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California adds 44,800 nonfarm payroll jobs in August

Unemployment rate remains at 4.2 percent for fifth consecutive month

SACRAMENTO – California’s unemployment rate remained steady at 4.2 percent in August – holding at a record low level for the fifth consecutive month in a series dating back to 1976 – and the state’s employers added 44,800 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 3,002,300 jobs since the economic expansion began in February 2010.

The U.S. unemployment rate remained unchanged at 3.9 percent, while the nation’s employers added 201,000 nonfarm payroll jobs.

In August 2017, the state’s unemployment rate was 4.6 percent. The unemployment rate is derived from a federal survey of 5,100 California households.

Nonfarm payroll jobs in California totaled 17,191,900 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 2017 to August 2018, shows an increase of 348,900 jobs (up 2.1 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. It estimates the number of Californians holding jobs in August was 18,548,000, an increase of 7,000 from July, and up 85,000 from the employment total in August of last year.

The number of unemployed Californians was 803,000 in August – a decrease of 5,000 over the month, and down by 92,000 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 17,191,900 in August, a net gain of 44,800 jobs from July. This followed a revised gain of 34,400 jobs in July.

Month-over Job Gains

Eight of California's eleven industry sectors added a total of 45,700 jobs in August. Educational and health services reported the largest increase with a gain of 18,700 jobs, followed by professional and business services (up 7,700) and government (up 6,100). Other industries with job gains were construction (5,200), trade, transportation and utilities (4,700), financial activities (1,800), leisure and hospitality (1,200) and information (300). Other services reported no change over the month.

Month-over Job Losses

Two of California industries reported job losses over the month. Manufacturing reported the largest decrease with a loss of 800 jobs and mining and logging had a decline of 100 jobs.

Year-over Job Gains

In a year-over-year comparison (August 2017 to August 2018), nonfarm payroll employment in California increased by 348,900 jobs (a 2.1 percent increase).

Nine of California's eleven industry sectors added a total of 350,500 jobs over the year. The largest job gains were in educational and health services, up 85,700 jobs (a 3.2 percent increase), professional and business services, up 66,700 (a 2.6 percent increase) and leisure and hospitality, up 56,500 (a 2.9 percent increase). Other sectors adding jobs over the year were construction, trade, transportation and utilities, government, information, financial activities and manufacturing.

Year-over Job Losses

Two industry sectors posted job declines over the year, other services reported the largest decrease with a 1,100 job loss and mining and logging, down 500 jobs.

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE CLAIMS (NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)

In related data, the EDD reported that there were 306,175 people receiving regular Unemployment Insurance benefits during the August survey week. This compares with 323,594 in July and 340,670 in August of last year. At the same time, new claims for Unemployment Insurance were 35,925 in August, compared with 39,856 in July and 38,074 in August of last year. Seasonally adjusted payroll detail follows:

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PAYROLL EMPLOYMENT, SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA²
(Amounts in thousands)

Industrial Classification	August 2017	July 2018 (revised)	August 2018 (prelim.)	Change Over 12 Months (percent)
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Workers	16,843.0	17,147.1	17,191.9	2.1
Mining and logging	22.3	21.9	21.8	-2.2
Construction	815.3	850.5	855.7	5.0
Manufacturing	1,310.0	1,315.3	1,314.5	0.3
Trade, transportation and utilities	3,045.1	3,079.8	3,084.5	1.3
Information	530.0	543.2	543.5	2.5
Financial activities	830.3	833.2	835.0	0.6
Professional and business services	2,574.1	2,633.1	2,640.8	2.6
Educational and health services	2,650.2	2,717.2	2,735.9	3.2
Leisure and hospitality	1,950.0	2,005.3	2,006.5	2.9
Other services	564.1	563.0	563.0	-0.2
Government*	2,551.6	2,584.6	2,590.7	1.5
Agriculture	429.5	425.3	429.3	0.0

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

TABLE A
EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT IN CALIFORNIA, SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA²

	August 2017	June 2018	July 2018 (revised)	August 2018 (prelim.)
Civilian labor force ^a	19,358,000	19,341,000	19,348,000	19,351,000
Total civilian employment	18,463,000	18,527,000	18,541,000	18,548,000
Unemployment	895,000	814,000	808,000	803,000
Seasonally adjusted rate %	4.6	4.2	4.2	4.2
US seasonally adjusted rate %	4.4	4.0	3.9	3.9

