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California's unemployment rate increases to 5.1 percent in August

SACRAMENTO – California's unemployment rate rose to 5.1 percent, while the state's nonfarm payroll employment fell by 8,200 jobs in August, according to data released today by the California Employment Development Department (EDD) from two surveys. California has now gained a total of 2,591,200 jobs since the economic expansion began in February 2010.

The U.S. unemployment rate increased 0.1 percentage point in August to 4.4 percent, with employers nationwide adding 156,000 nonfarm payroll jobs.

In July, the state's unemployment rate was 4.8 percent, and in August 2016, the unemployment rate was 5.4 percent. The unemployment rate is derived from a federal survey of 5,100 California households.

Nonfarm payroll jobs in California totaled 16,777,800 in August, according to a survey of businesses that is larger and less variable statistically. The survey of 71,000 California businesses measures jobs in the economy. The year-over change, August 2016 to August 2017, shows an increase of 265,100 jobs (up 1.6 percent).

EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT IN CALIFORNIA

The federal household survey, done with a smaller sample than the survey of employers, shows a decrease in the number of employed Californians over the month but an increase over the year. It estimates the number of Californians holding jobs in August was 18,197,000, a decrease of 14,000 from July, but up 95,000 from the employment total in August of last year.

The number of unemployed Californians was 972,000 in August – up by 46,000 over the month, but down by 59,000 compared with August of last year.

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PAYROLL EMPLOYMENT DETAIL (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)

EDD's payroll employment report (wage and salary jobs) in the nonfarm industries of California totaled 16,777,800 in August, a net loss of 8,200 jobs from July. This followed a revised gain of 84,500 jobs in July.

Month-over Job Gains

Six of California's eleven industry sectors added a total of 22,200 jobs in August. Other services posted the largest jobs increase with a gain of 7,600 jobs, followed by manufacturing, up 6,600 jobs, and trade, transportation and utilities, up 3,900 jobs. Other sectors adding jobs over the month were information; construction; and educational and health services.

Month-over Job Losses

Five industry sectors reported job declines over the month, down a total of 30,400 jobs. Leisure and hospitality posted the largest decrease over the month, down 12,400 jobs, followed by professional and business services, down 11,500 jobs. Other sectors posting declines were government; mining and logging; and financial activities.

Year-over Job Gains

In a year-over-year comparison (August 2016 to August 2017), nonfarm payroll employment in California increased by 265,100 jobs (a 1.6 percent increase).

Nine of California's eleven industry sectors added a total of 269,000 jobs year-over. The largest job gains were in educational and health services, up 75,400 jobs (a 3.0 percent increase); construction, up 47,400 jobs (a 6.1 percent increase); and leisure and hospitality, up 39,500 jobs (a 2.1 percent increase). Other sectors adding jobs over the year were government; other services; trade, transportation and utilities; professional and business services; financial activities; and information.

Year-over Job Losses

Two industry sectors posted job declines over the year, down a total of 3,900 jobs. Manufacturing fell by 2,800 jobs (down 0.2 percent), and mining and logging declined by 1,100 jobs (down 4.6 percent).

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE CLAIMS (NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)

In related data, the EDD reported that there were 340,670 people receiving regular Unemployment Insurance benefits during the August survey week. This compares with 343,729 in July and 352,085 in August of last year. At the same time, new claims for Unemployment Insurance were 38,074 in August, compared with 45,264 in July and 39,095 in August of last year.

Seasonally adjusted payroll detail follows:

PAYROLL EMPLOYMENT, SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA²
(Amounts in thousands)

Industrial Classification	August 2016	July 2017 (revised)	August 2017 (prelim.)	Change Over 12 Months (percent)
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Workers	16,512.7	16,786.0	16,777.8	1.6
Mining and logging	23.9	22.9	22.8	-4.6
Construction	777.5	823.5	824.9	6.1
Manufacturing	1,302.9	1,293.5	1,300.1	-0.2
Trade, transportation and utilities	2,997.9	3,014.3	3,018.2	0.7
Information	525.7	527.6	529.7	0.8
Financial activities	824.5	831.9	831.8	0.9
Professional and business services	2,540.0	2,560.4	2,548.9	0.4
Educational and health services	2,546.1	2,620.9	2,621.5	3.0
Leisure and hospitality	1,898.2	1,950.1	1,937.7	2.1
Other services	558.7	578.0	585.6	4.8
Government*	2,517.3	2,562.9	2,556.6	1.6
Agriculture	426.2	432.4	429.3	0.7

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

TABLE A
EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT IN CALIFORNIA, SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA²

