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California's unemployment rate decreases to 9.0 percent
Nonfarm payroll jobs increase by 10,400

SACRAMENTO – California's unemployment rate decreased to 9.0 percent in April, and nonfarm payroll jobs increased by 10,400 during the month for a total gain of 756,900 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 April to 7.5 percent.

In March, the state's unemployment rate was 9.4 percent, and in April 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 14,602,200 in April, an increase of 10,400 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 (April 2012 to April 2013) shows an increase of 273,100 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 April was 16,951,000, an increase of 71,000 from March 2013, and up 443,000 from the employment total in April of last year.

The number of people unemployed in California was 1,673,000 – down by 76,000 over the month, and down by 303,000 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 14,602,200 in April, a net gain of 10,400 jobs since the March survey. This followed a gain of 25,200 jobs (as revised) in March.

Seven categories (construction; manufacturing; trade, transportation and utilities; financial activities; educational and health services; leisure and hospitality; and other services) added jobs over the month, gaining 23,300 jobs. Construction posted the largest increase over the month, adding 7,400 jobs.

Three categories (information; professional and business services; and government) reported job declines over the month, down 12,900 jobs. Professional and business services posted the largest decrease over the month, down 6,000 jobs. One category, mining and logging, was unchanged over the month.

In a year-over-year comparison (April 2012 to April 2013), nonfarm payroll employment in California increased by 273,100 jobs (up 1.9 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 287,500 jobs. Professional and business services posted the largest gains on a numerical basis, adding 71,500 jobs (up 3.2 percent). Construction posted the largest gains on a percentage basis, up 7.7 percent (adding 44,800 jobs).

Three categories (mining and logging; manufacturing; and government) posted job declines over the year, down 14,400 jobs. Manufacturing posted the largest declines on a numerical basis, down by 10,500 jobs (a 0.8 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 497,274 people receiving regular unemployment insurance benefits during the April survey week. This compares with 532,831 last month and 552,163 last year. At the same time, new claims for unemployment insurance were 50,977 in April 2013, compared with 58,842 in March and 63,212 in April of last year.

Seasonally adjusted payroll detail follows:

PAYROLL EMPLOYMENT, SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA²
(Amounts in thousands)

Industrial Classification	April 2013 (prelim.)	March 2013 (revised)	April 2012	Change Over 12 Months (Percent)
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Workers	14,602.2	14,591.8	14,329.1	1.9
Mining and logging	29.7	29.7	30.2	-1.7
Construction	625.7	618.3	580.9	7.7
Manufacturing	1,246.0	1,243.5	1,256.5	-0.8
Trade, transportation and utilities	2,740.5	2,738.5	2,714.1	1.0
Information	440.5	446.0	429.5	2.6
Financial activities	788.0	786.1	770.6	2.3
Professional and business services	2,291.4	2,297.4	2,219.9	3.2
Educational and health services	1,905.5	1,903.2	1,857.0	2.6
Leisure and hospitality	1,654.3	1,651.8	1,591.6	3.9
Other services	508.2	503.5	503.0	1.0
Government*	2,372.4	2,373.8	2,375.8	-0.1
Agriculture	372.6	406.4	384.2	-3.0

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

TABLE A
EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT IN CALIFORNIA, SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA²

	April 2013 (prelim.)	March 2013 (revised)	February 2013	April 2012
Civilian labor force ^a	18,624,000	18,629,000	18,644,000	18,485,000
Total civilian employment	16,951,000	16,880,000	16,850,000	16,508,000
Unemployment	1,673,000	1,749,000	1,794,000	1,976,000
Seasonally adjusted rate %	9.0	9.4	9.6	10.7
US seasonally adjusted rate %	7.5	7.6	7.7	8.1

TABLE B
EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT IN CALIFORNIA, UNADJUSTED DATA

