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California's unemployment rate stays at record low 4.2 percent for fourth consecutive month in July

Nonfarm payroll jobs increase by 46,700

SACRAMENTO – California's unemployment rate remained steady at 4.2 percent in July – holding at a record low level for the fourth consecutive month in a series dating back to 1976 – and the state's employers added 46,700 nonfarm payroll jobs, according to data released today by the California Employment Development Department (EDD) from two surveys. California has now gained a total of 2,969,800 jobs since the economic expansion began in February 2010.

The U.S. unemployment rate fell to 3.9 percent, while the nation's employers added 157,000 nonfarm payroll jobs.

In July 2017, the state's unemployment rate was 4.7 percent. The unemployment rate is derived from a federal survey of 5,100 California households.

Nonfarm payroll jobs in California totaled 17,159,400 in July, 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, July 2017 to July 2018, shows an increase of 332,700 jobs (up 2.0 percent).

EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT IN CALIFORNIA

The federal household survey, done with a smaller sample than the survey of employers, shows an increase in the number of employed Californians over the month and over the year. It estimates the number of Californians holding jobs in July was 18,541,000, an increase of 14,000 from June, and up 121,000 from the employment total in July of last year.

The number of unemployed Californians was 807,000 in July – a decrease of 7,000 over the month, and down by 104,000 compared with July 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 17,159,400 in July, a net gain of 46,700 jobs from June. This followed a revised gain of 21,500 jobs in June.

Month-over Job Gains

Nine of California's eleven industry sectors added a total of 49,200 jobs in July. Professional and business services reported the largest increase with a gain of 15,100 jobs, followed by trade, transportation and utilities (up 11,200) and leisure and hospitality (up 9,500). Other industries with job gains were educational and health services, information, other services, manufacturing, government and mining and logging.

Month-over Job Losses

Two of California industries reported job losses over the month. Construction reported the largest decrease with a loss of 1,700 jobs and financial activities had a decline of 800 jobs.

Year-over Job Gains

In a year-over-year comparison (July 2017 to July 2018), nonfarm payroll employment in California increased by 332,700 jobs (a 2.0 percent increase).

Ten of California's eleven industry sectors added a total of 333,000 jobs over the year. The largest job gains were in educational and health services, up 74,100 jobs (a 2.8 percent increase), professional and business services, up 60,200 (a 2.3 percent increase) and leisure and hospitality, up 58,000 (a 3.0 percent increase). Other sectors adding jobs over the year were trade, transportation and utilities, construction, government, information, manufacturing, financial activities, and other services.

Year-over Job Losses

Only one industry sector posted job declines over the year, mining and logging, down 300 jobs.

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE CLAIMS (NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)

In related data, the EDD reported that there were 323,594 people receiving regular Unemployment Insurance benefits during the July survey week. This compares with 303,592 in June and 343,729 in July of last year. At the same time, new claims for Unemployment Insurance were 39,856 in July, compared with 47,027 in June and 45,264 in July of last year. Seasonally adjusted payroll detail follows:

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PAYROLL EMPLOYMENT, SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA²
(Amounts in thousands)

Industrial Classification	July 2017	June 2018 (revised)	July 2018 (prelim.)	Change Over 12 Months (percent)
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Workers	16,826.7	17,112.7	17,159.4	2.0
Mining and logging	22.3	21.8	22.0	-1.3
Construction	812.7	852.9	851.2	4.7
Manufacturing	1,309.5	1,316.7	1,317.4	0.6
Trade, transportation and utilities	3,040.6	3,072.9	3,084.1	1.4
Information	528.7	539.3	544.0	2.9
Financial activities	830.6	833.1	832.3	0.2
Professional and business services	2,574.6	2,619.7	2,634.8	2.3
Educational and health services	2,642.7	2,710.5	2,716.8	2.8
Leisure and hospitality	1,948.6	1,997.1	2,006.6	3.0
Other services	563.9	563.3	564.4	0.1
Government*	2,552.5	2,585.4	2,585.8	1.3
Agriculture	431.6	435.1	425.3	-1.5

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

TABLE A
EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT IN CALIFORNIA, SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA²

	July 2017	May 2018	June 2018 (revised)	July 2018 (prelim.)
Civilian labor force ^a	19,331,000	19,345,000	19,341,000	19,348,000
Total civilian employment	18,420,000	18,536,000	18,527,000	18,541,000
Unemployment	911,000	808,000	814,000	807,000
Seasonally adjusted rate %	4.7	4.2	4.2	4.2
US seasonally adjusted rate %	4.3	3.8	4.0	3.9

