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California's unemployment rate decreases to 7.6 percent
Nonfarm payroll jobs increase by 18,300

SACRAMENTO – California's unemployment rate decreased to 7.6 percent in May, and nonfarm payroll jobs increased by 18,300 during the month for a total gain of 1,327,000 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 unchanged in May at 6.3 percent.

In April, the state's unemployment rate was 7.8 percent, and in May 2013, the unemployment rate was 9.0 percent. The unemployment rate is derived from a federal survey of 5,500 California households.

Nonfarm jobs in California totaled 15,448,000 in May, an increase of 18,300 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, May 2013 to May 2014, shows an increase of 340,200 jobs (up 2.3 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 May was 17,235,000, an increase of 40,000 from April 2014, and up 305,000 from the employment total in May of last year.

The number of people unemployed in California was 1,423,000 – down by 35,000 over the month, and down by 261,000 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 15,448,000 in May, a net gain of 18,300 jobs since the April survey. This followed a gain of 61,200 jobs (as revised) in April.

Six categories (construction; professional and business services; educational and health services; leisure and hospitality; other services; and government) added jobs over the month, gaining 30,300 jobs. Leisure and hospitality posted the largest increase over the month, adding 10,300 jobs.

Five categories (mining and logging; manufacturing; trade, transportation and utilities; information; and financial activities) reported job declines over the month, down 12,000 jobs. Manufacturing posted the largest decrease over the month, down 6,800 jobs.

In a year-over-year comparison (May 2013 to May 2014), nonfarm payroll employment in California increased by 340,200 jobs (up 2.3 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 356,400 jobs. Professional and business services posted the largest gains on a numerical basis, adding 96,600 jobs (up 4.2 percent). Construction posted the largest gains on a percentage basis, up 5.9 percent (adding 37,700 jobs).

Two categories (manufacturing and financial activities) posted job declines over the year, down 16,200 jobs. Financial activities posted the largest declines on both a numerical and percentage basis, down by 8,500 jobs (a 1.1 percent decrease).

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE CLAIMS (NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)

In related data, the EDD reported that there were 435,763 people receiving regular Unemployment Insurance benefits during the May 2014 survey week. This compares with 481,018 last month and 479,718 last year. At the same time, new claims for Unemployment Insurance were 53,388 in May 2014, compared with 62,715 in April and 54,526 in May of last year.

Seasonally adjusted payroll detail follows:

PAYROLL EMPLOYMENT, SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA²
(Amounts in thousands)

Industrial Classification	May 2014 (prelim.)	April 2014 (revised)	May 2013	Change Over 12 Months (percent)
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Workers	15,448.0	15,429.7	15,107.8	2.3
Mining and logging	31.2	31.3	31.0	0.6
Construction	671.9	671.7	634.2	5.9
Manufacturing	1,243.1	1,249.9	1,250.8	-0.6
Trade, transportation and utilities	2,843.1	2,846.0	2,795.4	1.7
Information	462.2	462.8	443.8	4.1
Financial activities	776.7	778.3	785.2	-1.1
Professional and business services	2,422.1	2,413.2	2,325.5	4.2
Educational and health services	2,379.5	2,372.6	2,290.1	3.9
Leisure and hospitality	1,718.2	1,707.9	1,672.7	2.7
Other services	522.4	522.0	514.7	1.5
Government*	2,377.6	2,374.0	2,364.4	0.6
Agriculture	414.5	408.9	385.3	7.6

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

TABLE A
EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT IN CALIFORNIA, SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA²

	May 2014 (prelim.)	April 2014 (revised)	March 2014	May 2013
Civilian labor force ^a	18,658,000	18,654,000	18,661,000	18,614,000
Total civilian employment	17,235,000	17,195,000	17,156,000	16,930,000
Unemployment	1,423,000	1,458,000	1,505,000	1,684,000
Seasonally adjusted rate %	7.6	7.8	8.1	9.0
US seasonally adjusted rate %	6.3	6.3	6.7	7.5

TABLE B
EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT IN CALIFORNIA, UNADJUSTED DATA