TABLE B
EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT IN CALIFORNIA, UNADJUSTED DATA

	August 2017	June 2018	July 2018 (revised)	August 2018 (prelim.)
Civilian labor force ^a	19,376,000	19,356,000	19,470,000	19,368,000
Total civilian employment	18,417,000	18,486,000	18,613,000	18,543,000
Unemployment	959,000	870,000	857,000	826,000
Unadjusted rate %	4.9	4.5	4.4	4.3

^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 2018 (Preliminary); 2017 BENCHMARK
NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

COUNTY	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYMENT	UNEMPLOYMENT	RATE*
STATE TOTAL	19,368,100	18,542,500	825,600	4.3%
ALAMEDA	849,200	823,100	26,000	3.1%
ALPINE	470	440	30	5.3%
AMADOR	14,750	14,200	560	3.8%
BUTTE	103,300	98,400	4,800	4.7%
CALAVERAS	21,790	20,960	830	3.8%
COLUSA	11,210	10,300	920	8.2%
CONTRA COSTA	564,400	546,400	18,100	3.2%
DEL NORTE	9,950	9,420	530	5.3%
EL DORADO	90,200	87,000	3,200	3.5%
FRESNO	451,700	422,100	29,600	6.6%
GLENN	12,810	12,020	790	6.2%
HUMBOLDT	62,000	59,700	2,200	3.6%
IMPERIAL	73,900	58,900	15,000	20.3%
INYO	8,910	8,590	310	3.5%
KERN	386,200	358,100	28,200	7.3%
KINGS	57,500	53,700	3,800	6.7%
LAKE	30,230	28,820	1,410	4.7%
LASSEN	9,900	9,470	430	4.4%
LOS ANGELES	5,138,500	4,878,200	260,300	5.1%
MADERA	61,300	57,500	3,800	6.2%
MARIN	142,500	139,100	3,500	2.4%
MARIPOSA	8,300	7,890	410	4.9%
MENDOCINO	40,120	38,660	1,460	3.6%
MERCED	117,200	109,000	8,200	7.0%
MODOC	3,170	2,980	190	5.9%
MONO	9,140	8,820	320	3.5%
MONTEREY	228,900	219,000	9,900	4.3%
NAPA	74,000	71,900	2,000	2.8%
NEVADA	48,560	46,920	1,640	3.4%
ORANGE	1,604,200	1,554,600	49,500	3.1%
PLACER	182,600	176,700	5,900	3.2%
PLUMAS	8,200	7,770	430	5.3%
RIVERSIDE	1,080,000	1,029,200	50,900	4.7%
SACRAMENTO	703,500	675,900	27,600	3.9%
SAN BENITO	30,500	29,100	1,400	4.5%
SAN BERNARDINO	957,400	917,500	39,800	4.2%
SAN DIEGO	1,584,100	1,529,800	54,300	3.4%
SAN FRANCISCO	570,900	557,200	13,600	2.4%
SAN JOAQUIN	328,100	309,800	18,300	5.6%
SAN LUIS OBISPO	138,400	134,200	4,200	3.0%
SAN MATEO	454,500	444,100	10,300	2.3%
SANTA BARBARA	215,400	207,700	7,700	3.6%
SANTA CLARA	1,058,100	1,030,400	27,700	2.6%
SANTA CRUZ	145,200	139,500	5,700	3.9%
SHASTA	74,900	71,400	3,500	4.7%
SIERRA	1,320	1,260	70	5.1%
SISKIYOU	18,210	17,210	1,000	5.5%
SOLANO	206,900	198,800	8,100	3.9%
SONOMA	265,700	258,600	7,200	2.7%
STANISLAUS	245,300	230,800	14,500	5.9%
SUTTER	46,500	43,800	2,700	5.8%
TEHAMA	25,820	24,410	1,410	5.5%
TRINITY	5,310	5,090	220	4.2%
TULARE	207,700	189,700	18,000	8.7%
TUOLUMNE	21,580	20,660	920	4.2%
VENTURA	421,800	405,400	16,400	3.9%
YOLO	107,500	103,400	4,200	3.9%
YUBA	28,700	26,900	1,700	6.0%

*Not seasonally adjusted.