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California's unemployment rate decreases to 7.3 percent

SACRAMENTO – California's unemployment rate decreased to 7.3 percent in September, and nonfarm payroll jobs decreased by 9,800 during the month for a total gain of 1,409,500 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 decreased in September to 5.9 percent.

In September 2013, the unemployment rate was 8.8 percent. The unemployment rate is derived from a federal survey of 5,500 California households.

Nonfarm jobs in California totaled 15,530,500 in September, a decrease of 9,800 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, September 2013 to September 2014, shows an increase of 297,000 jobs (up 1.9 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 September was 17,307,000, an increase of 84,000 from August 2014, and up 359,000 from the employment total in September of last year.

The number of people unemployed in California was 1,361,000 – down by 14,000 over the month, and down by 271,000 compared with September 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 15,530,500 in September, a net loss of 9,800 jobs since the August survey. This followed a gain of 44,900 jobs (as revised) in August.

Three categories (construction; trade, transportation and utilities; and professional and business services) added jobs over the month, gaining 17,900 jobs. Professional and business services posted the largest increase over the month, adding 12,100 jobs.

Seven categories (manufacturing; information; financial activities; educational and health services; leisure and hospitality; other services; and government) reported job declines over the month, down 27,700 jobs. Educational and health services posted the largest decrease over the month, down 8,200 jobs. One category, mining and logging, was unchanged over the month.

In a year-over-year comparison (September 2013 to September 2014), nonfarm payroll employment in California increased by 297,000 jobs (up 1.9 percent).

Eight categories (mining and logging; construction; trade, transportation and utilities; information; professional and business services; educational and health services; leisure and hospitality; and other services) posted job gains over the year, adding 308,200 jobs. Professional and business services posted the largest gains on a numerical basis, adding 102,000 jobs (up 4.3 percent). Construction posted the largest gains on a percentage basis, up 6.0 percent (adding 38,300 jobs).

Three categories (manufacturing; financial activities; and government) posted job declines over the year, down 11,200 jobs. Financial activities posted the largest declines on both a numerical and percentage basis, down 5,600 jobs (a 0.7 percent decrease).

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE CLAIMS (NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)

In related data, the EDD reported that there were 392,823 people receiving regular Unemployment Insurance benefits during the September 2014 survey week. This compares with 411,005 last month and 362,532 last year. At the same time, new claims for Unemployment Insurance were 52,279 in September 2014, compared with 47,640 in August and 37,333 in September of last year.

Seasonally adjusted payroll detail follows:

PAYROLL EMPLOYMENT, SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA²
(Amounts in thousands)

Industrial Classification	September 2014 (prelim.)	August 2014 (revised)	September 2013	Change Over 12 Months (percent)
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Workers	15,530.5	15,540.3	15,233.5	1.9
Mining and logging	31.5	31.5	30.4	3.6
Construction	680.7	676.3	642.4	6.0
Manufacturing	1,248.9	1,249.0	1,252.3	-0.3
Trade, transportation and utilities	2,848.7	2,847.3	2,812.5	1.3
Information	476.0	477.8	453.7	4.9
Financial activities	778.9	779.7	784.5	-0.7
Professional and business services	2,456.4	2,444.3	2,354.4	4.3
Educational and health services	2,393.3	2,401.5	2,325.7	2.9
Leisure and hospitality	1,717.4	1,721.6	1,679.1	2.3
Other services	518.5	524.4	516.1	0.5
Government*	2,380.2	2,386.9	2,382.4	-0.1
Agriculture	404.2	405.4	399.2	1.3

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

TABLE A
EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT IN CALIFORNIA, SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA²

	September 2014 (prelim.)	August 2014 (revised)	July 2014	September 2013
Civilian labor force ^a	18,668,000	18,599,000	18,581,000	18,580,000
Total civilian employment	17,307,000	17,223,000	17,208,000	16,948,000
Unemployment	1,361,000	1,375,000	1,373,000	1,632,000
Seasonally adjusted rate %	7.3	7.4	7.4	8.8
US seasonally adjusted rate %	5.9	6.1	6.2	7.2

TABLE B
EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT IN CALIFORNIA, UNADJUSTED DATA

