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California's unemployment rate decreases to 9.4 percent
Nonfarm payroll jobs increase by 25,500

SACRAMENTO – California's unemployment rate decreased to 9.4 percent in March, and nonfarm payroll jobs increased by 25,500 during the month for a total gain of 746,800 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 March to 7.6 percent.

In February, the state's unemployment rate was 9.6 percent, and in March 2012, the unemployment rate was 10.7 percent. The unemployment rate is derived from a federal survey of 5,500 California households.

Nonfarm jobs in California totaled 14,592,100 in March, an increase of 25,500 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 (March 2012 to March 2013) shows an increase of 285,900 jobs (up 2.0 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 March was 16,880,000, an increase of 30,000 from February 2013, and up 378,000 from the employment total in March of last year.

The number of people unemployed in California was 1,749,000 – down by 45,000 over the month, and down by 236,000 compared with March 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 14,592,100 in March, a net gain of 25,500 jobs since the February survey. This followed a gain of 37,400 jobs (as revised) in February.

Seven categories (construction; information; financial activities; professional and business services; educational and health services; leisure and hospitality; and government) added jobs over the month, gaining 41,100 jobs. Professional and business services posted the largest increase over the month, adding 15,800 jobs.

Four categories (mining and logging; manufacturing; trade, transportation and utilities; and other services) reported job declines over the month, down 15,600 jobs. Trade, transportation and utilities posted the largest decrease over the month, down 8,400 jobs.

In a year-over-year comparison (March 2012 to March 2013), nonfarm payroll employment in California increased by 285,900 jobs (up 2.0 percent).

Eight categories (construction; trade, transportation and utilities; information; financial activities; professional and business services; educational and health services; leisure and hospitality; and other services) posted job gains over the year, adding 305,600 jobs. Professional and business services posted the largest gains on a numerical basis, adding 83,400 jobs (up 3.8 percent). Construction posted the largest gains on a percentage basis, up 7.1 percent (adding 41,000 jobs).

Three categories (mining and logging; manufacturing; and government) posted job declines over the year, down 19,700 jobs. Manufacturing posted the largest declines on a numerical basis, down by 10,900 jobs (a 0.9 percent decrease). Mining and logging posted the largest declines on a percentage basis, decreasing by 1.7 percent (down 500 jobs).

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE CLAIMS (NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)

In related data, the EDD reported that there were 532,831 people receiving regular unemployment insurance benefits during the March survey week. This compares with 487,497 last month and 570,089 last year. At the same time, new claims for unemployment insurance were 58,842 in March 2013, compared with 41,698 in February and 55,393 in March of last year.

Seasonally adjusted payroll detail follows:

PAYROLL EMPLOYMENT, SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA²
(Amounts in thousands)

Industrial Classification	March 2013 (prelim.)	February 2013 (revised)	March 2012	Change Over 12 Months (Percent)
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Workers	14,592.1	14,566.6	14,306.2	2.0
Mining and logging	29.6	29.7	30.1	-1.7
Construction	620.4	616.6	579.4	7.1
Manufacturing	1,242.0	1,245.3	1,252.9	-0.9
Trade, transportation and utilities	2,738.7	2,747.1	2,705.5	1.2
Information	446.1	434.4	428.1	4.2
Financial activities	786.1	785.5	769.2	2.2
Professional and business services	2,296.8	2,281.0	2,213.4	3.8
Educational and health services	1,903.8	1,903.0	1,869.4	1.8
Leisure and hospitality	1,653.8	1,646.2	1,576.4	4.9
Other services	503.5	507.3	502.2	0.3
Government*	2,371.3	2,370.5	2,379.6	-0.3
Agriculture	406.5	408.5	390.4	4.1

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

TABLE A
EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT IN CALIFORNIA, SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA²

	March 2013 (prelim.)	February 2013 (revised)	January 2013	March 2012
Civilian labor force ^a	18,629,000	18,644,000	18,594,000	18,486,000
Total civilian employment	16,880,000	16,850,000	16,777,000	16,502,000
Unemployment	1,749,000	1,794,000	1,818,000	1,985,000
Seasonally adjusted rate %	9.4	9.6	9.8	10.7
US seasonally adjusted rate %	7.6	7.7	7.9	8.2