	May 2014 (prelim.)	April 2014 (revised)	March 2014	May 2013
Civilian labor force ^a	18,586,000	18,501,000	18,688,000	18,589,000
Total civilian employment	17,269,000	17,140,000	17,109,000	16,988,000
Unemployment	1,317,000	1,361,000	1,579,000	1,601,000
Unadjusted rate %	7.1	7.4	8.4	8.6

^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 2014 (Preliminary); 2013 BENCHMARK
NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

COUNTY	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYMENT	UNEMPLOYMENT	RATE*
STATE TOTAL	18,586,200	17,269,300	1,316,900	7.1%
ALAMEDA	780,900	737,500	43,400	5.6%
ALPINE	380	330	50	13.0%
AMADOR	15,740	14,530	1,210	7.7%
BUTTE	103,500	95,300	8,200	7.9%
CALAVERAS	19,210	17,650	1,560	8.1%
COLUSA	11,130	9,400	1,740	15.6%
CONTRA COSTA	538,700	507,600	31,100	5.8%
DEL NORTE	10,850	9,860	1,000	9.2%
EL DORADO	89,500	83,200	6,300	7.0%
FRESNO	457,000	408,900	48,000	10.5%
GLENN	12,810	11,490	1,320	10.3%
HUMBOLDT	57,600	53,700	3,900	6.7%
IMPERIAL	79,400	62,700	16,700	21.1%
INYO	8,890	8,290	600	6.7%
KERN	390,900	351,300	39,600	10.1%
KINGS	59,900	53,200	6,700	11.2%
LAKE	26,900	24,490	2,420	9.0%
LASSEN	12,040	11,010	1,040	8.6%
LOS ANGELES	4,964,500	4,568,400	396,100	8.0%
MADERA	70,000	63,400	6,600	9.5%
MARIN	142,300	136,800	5,500	3.8%
MARIPOSA	9,310	8,700	610	6.5%
MENDOCINO	43,270	40,740	2,540	5.9%
MERCED	111,700	97,700	14,000	12.5%
MODOC	3,550	3,230	320	9.1%
MONO	7,460	6,880	580	7.8%
MONTEREY	224,700	208,000	16,700	7.4%
NAPA	79,400	75,800	3,600	4.5%
NEVADA	48,050	45,040	3,010	6.3%
ORANGE	1,604,000	1,525,500	78,500	4.9%
PLACER	179,200	168,500	10,700	6.0%
PLUMAS	9,440	8,570	870	9.2%
RIVERSIDE	945,100	869,600	75,500	8.0%
SACRAMENTO	677,100	631,100	46,000	6.8%
SAN BENITO	26,600	24,200	2,400	9.1%
SAN BERNARDINO	859,700	791,000	68,600	8.0%
SAN DIEGO	1,586,300	1,494,200	92,100	5.8%
SAN FRANCISCO	487,800	466,500	21,300	4.4%
SAN JOAQUIN	304,100	272,900	31,200	10.3%
SAN LUIS OBISPO	142,100	135,000	7,100	5.0%
SAN MATEO	404,300	387,700	16,500	4.1%
SANTA BARBARA	225,900	214,500	11,300	5.0%
SANTA CLARA	928,600	880,600	48,000	5.2%
SANTA CRUZ	151,500	140,800	10,700	7.1%
SHASTA	79,900	73,200	6,700	8.4%
SIERRA	1,440	1,300	140	9.4%
SISKIYOU	17,660	15,910	1,750	9.9%
SOLANO	216,100	201,900	14,200	6.6%
SONOMA	264,200	251,100	13,100	5.0%
STANISLAUS	236,500	210,300	26,300	11.1%
SUTTER	40,500	34,800	5,700	14.0%
TEHAMA	24,680	22,420	2,260	9.1%
TRINITY	4,810	4,370	450	9.3%
TULARE	207,600	183,500	24,100	11.6%
TUOLUMNE	23,910	22,090	1,820	7.6%
VENTURA	434,900	409,200	25,700	5.9%
YOLO	97,100	90,500	6,600	6.8%
YUBA	25,700	22,800	2,900	11.3%

*Not seasonally adjusted.

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