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California's unemployment rate decreases to 5.7 percent

NOTE TO EDITORS: *This release incorporates revised historical labor force numbers and industry employment data. Each year our labor force and employment data are updated to reflect additional data inputs and estimation techniques. These data are produced in cooperation with the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, based on the same methodology used by all states.*

SACRAMENTO – California's unemployment rate decreased to 5.7 percent in January, and nonfarm payroll jobs decreased by 1,500 during the month for a total gain of 2,086,100 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 January to 4.9 percent.

In December, the state's unemployment rate was 5.9 percent, and in January 2015, the unemployment rate was 6.8 percent. The unemployment rate is derived from a federal survey of 5,500 California households.

Nonfarm jobs in California totaled 16,272,600 in January, a decrease of 1,500 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, January 2015 to January 2016, shows an increase of 444,900 jobs (up 2.8 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 January was 17,930,000, an increase of 52,000 from December, and up 295,000 from the employment total in January of last year.

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The number of people unemployed in California was 1,089,000 – down by 35,000 over the month, and down by 189,000 compared with January of last year.

PAYROLL EMPLOYMENT DETAIL (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)

EDD's report on payroll employment (wage and salary jobs) in the nonfarm industries of California totaled 16,272,600 in January, a net loss of 1,500 jobs since the January survey. This followed a gain of 47,700 jobs (as revised) in December.

Seven categories (construction; manufacturing; trade, transportation and utilities; information; educational and health services; leisure and hospitality; and government) added jobs over the month, gaining 25,400 jobs. Educational and health services posted the largest increase over the month, adding 9,500 jobs.

Four categories (mining and logging; financial activities; professional and business services; and other services) reported job declines over the month, down 26,900 jobs.

In a year-over-year comparison (January 2015 to January 2016), nonfarm payroll employment in California increased by 444,900 jobs (up 2.8 percent).

Ten categories (construction; manufacturing; trade, transportation and utilities; information; financial activities; professional and business services; educational and health services; leisure and hospitality; other services; and government) posted job gains over the year, adding 449,400 jobs. Educational and health services posted the largest gains on a numerical basis, adding 100,700 jobs (up 4.2 percent). Construction posted the largest gains on a percentage basis, up 6.5 percent (adding 45,700 jobs).

One category, mining and logging, posted job declines over the year, down 4,500 jobs (a 14.5 percent decrease).

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE CLAIMS (NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)

In related data, the EDD reported that there were 410,293 people receiving regular Unemployment Insurance benefits during the January survey week. This compares with 393,350 in December and 397,142 in January of last year. At the same time, new claims for Unemployment Insurance were 53,682 in January, compared with 53,248 in December and 40,989 in January of last year.

Seasonally adjusted payroll detail follows:

PAYROLL EMPLOYMENT, SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA²
(Amounts in thousands)

Industrial Classification	January 2016 (prelim.)	December 2015 (revised)	January 2015	Change Over 12 Months (percent)
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Workers	16,272.6	16,274.1	15,827.7	2.8
Mining and logging	26.5	27.4	31.0	-14.5
Construction	749.5	748.5	703.8	6.5
Manufacturing	1,290.8	1,290.4	1,287.3	0.3
Trade, transportation and utilities	2,970.7	2,969.3	2,901.8	2.4
Information	491.5	487.0	470.1	4.6
Financial activities	800.4	806.1	788.9	1.5
Professional and business services	2,536.0	2,553.3	2,458.0	3.2
Educational and health services	2,509.9	2,500.4	2,409.2	4.2
Leisure and hospitality	1,870.6	1,864.8	1,796.5	4.1
Other services	546.3	549.3	539.0	1.4
Government*	2,480.4	2,477.6	2,442.1	1.6
Agriculture	426.8	413.3	425.4	0.3

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

TABLE A
EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT IN CALIFORNIA, SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA²

	January 2016 (prelim.)	December 2015 (revised)	November 2015	January 2015
Civilian labor force ^a	19,019,000	19,002,000	18,990,000	18,913,000
Total civilian employment	17,930,000	17,878,000	17,866,000	17,635,000
Unemployment	1,089,000	1,124,000	1,124,000	1,278,000
Seasonally adjusted rate %	5.7	5.9	5.9	6.8
US seasonally adjusted rate %	4.9	5.0	5.0	5.7