	September 2014 (prelim.)	August 2014 (revised)	July 2014	September 2013
Civilian labor force ^a	18,759,000	18,763,000	18,702,000	18,646,000
Total civilian employment	17,459,000	17,365,000	17,232,000	17,068,000
Unemployment	1,300,000	1,398,000	1,470,000	1,578,000
Unadjusted rate %	6.9	7.5	7.9	8.5

^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
September 2014 (Preliminary); 2013 BENCHMARK
NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

COUNTY	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYMENT	UNEMPLOYMENT	RATE*
STATE TOTAL	18,759,200	17,459,000	1,300,100	6.9%
ALAMEDA	789,800	745,000	44,700	5.7%
ALPINE	390	350	40	9.7%
AMADOR	15,960	14,800	1,160	7.3%
BUTTE	103,100	95,500	7,600	7.4%
CALAVERAS	19,320	17,840	1,480	7.7%
COLUSA	11,360	10,080	1,280	11.3%
CONTRA COSTA	543,900	512,800	31,100	5.7%
DEL NORTE	11,180	10,230	960	8.5%
EL DORADO	89,000	83,500	5,500	6.2%
FRESNO	451,400	408,600	42,900	9.5%
GLENN	13,160	12,020	1,140	8.7%
HUMBOLDT	57,600	53,800	3,800	6.5%
IMPERIAL	79,100	60,100	18,900	23.9%
INYO	8,960	8,400	560	6.3%
KERN	396,900	361,700	35,200	8.9%
KINGS	59,200	53,400	5,800	9.8%
LAKE	26,700	24,370	2,340	8.7%
LASSEN	12,730	11,760	970	7.6%
LOS ANGELES	5,043,900	4,652,200	391,700	7.8%
MADERA	70,100	64,400	5,800	8.2%
MARIN	145,800	140,100	5,700	3.9%
MARIPOSA	9,750	9,190	570	5.8%
MENDOCINO	43,200	40,730	2,470	5.7%
MERCED	114,200	102,400	11,900	10.4%
MODOC	3,650	3,360	290	7.8%
MONO	7,890	7,370	520	6.6%
MONTEREY	225,000	210,300	14,700	6.5%
NAPA	80,900	77,300	3,600	4.4%
NEVADA	49,120	46,280	2,840	5.8%
ORANGE	1,619,300	1,537,500	81,800	5.1%
PLACER	179,500	169,100	10,400	5.8%
PLUMAS	9,960	9,260	710	7.1%
RIVERSIDE	956,300	874,200	82,100	8.6%
SACRAMENTO	680,200	633,500	46,800	6.9%
SAN BENITO	26,300	24,600	1,700	6.5%
SAN BERNARDINO	861,600	795,300	66,400	7.7%
SAN DIEGO	1,598,400	1,504,600	93,800	5.9%
SAN FRANCISCO	499,400	477,600	21,800	4.4%
SAN JOAQUIN	297,000	268,100	28,900	9.7%
SAN LUIS OBISPO	140,000	132,500	7,500	5.4%
SAN MATEO	414,000	397,000	17,000	4.1%
SANTA BARBARA	222,800	210,900	11,900	5.3%
SANTA CLARA	945,700	896,700	48,900	5.2%
SANTA CRUZ	150,900	141,500	9,400	6.2%
SHASTA	80,500	74,200	6,200	7.7%
SIERRA	1,470	1,350	110	7.7%
SISKIYOU	19,010	17,410	1,590	8.4%
SOLANO	219,100	205,200	13,800	6.3%
SONOMA	265,900	252,800	13,200	4.9%
STANISLAUS	237,300	214,300	23,100	9.7%
SUTTER	40,700	36,500	4,200	10.3%
TEHAMA	25,220	23,080	2,130	8.5%
TRINITY	4,980	4,570	410	8.2%
TULARE	200,800	178,400	22,400	11.2%
TUOLUMNE	24,260	22,570	1,690	7.0%
VENTURA	431,400	403,600	27,700	6.4%
YOLO	97,000	90,800	6,200	6.4%
YUBA	27,000	24,000	3,000	11.1%

*Not seasonally adjusted.

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