTTER	41,900	34,800	7,200	17.1%
TEHAMA	25,090	22,160	2,920	11.7%
TRINITY	4,930	4,280	650	13.3%
TULARE	205,100	173,100	32,000	15.6%
TUOLUMNE	24,080	21,720	2,360	9.8%
VENTURA	440,200	408,900	31,300	7.1%
YOLO	100,200	90,100	10,100	10.1%
YUBA	26,700	22,800	3,900	14.5%

\*Not seasonally adjusted.

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