TABLE B
EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT IN CALIFORNIA, UNADJUSTED DATA

	January 2016 (prelim.)	December 2015 (revised)	November 2015	January 2015
Civilian labor force ^a	18,948,000	18,994,000	18,996,000	18,933,000
Total civilian employment	17,841,000	17,905,000	17,894,000	17,567,000
Unemployment	1,107,000	1,089,000	1,102,000	1,365,000
Unadjusted rate %	5.8	5.7	5.8	7.2

^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
January 2016 (Preliminary); 2015 BENCHMARK
NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

COUNTY	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYMENT	UNEMPLOYMENT	RATE*
STATE TOTAL	18,948,200	17,840,800	1,107,400	5.8%
ALAMEDA	825,000	789,400	35,600	4.3%
ALPINE	670	640	40	5.3%
AMADOR	14,190	13,240	950	6.7%
BUTTE	101,700	94,200	7,500	7.3%
CALAVERAS	20,300	19,010	1,290	6.4%
COLUSA	10,910	8,460	2,440	22.4%
CONTRA COSTA	549,600	524,600	25,000	4.5%
DEL NORTE	9,890	9,030	870	8.8%
EL DORADO	89,300	84,400	4,900	5.5%
FRESNO	442,300	395,600	46,800	10.6%
GLENN	13,350	12,090	1,260	9.5%
HUMBOLDT	62,010	58,550	3,460	5.6%
IMPERIAL	77,400	62,500	14,900	19.2%
INYO	9,090	8,540	550	6.1%
KERN	395,500	353,100	42,400	10.7%
KINGS	58,100	51,400	6,600	11.4%
LAKE	28,840	26,600	2,240	7.8%
LASSEN	10,980	10,080	910	8.2%
LOS ANGELES	4,973,600	4,677,500	296,100	6.0%
MADERA	62,300	55,900	6,300	10.2%
MARIN	142,100	137,500	4,600	3.2%
MARIPOSA	7,420	6,750	660	8.9%
MENDOCINO	39,710	37,230	2,480	6.2%
MERCED	114,200	99,600	14,600	12.8%
MODOC	3,120	2,800	320	10.3%
MONO	9,000	8,570	430	4.8%
MONTEREY	213,100	189,400	23,800	11.2%
NAPA	73,600	70,000	3,500	4.8%
NEVADA	49,020	46,510	2,510	5.1%
ORANGE	1,596,400	1,532,300	64,100	4.0%
PLACER	178,400	170,000	8,300	4.7%
PLUMAS	7,660	6,590	1,060	13.9%
RIVERSIDE	1,041,400	979,700	61,800	5.9%
SACRAMENTO	689,400	651,000	38,400	5.6%
SAN BENITO	29,900	27,500	2,400	7.9%
SAN BERNARDINO	932,500	879,500	53,000	5.7%
SAN DIEGO	1,563,800	1,489,600	74,200	4.7%
SAN FRANCISCO	551,800	533,400	18,400	3.3%
SAN JOAQUIN	317,000	288,700	28,400	8.9%
SAN LUIS OBISPO	142,200	135,900	6,300	4.4%
SAN MATEO	444,700	431,100	13,600	3.1%
SANTA BARBARA	218,100	205,600	12,500	5.7%
SANTA CLARA	1,024,600	986,000	38,600	3.8%
SANTA CRUZ	141,900	129,100	12,800	9.0%
SHASTA	75,100	69,100	6,000	8.0%
SIERRA	1,300	1,180	130	9.9%
SISKIYOU	17,650	15,610	2,050	11.6%
SOLANO	207,600	195,700	11,900	5.7%
SONOMA	259,300	248,200	11,100	4.3%
STANISLAUS	242,200	219,400	22,800	9.4%
SUTTER	44,000	38,900	5,100	11.6%
TEHAMA	24,830	22,820	2,010	8.1%
TRINITY	5,130	4,670	450	8.9%
TULARE	204,100	179,100	25,000	12.3%
TUOLUMNE	21,550	19,960	1,580	7.3%
VENTURA	427,300	404,500	22,700	5.3%
YOLO	104,100	97,100	7,000	6.7%
YUBA	28,100	25,300	2,800	9.8%

*Not seasonally adjusted.