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California's unemployment rate decreases to 5.3 percent
Nonfarm payroll jobs increase by 59,600

SACRAMENTO – California's unemployment rate decreased to 5.3 percent in April, and nonfarm payroll jobs increased by 59,600 during the month for a total gain of 2,195,000 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 April at 5.0 percent.

In March, the state's unemployment rate was 5.4 percent, and in April 2015, the unemployment rate was 6.5 percent. The unemployment rate is derived from a federal survey of 5,500 California households.

Nonfarm jobs in California totaled 16,381,500 in April, an increase of 59,600 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, April 2015 to April 2016, shows an increase of 450,200 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 April was 18,071,000, an increase of 33,000 from March, and up 355,000 from the employment total in April of last year.

The number of people unemployed in California was 1,013,000 – down by 8,000 over the month, and down by 211,000 compared with April 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 16,381,500 in April, a net gain of 59,600 jobs since the April survey. This followed a gain of 5,200 jobs (as revised) in March.

Ten categories (mining and logging; construction; manufacturing; trade, transportation and utilities; financial activities; professional and business services; educational and health services; leisure and hospitality; other services; and government) added jobs over the month, gaining 61,400 jobs. Professional and business services posted the largest increase over the month, adding 17,900 jobs.

One category, information, reported job declines over the month, down 1,800 jobs.

In a year-over-year comparison (April 2015 to April 2016), nonfarm payroll employment in California increased by 450,200 jobs (up 2.8 percent).

Nine categories (construction; 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 458,500 jobs. Educational and health services posted the largest gains on a numerical basis, adding 98,600 jobs (a 4.1 percent increase). Construction posted the largest gains on a percentage basis, up 7.0 percent (adding 49,800 jobs).

Two categories (mining and logging and manufacturing) posted job declines over the year, down 8,300 jobs. Manufacturing posted the largest decrease on a numerical basis, down 4,700 jobs (a 0.4 percent decrease). Mining and logging posted the largest decrease on a percentage basis, down 12.0 percent (a decrease of 3,600 jobs).

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE CLAIMS (NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)

In related data, the EDD reported that there were 398,005 people receiving regular Unemployment Insurance benefits during the April survey week. This compares with 420,502 in March and 415,987 in April of last year. At the same time, new claims for Unemployment Insurance were 46,821 in April, compared with 44,305 in March and 47,462 in April of last year.

Seasonally adjusted payroll detail follows:

PAYROLL EMPLOYMENT, SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA²

(Amounts in thousands)

Industrial Classification	April 2016 (prelim.)	March 2016 (revised)	April 2015	Change Over 12 Months (percent)
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Workers	16,381.5	16,321.9	15,931.3	2.8
Mining and logging	26.3	26.0	29.9	-12.0
Construction	765.4	753.4	715.6	7.0
Manufacturing	1,286.9	1,285.6	1,291.6	-0.4
Trade, transportation and utilities	2,994.7	2,988.9	2,918.2	2.6
Information	490.3	492.1	480.6	2.0
Financial activities	809.2	802.5	794.5	1.9
Professional and business services	2,549.5	2,531.6	2,471.5	3.2
Educational and health services	2,525.9	2,519.5	2,427.3	4.1
Leisure and hospitality	1,887.3	1,880.5	1,813.8	4.1
Other services	550.8	548.4	541.8	1.7
Government*	2,495.2	2,493.4	2,446.5	2.0
Agriculture	445.1	440.6	446.2	-0.2

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

**TABLE A
EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT IN CALIFORNIA, SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA²**

	April 2016 (prelim.)	March 2016 (revised)	February 2016	April 2015
Civilian labor force ^a	19,084,000	19,059,000	19,046,000	18,940,000
Total civilian employment	18,071,000	18,038,000	17,992,000	17,716,000
Unemployment	1,013,000	1,021,000	1,054,000	1,224,000
Seasonally adjusted rate %	5.3	5.4	5.5	6.5
US seasonally adjusted rate %	5.0	5.0	4.9	5.4