	April 2013 (prelim.)	March 2013 (revised)	February 2013	April 2012
Civilian labor force ^a	18,523,000	18,558,000	18,648,000	18,374,000
Total civilian employment	16,944,000	16,817,000	16,836,000	16,483,000
Unemployment	1,579,000	1,741,000	1,812,000	1,890,000
Unadjusted rate %	8.5	9.4	9.7	10.3

^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 2013 (Preliminary); 2012 BENCHMARK
NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

COUNTY	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYMENT	UNEMPLOYMENT	RATE*
STATE TOTAL	18,523,300	16,944,300	1,579,000	8.5%
ALAMEDA	777,300	722,800	54,500	7.0%
ALPINE	470	420	50	9.8%
AMADOR	16,140	14,550	1,590	9.8%
BUTTE	102,100	91,900	10,200	10.0%
CALAVERAS	18,750	16,780	1,980	10.5%
COLUSA	11,310	9,060	2,260	19.9%
CONTRA COSTA	537,100	499,300	37,800	7.0%
DEL NORTE	11,200	9,940	1,260	11.3%
EL DORADO	90,700	82,900	7,800	8.6%
FRESNO	438,600	379,800	58,800	13.4%
GLENN	12,670	11,110	1,570	12.4%
HUMBOLDT	59,500	54,500	5,000	8.4%
IMPERIAL	75,900	57,700	18,200	24.0%
INYO	9,320	8,620	700	7.5%
KERN	385,300	338,600	46,700	12.1%
KINGS	60,600	52,200	8,400	13.8%
LAKE	24,670	21,520	3,150	12.8%
LASSEN	12,450	11,100	1,340	10.8%
LOS ANGELES	4,893,200	4,439,300	453,900	9.3%
MADERA	65,800	57,700	8,100	12.4%
MARIN	141,900	135,300	6,600	4.6%
MARIPOSA	9,210	8,350	860	9.3%
MENDOCINO	42,070	38,700	3,370	8.0%
MERCED	111,200	94,000	17,200	15.5%
MODOC	3,730	3,270	460	12.2%
MONO	8,510	7,890	620	7.3%
MONTEREY	223,800	201,400	22,400	10.0%
NAPA	78,700	74,000	4,700	5.9%
NEVADA	50,080	46,270	3,810	7.6%
ORANGE	1,630,800	1,538,300	92,500	5.7%
PLACER	178,300	165,400	12,900	7.2%
PLUMAS	9,170	7,920	1,250	13.6%
RIVERSIDE	941,700	851,600	90,200	9.6%
SACRAMENTO	677,900	621,500	56,500	8.3%
SAN BENITO	27,000	23,700	3,300	12.3%
SAN BERNARDINO	861,400	778,700	82,600	9.6%
SAN DIEGO	1,608,700	1,496,900	111,900	7.0%
SAN FRANCISCO	481,700	455,900	25,800	5.4%
SAN JOAQUIN	295,400	257,200	38,200	12.9%
SAN LUIS OBISPO	145,800	137,000	8,800	6.1%
SAN MATEO	398,900	378,700	20,200	5.1%
SANTA BARBARA	233,900	219,800	14,100	6.0%
SANTA CLARA	920,600	861,100	59,600	6.5%
SANTA CRUZ	153,100	138,000	15,100	9.9%
SHASTA	79,900	71,000	8,900	11.1%
SIERRA	1,460	1,260	210	14.0%
SISKIYOU	18,680	16,260	2,410	12.9%
SOLANO	218,300	200,700	17,700	8.1%
SONOMA	257,400	240,600	16,800	6.5%
STANISLAUS	235,300	203,800	31,600	13.4%
SUTTER	42,400	35,400	7,000	16.4%
TEHAMA	24,650	21,730	2,920	11.8%
TRINITY	4,740	4,100	650	13.7%
TULARE	207,100	178,700	28,400	13.7%
TUOLUMNE	25,340	22,920	2,420	9.5%
VENTURA	446,000	415,100	30,900	6.9%
YOLO	98,300	89,100	9,200	9.4%
BA	26,800	23,200	3,700	13.6%

*Not seasonally adjusted.

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