TABLE B
EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT IN CALIFORNIA, UNADJUSTED DATA

	July 2017	May 2018	June 2018 (revised)	July 2018 (prelim.)
Civilian labor force ^a	19,414,000	19,268,000	19,356,000	19,469,000
Total civilian employment	18,418,000	18,556,000	18,486,000	18,613,000
Unemployment	996,000	713,000	870,000	856,000
Unadjusted rate %	5.1	3.7	4.5	4.4

^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
July 2018 (Preliminary); 2017 BENCHMARK
NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED**

COUNTY	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYMENT	UNEMPLOYMENT	RATE*
STATE TOTAL	19,469,500	18,613,000	856,500	4.4%
ALAMEDA	854,200	827,200	27,000	3.2%
ALPINE	470	440	30	5.9%
AMADOR	14,780	14,210	570	3.9%
BUTTE	103,300	98,100	5,200	5.1%
CALAVERAS	21,780	20,920	860	3.9%
COLUSA	11,140	9,980	1,170	10.5%
CONTRA COSTA	567,700	548,900	18,800	3.3%
DEL NORTE	9,960	9,420	540	5.5%
EL DORADO	90,800	87,500	3,300	3.6%
FRESNO	455,200	422,500	32,700	7.2%
GLENN	12,700	11,800	890	7.0%
HUMBOLDT	61,920	59,530	2,390	3.9%
IMPERIAL	71,100	57,400	13,700	19.3%
INYO	8,970	8,630	340	3.7%
KERN	384,000	352,500	31,500	8.2%
KINGS	58,200	53,900	4,300	7.5%
LAKE	29,520	28,060	1,460	5.0%
LASSEN	9,940	9,490	450	4.6%
LOS ANGELES	5,173,800	4,911,900	261,900	5.1%
MADERA	61,000	56,700	4,300	7.0%
MARIN	142,900	139,300	3,600	2.5%
MARIPOSA	8,350	7,980	370	4.4%
MENDOCINO	39,910	38,420	1,480	3.7%
MERCED	115,900	106,600	9,300	8.1%
MODOC	3,320	3,120	200	6.0%
MONO	9,240	8,910	330	3.5%
MONTEREY	231,400	220,400	11,000	4.8%
NAPA	74,700	72,500	2,200	2.9%
NEVADA	48,350	46,610	1,740	3.6%
ORANGE	1,618,200	1,567,000	51,300	3.2%
PLACER	183,900	177,800	6,100	3.3%
PLUMAS	8,290	7,790	490	5.9%
RIVERSIDE	1,082,600	1,031,500	51,100	4.7%
SACRAMENTO	708,500	679,900	28,600	4.0%
SAN BENITO	30,600	29,100	1,500	4.9%
SAN BERNARDINO	960,500	918,200	42,300	4.4%
SAN DIEGO	1,593,000	1,536,700	56,300	3.5%
SAN FRANCISCO	574,400	560,400	14,000	2.4%
SAN JOAQUIN	326,300	306,700	19,600	6.0%
SAN LUIS OBISPO	142,500	138,100	4,500	3.1%
SAN MATEO	457,200	446,600	10,600	2.3%
SANTA BARBARA	217,300	209,100	8,200	3.8%
SANTA CLARA	1,062,800	1,034,000	28,800	2.7%
SANTA CRUZ	147,300	141,100	6,200	4.2%
SHASTA	74,700	71,000	3,700	4.9%
SIERRA	1,330	1,260	70	5.5%
SISKIYOU	18,650	17,570	1,070	5.7%
SOLANO	208,400	199,900	8,500	4.1%
SONOMA	264,500	256,900	7,500	2.9%
STANISLAUS	246,300	229,800	16,500	6.7%
SUTTER	46,700	43,500	3,100	6.7%
TEHAMA	25,530	23,980	1,550	6.1%
TRINITY	5,180	4,940	240	4.7%
TULARE	208,400	189,000	19,400	9.3%
TUOLUMNE	21,810	20,840	970	4.4%
VENTURA	422,600	406,200	16,400	3.9%
YOLO	108,700	104,200	4,500	4.1%
YUBA	28,700	26,800	1,900	6.5%

*Not seasonally adjusted.

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