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

	April 2016 (prelim.)	March 2016 (revised)	February 2016	April 2015
Civilian labor force ^a	19,015,000	19,030,000	19,039,000	18,942,000
Total civilian employment	18,028,000	17,972,000	17,959,000	17,776,000
Unemployment	987,000	1,058,000	1,080,000	1,166,000
Unadjusted rate %	5.2	5.6	5.7	6.2

^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
April 2016 (Preliminary); 2015 BENCHMARK
NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED**

COUNTY	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYMENT	UNEMPLOYMENT	RATE*
STATE TOTAL	19,015,100	18,027,700	987,400	5.2%
ALAMEDA	824,800	790,800	34,000	4.1%
ALPINE	600	570	40	6.0%
AMADOR	14,510	13,650	860	5.9%
BUTTE	101,800	95,200	6,600	6.5%
CALAVERAS	20,530	19,350	1,180	5.8%
COLUSA	10,960	9,180	1,780	16.2%
CONTRA COSTA	549,300	525,600	23,700	4.3%
DEL NORTE	9,830	9,080	750	7.6%
EL DORADO	88,800	84,300	4,500	5.0%
FRESNO	448,700	405,300	43,500	9.7%
GLENN	13,250	12,170	1,080	8.2%
HUMBOLDT	62,330	59,350	2,990	4.8%
IMPERIAL	77,300	61,800	15,500	20.1%
INYO	9,030	8,570	470	5.2%
KERN	392,900	351,100	41,800	10.6%
KINGS	57,700	51,900	5,800	10.0%
LAKE	29,010	27,080	1,930	6.7%
LASSEN	10,570	9,840	730	6.9%
LOS ANGELES	5,011,500	4,777,900	233,600	4.7%
MADERA	61,100	55,200	5,900	9.7%
MARIN	142,100	137,800	4,400	3.1%
MARIPOSA	7,710	7,170	540	7.0%
MENDOCINO	39,740	37,680	2,050	5.2%
MERCED	114,400	101,500	12,800	11.2%
MODOC	3,290	3,030	260	7.8%
MONO	8,370	7,980	390	4.6%
MONTEREY	222,800	206,000	16,800	7.5%
NAPA	75,600	72,700	2,900	3.9%
NEVADA	48,180	45,930	2,260	4.7%
ORANGE	1,604,100	1,542,200	61,900	3.9%
PLACER	177,500	169,800	7,700	4.3%
PLUMAS	7,750	6,900	850	10.9%
RIVERSIDE	1,036,100	976,800	59,300	5.7%
SACRAMENTO	686,000	650,100	35,900	5.2%
SAN BENITO	30,000	27,900	2,100	7.0%
SAN BERNARDINO	928,000	877,000	50,900	5.5%
SAN DIEGO	1,562,600	1,491,900	70,800	4.5%
SAN FRANCISCO	552,800	535,500	17,300	3.1%
SAN JOAQUIN	318,200	292,300	25,900	8.1%
SAN LUIS OBISPO	144,200	138,500	5,700	3.9%
SAN MATEO	445,700	432,800	12,900	2.9%
SANTA BARBARA	223,600	213,500	10,100	4.5%
SANTA CLARA	1,029,700	992,300	37,400	3.6%
SANTA CRUZ	144,700	133,800	10,900	7.5%
SHASTA	74,100	68,900	5,200	7.0%
SIERRA	1,280	1,170	110	8.4%
SISKIYOU	17,670	16,160	1,510	8.5%
SOLANO	206,400	195,500	11,000	5.3%
SONOMA	260,200	250,300	9,900	3.8%
STANISLAUS	243,000	221,200	21,800	9.0%
SUTTER	44,700	40,100	4,600	10.4%
TEHAMA	24,490	22,690	1,800	7.4%
TRINITY	5,140	4,760	380	7.4%
TULARE	207,200	184,800	22,400	10.8%
TUOLUMNE	21,460	20,110	1,360	6.3%
VENTURA	429,900	409,500	20,500	4.8%
YOLO	103,600	97,800	5,800	5.6%
YUBA	28,100	25,700	2,400	8.6%

*Not seasonally adjusted.