	August 2016	June 2017	July 2017 (revised)	August 2017 (prelim.)
Civilian labor force ^a	19,133,000	19,138,000	19,137,000	19,169,000
Total civilian employment	18,102,000	18,237,000	18,211,000	18,197,000
Unemployment	1,031,000	901,000	926,000	972,000
Seasonally adjusted rate %	5.4	4.7	4.8	5.1
US seasonally adjusted rate %	4.9	4.4	4.3	4.4

TABLE B
EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT IN CALIFORNIA, UNADJUSTED DATA

	August 2016	June 2017	July 2017 (revised)	August 2017 (prelim.)
Civilian labor force ^a	19,178,000	19,146,000	19,285,000	19,293,000
Total civilian employment	18,109,000	18,207,000	18,249,000	18,252,000
Unemployment	1,069,000	939,000	1,035,000	1,041,000
Unadjusted rate %	5.6	4.9	5.4	5.4

^aLabor force by place of residence, including workers involved in trade disputes.

²Seasonal 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 2017 (Preliminary); 2016 BENCHMARK
NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED**

COUNTY	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYMENT	UNEMPLOYMENT	RATE
STATE TOTAL	19,293,500	18,252,000	1,041,500	5.4%
ALAMEDA	845,200	808,200	37,000	4.4%
ALPINE	510	470	40	7.6%
AMADOR	14,970	14,170	800	5.3%
BUTTE	103,400	96,900	6,600	6.3%
CALAVERAS	21,250	20,150	1,100	5.2%
COLUSA	11,240	10,110	1,130	10.1%
CONTRA COSTA	560,900	535,600	25,300	4.5%
DEL NORTE	9,640	8,980	670	6.9%
EL DORADO	90,400	86,000	4,300	4.8%
FRESNO	448,600	410,200	38,400	8.6%
GLENN	13,370	12,340	1,030	7.7%
HUMBOLDT	61,870	58,840	3,030	4.9%
IMPERIAL	76,100	57,200	18,900	24.9%
INYO	9,100	8,680	420	4.6%
KERN	391,800	355,000	36,800	9.4%
KINGS	57,500	52,600	4,900	8.5%
LAKE	30,490	28,680	1,810	5.9%
LASSEN	10,300	9,690	610	5.9%
LOS ANGELES	5,150,200	4,872,900	277,300	5.4%
MADERA	62,800	57,900	4,900	7.8%
MARIN	142,700	137,900	4,900	3.4%
MARIPOSA	8,260	7,840	420	5.0%
MENDOCINO	39,760	37,870	1,890	4.8%
MERCED	114,800	104,400	10,400	9.1%
MODOC	3,480	3,250	230	6.6%
MONO	8,620	8,180	440	5.1%
MONTEREY	225,700	213,200	12,500	5.6%
NAPA	76,000	73,100	2,900	3.8%
NEVADA	47,780	45,510	2,270	4.7%
ORANGE	1,587,100	1,519,700	67,400	4.2%
PLACER	181,700	173,600	8,100	4.5%
PLUMAS	8,200	7,650	550	6.7%
RIVERSIDE	1,059,100	990,500	68,600	6.5%
SACRAMENTO	705,000	667,100	37,900	5.4%
SAN BENITO	29,600	27,900	1,800	5.9%
SAN BERNARDINO	941,800	886,800	54,900	5.8%
SAN DIEGO	1,577,600	1,503,400	74,200	4.7%
SAN FRANCISCO	568,300	548,500	19,700	3.5%
SAN JOAQUIN	320,400	296,500	23,900	7.5%
SAN LUIS OBISPO	138,700	132,700	6,000	4.3%
SAN MATEO	454,900	440,500	14,400	3.2%
SANTA BARBARA	217,000	207,000	10,100	4.6%
SANTA CLARA	1,032,400	992,900	39,500	3.8%
SANTA CRUZ	145,900	138,000	7,900	5.4%
SHASTA	76,900	72,300	4,600	6.0%
SIERRA	1,370	1,290	80	5.8%
SISKIYOU	18,460	17,220	1,240	6.7%
SOLANO	207,800	196,500	11,300	5.5%
SONOMA	258,600	248,500	10,100	3.9%
STANISLAUS	251,800	233,000	18,900	7.5%
SUTTER	47,000	43,400	3,600	7.7%
TEHAMA	25,960	24,200	1,760	6.8%
TRINITY	5,330	5,030	300	5.6%
TULARE	209,700	187,500	22,200	10.6%
TUOLUMNE	22,360	21,100	1,270	5.7%
VENTURA	427,600	405,100	22,500	5.3%
YOLO	107,100	101,500	5,600	5.2%
YUBA	28,900	26,700	2,200	7.7%

*Not seasonally adjusted.

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