TABLE B
EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT IN CALIFORNIA, UNADJUSTED DATA

	March 2013 (prelim.)	February 2013 (revised)	January 2013	March 2012
Civilian labor force ^a	18,558,000	18,648,000	18,556,000	18,473,000
Total civilian employment	16,817,000	16,836,000	16,632,000	16,428,000
Unemployment	1,741,000	1,812,000	1,925,000	2,045,000
Unadjusted rate %	9.4	9.7	10.4	11.1

^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
March 2013 (Preliminary); 2012 BENCHMARK
NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

COUNTY	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYMENT	UNEMPLOYMENT	RATE*
STATE TOTAL	18,557,700	16,817,200	1,740,500	9.4%
ALAMEDA	779,100	718,900	60,200	7.7%
ALPINE	560	510	50	9.0%
AMADOR	16,250	14,500	1,750	10.8%
BUTTE	101,300	90,000	11,400	11.2%
CALAVERAS	18,690	16,460	2,230	11.9%
COLUSA	11,260	8,570	2,690	23.9%
CONTRA COSTA	538,700	496,600	42,100	7.8%
DEL NORTE	11,350	9,970	1,380	12.1%
EL DORADO	91,000	82,400	8,700	9.5%
FRESNO	439,400	373,800	65,600	14.9%
GLENN	12,630	10,900	1,730	13.7%
HUMBOLDT	59,600	53,900	5,600	9.5%
IMPERIAL	75,900	57,900	18,000	23.7%
INYO	9,380	8,570	810	8.6%
KERN	388,200	335,500	52,700	13.6%
KINGS	60,900	51,500	9,400	15.4%
LAKE	24,790	21,320	3,470	14.0%
LASSEN	12,520	10,960	1,560	12.5%
LOS ANGELES	4,895,100	4,409,200	485,900	9.9%
MADERA	67,300	58,200	9,100	13.5%
MARIN	141,600	134,200	7,400	5.2%
MARIPOSA	8,860	7,860	1,010	11.4%
MENDOCINO	42,050	38,250	3,800	9.0%
MERCED	112,400	93,000	19,400	17.2%
MODOC	3,650	3,130	520	14.2%
MONO	8,780	8,080	700	8.0%
MONTEREY	224,200	196,100	28,100	12.5%
NAPA	77,900	72,700	5,300	6.7%
NEVADA	50,610	46,380	4,230	8.4%
ORANGE	1,631,800	1,528,600	103,300	6.3%
PLACER	178,600	164,400	14,200	8.0%
PLUMAS	9,200	7,720	1,480	16.1%
RIVERSIDE	947,200	847,800	99,400	10.5%
SACRAMENTO	679,900	617,500	62,400	9.2%
SAN BENITO	27,500	23,600	3,900	14.3%
SAN BERNARDINO	866,400	775,300	91,100	10.5%
SAN DIEGO	1,611,200	1,487,100	124,100	7.7%
SAN FRANCISCO	480,900	452,100	28,900	6.0%
SAN JOAQUIN	297,900	255,900	42,000	14.1%
SAN LUIS OBISPO	144,800	135,000	9,800	6.8%
SAN MATEO	398,100	375,500	22,600	5.7%
SANTA BARBARA	232,300	215,500	16,800	7.2%
SANTA CLARA	924,300	858,500	65,900	7.1%
SANTA CRUZ	153,300	135,800	17,500	11.4%
SHASTA	79,700	69,700	10,000	12.5%
SIERRA	1,530	1,290	240	15.5%
SISKIYOU	18,690	15,820	2,870	15.4%
SOLANO	218,400	199,000	19,400	8.9%
SONOMA	257,700	238,800	18,900	7.3%
STANISLAUS	236,500	202,000	34,500	14.6%
SUTTER	42,700	35,000	7,600	17.9%
TEHAMA	24,730	21,480	3,250	13.2%
TRINITY	4,720	3,990	730	15.4%
TULARE	207,100	174,500	32,600	15.7%
TUOLUMNE	25,330	22,610	2,720	10.7%
VENTURA	446,600	412,000	34,600	7.7%
YOLO	99,500	88,500	11,000	11.1%
YUBA	27,100	22,900	4,200	15.3%