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California's nonfarm payroll jobs increase by 29,100
Unemployment rate increases to 8.9 percent

SACRAMENTO – California's nonfarm payroll jobs increased by 29,100 during the month for a total gain of 826,500 jobs since the recovery began in February 2010, according to data released today by the California Employment Development Department (EDD). California's unemployment rate increased to 8.9 percent in August.

The U.S. unemployment rate decreased in August to 7.3 percent.

In July, the state's unemployment rate was 8.7 percent, and in August 2012, the unemployment rate was 10.4 percent. The unemployment rate is derived from a federal survey of 5,500 California households.

Nonfarm jobs in California totaled 14,671,800 in August, an increase of 29,100 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 (August 2012 to August 2013) shows an increase of 223,900 jobs (up 1.5 percent).

EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT IN CALIFORNIA

The federal survey of households, done with a smaller sample than the survey of employers, shows a decrease in the number of employed people. It estimates the number of Californians holding jobs in August was 16,935,000, a decrease of 53,000 from July 2013, but up 381,000 from the employment total in August of last year.

The number of people unemployed in California was 1,646,000 – up by 23,000 over the month, but down by 279,000 compared with August 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 14,671,800 in August, a net gain of 29,100 jobs since the July survey. This followed a gain of 27,800 jobs (as revised) in July.

Nine categories (mining and logging; construction; manufacturing; financial activities; professional and business services; educational and health services; leisure and hospitality; other services; and government) added jobs over the month, gaining 34,100 jobs. Construction posted the largest increase over the month, adding 7,700 jobs.

Two categories (trade, transportation and utilities; and information) reported job declines over the month, down 5,000 jobs. Information posted the largest decrease over the month, down 3,400 jobs.

In a year-over-year comparison (August 2012 to August 2013), nonfarm payroll employment in California increased by 223,900 jobs (up 1.5 percent).

Seven categories (construction; trade, transportation and utilities; financial activities; professional and business services; educational and health services; leisure and hospitality; and other services) posted job gains over the year, adding 240,300 jobs. Leisure and hospitality posted the largest gains on a numerical basis, adding 66,200 jobs (up 4.1 percent). Construction posted the largest gains on a percentage basis, up 5.0 percent (adding 29,100 jobs).

Four categories (mining and logging; manufacturing; information; and government) posted job declines over the year, down 16,400 jobs. Government posted the largest declines on a numerical basis, down by 12,400 jobs (a 0.5 percent decrease). Mining and logging posted the largest declines on a percentage basis, decreasing by 3.3 percent (down 1,000 jobs).

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE CLAIMS (NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)

In related data, the EDD reported that there were 465,922 people receiving regular Unemployment Insurance benefits during the August survey week. This compares with 510,998 last month and 501,158 last year. At the same time, new claims for unemployment insurance were 48,747 in August 2013, compared with 67,382 in July and 51,467 in August of last year.

Seasonally adjusted payroll detail follows:

PAYROLL EMPLOYMENT, SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA²
(Amounts in thousands)

Industrial Classification	August 2013 (prelim.)	July 2013 (revised)	August 2012	Change Over 12 Months (Percent)
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Workers	14,671.8	14,642.7	14,447.9	1.5
Mining and logging	29.3	29.1	30.3	-3.3
Construction	616.5	608.8	587.4	5.0
Manufacturing	1,253.3	1,250.0	1,254.5	-0.1
Trade, transportation and utilities	2,766.3	2,767.9	2,730.9	1.3
Information	432.3	435.7	434.1	-0.4
Financial activities	793.1	788.9	778.5	1.9
Professional and business services	2,310.5	2,304.2	2,254.6	2.5
Educational and health services	1,927.0	1,922.7	1,890.6	1.9
Leisure and hospitality	1,677.1	1,674.1	1,610.9	4.1
Other services	510.4	506.4	507.7	0.5
Government*	2,356.0	2,354.9	2,368.4	-0.5
Agriculture	392.3	392.0	382.8	2.5

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

TABLE A
EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT IN CALIFORNIA, SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA²

	August 2013 (prelim.)	July 2013 (revised)	June 2013	August 2012
Civilian labor force ^a	18,581,000	18,611,000	18,646,000	18,480,000
Total civilian employment	16,935,000	16,988,000	17,053,000	16,554,000
Unemployment	1,646,000	1,623,000	1,593,000	1,925,000
Seasonally adjusted rate %	8.9	8.7	8.5	10.4
US seasonally adjusted rate %	7.3	7.4	7.6	8.1

