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California's unemployment rate unchanged at 9.8 percent
California gained 327,400 payroll jobs in 2012

SACRAMENTO – California's unemployment rate was unchanged at 9.8 percent in January 2013, and nonfarm payroll jobs increased by 1,700 during the month, according to data released today by the California Employment Development Department (EDD) from two separate surveys.

Last year, in January 2012, the unemployment rate was 11.0 percent. The unemployment rate is derived from a federal survey of 5,500 California households.

Nonfarm jobs in California totaled 14,526,700 in January, an increase of 1,700 jobs over the month, according to a survey of businesses that is larger and less variable statistically. The survey of 42,000 California businesses measures jobs in the economy. The year-over-year change (January 2012 to January 2013) shows an increase of 254,900 jobs (up 1.8 percent) seasonally adjusted.

The overall gain in nonfarm jobs in 2012 (December 2011 to December 2012) was 327,400 (up 2.3 percent), an upward revision of 101,500 from the preliminary estimate announced in January prior to benchmarking.

The release of California labor force and industry employment data for January 2013 was delayed due to a revision error by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) in its annual benchmarking data. The BLS revised the data in time to release partial employment and unemployment data for California, Los Angeles County, and all other states yesterday, and continues to release some jobs data for metropolitan statistical areas (MSAs).

Because the EDD cannot finish its annual benchmarking process until complete updated data is received from the BLS, more detailed labor force and industry employment data for January and revised data for previous years for California and local areas will be released as scheduled on **Friday, March 22**.

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In Los Angeles County, the unemployment rate increased to 10.4 percent in January. In December 2012, the unemployment rate was 10.3 percent, and in January 2012, the rate was 11.6 percent.

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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 16,775,200, an increase of 30,100 from December 2012, and up 322,400 from the employment total in January of last year.

The number of people unemployed in California was 1,815,900 – up by 2,800 over the month, but down by 211,900 compared with January of last year.

PAYROLL EMPLOYMENT DETAIL (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)

PAYROLL EMPLOYMENT, SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA2
(Amounts in thousands)

Industrial Classification	January 2013 (prelim.)	December 2012 (revised)	January 2012	Change Over 12 Months (Percent)
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Workers	14,526.7	14,525.0	14,271.8	1.8
Construction	610.5	603.2	592.9	3.0
Manufacturing	1,247.7	1,250.6	1,250.5	-0.2
Trade, transportation and utilities	2,755.4	2,760.9	2,703.9	1.9
Financial activities	780.9	780.3	766.6	1.9
Professional and business services	2,265.8	2,262.4	2,194.2	3.3
Educational and health services	1,909.9	1,906.6	1,857.6	2.8
Leisure and hospitality	1,630.7	1,622.9	1,565.8	4.1
Government*	2,363.4	2,364.4	2,385.0	-0.9

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

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