TABLE B
EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT IN CALIFORNIA, UNADJUSTED DATA

	August 2013 (prelim.)	July 2013 (revised)	June 2013	August 2012
Civilian labor force ^a	18,656,000	18,692,000	18,694,000	18,508,000
Total civilian employment	17,006,000	16,947,000	17,038,000	16,556,000
Unemployment	1,650,000	1,745,000	1,656,000	1,952,000
Unadjusted rate %	8.8	9.3	8.9	10.5

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

COUNTY	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYMENT	UNEMPLOYMENT	RATE*
STATE TOTAL	18,655,700	17,005,900	1,649,900	8.8%
ALAMEDA	777,400	719,600	57,800	7.4%
ALPINE	410	370	50	10.9%
AMADOR	16,380	14,840	1,540	9.4%
BUTTE	101,000	90,900	10,100	10.0%
CALAVERAS	19,360	17,450	1,910	9.9%
COLUSA	12,210	10,630	1,590	13.0%
CONTRA COSTA	536,100	497,100	38,900	7.3%
DEL NORTE	10,870	9,660	1,210	11.1%
EL DORADO	89,500	82,500	7,000	7.9%
FRESNO	441,200	388,700	52,400	11.9%
GLENN	12,530	11,030	1,500	11.9%
HUMBOLDT	58,700	53,700	5,000	8.5%
IMPERIAL	75,700	55,800	19,900	26.3%
INYO	9,300	8,610	690	7.4%
KERN	396,200	352,900	43,300	10.9%
KINGS	60,900	53,600	7,300	12.0%
LAKE	25,550	22,590	2,960	11.6%
LASSEN	12,470	11,260	1,210	9.7%
LOS ANGELES	4,996,600	4,486,400	510,200	10.2%
MADERA	69,000	61,800	7,100	10.4%
MARIN	142,800	135,700	7,200	5.0%
MARIPOSA	10,210	9,500	720	7.0%
MENDOCINO	42,870	39,720	3,150	7.3%
MERCED	110,000	95,400	14,600	13.3%
MODOC	4,010	3,630	390	9.6%
MONO	8,340	7,690	650	7.7%
MONTEREY	234,300	216,000	18,300	7.8%
NAPA	80,000	75,400	4,600	5.8%
NEVADA	50,820	47,150	3,670	7.2%
ORANGE	1,633,900	1,532,900	101,000	6.2%
PLACER	177,800	164,600	13,200	7.4%
PLUMAS	9,940	8,980	960	9.6%
RIVERSIDE	937,100	835,600	101,600	10.8%
SACRAMENTO	678,600	618,500	60,100	8.9%
SAN BENITO	26,100	23,800	2,200	8.5%
SAN BERNARDINO	849,100	764,100	85,000	10.0%
SAN DIEGO	1,608,300	1,488,700	119,500	7.4%
SAN FRANCISCO	484,400	457,100	27,300	5.6%
SAN JOAQUIN	298,000	261,700	36,300	12.2%
SAN LUIS OBISPO	143,700	134,200	9,500	6.6%
SAN MATEO	401,100	379,700	21,500	5.3%
SANTA BARBARA	232,900	218,100	14,800	6.3%
SANTA CLARA	931,000	868,300	62,600	6.7%
SANTA CRUZ	155,700	143,400	12,300	7.9%
SHASTA	80,400	72,200	8,200	10.2%
SIERRA	1,540	1,380	160	10.5%
SISKIYOU	18,840	16,770	2,070	11.0%
SOLANO	218,400	200,600	17,800	8.2%
SONOMA	258,100	241,200	16,900	6.6%
STANISLAUS	240,300	211,800	28,500	11.9%
SUTTER	43,200	38,000	5,300	12.2%
TEHAMA	24,490	21,740	2,750	11.2%
TRINITY	5,000	4,440	560	11.2%
TULARE	204,200	177,400	26,800	13.1%
TUOLUMNE	25,730	23,500	2,230	8.7%
VENTURA	438,200	404,100	34,100	7.8%
YOLO	96,400	88,600	7,800	8.1%
YUBA	28,700	24,800	3,800	13.3%

*Not seasonally adjusted.

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