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California unemployment rate remains at 4.3 percent in April
Employers add 46,000 nonfarm payroll jobs

SACRAMENTO – California’s unemployment remained at 4.3 percent in April while the state’s employers added 46,000 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 3,213,900 jobs since the economic expansion began in February 2010.

The U.S. unemployment rate decreased to 3.6 percent, and the nation’s employers added 263,000 nonfarm payroll jobs.

In April 2018, the state’s unemployment rate was 4.3 percent. The unemployment rate is derived from a federal survey of 5,100 California households.

Nonfarm payroll jobs in California totaled 17,403,500 in April, according to a survey of businesses that is larger and less variable statistically. The survey of 80,000 California businesses measures jobs in the economy. The year-over change from April 2018 to April 2019 shows an increase of 271,600 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. It estimates the number of Californians holding jobs in April was 18,692,000, a decrease of 50,000 from March and up 195,000 from the employment total in April of last year.

The number of unemployed Californians was 835,000 in April – a decrease of 3,000 over the month and up by 8,000 compared with April of last year.

PAYROLL EMPLOYMENT DETAIL (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)

EDD’s payroll employment report (wage and salary jobs) in the nonfarm industries of California totaled 17,403,500 in April, a net gain of 46,000 jobs from March. This followed a revised gain of 28,500 jobs in March.

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Month-over Job Gains

Nine of California's eleven industry sectors added a total of 46,800 jobs in April. Educational and health services reported the largest increase with a gain of 17,300 jobs followed by leisure and hospitality which had a gain of 12,100 jobs. Other sectors adding jobs over the month were professional and business services, government, construction, other services, financial activities, manufacturing, and the trade, transportation and utilities industry sector.

Month-over Job Losses

Two of California industries reported job losses over the month. Information reported the largest decrease with a loss of 600 jobs while mining and logging had a loss of 200 jobs.

Year-over Job Gains

In a year-over-year comparison (April 2018 to April 2019), nonfarm payroll employment in California increased by 271,600 jobs (a 1.6 percent increase).

Ten of California's eleven industry sectors added a total of 274,300 jobs over the year. The largest job gains were in educational and health services, up 78,800 (a 2.9 percent increase) and professional and business services, up 66,900 jobs (a 2.5 percent increase). Other sectors adding jobs over the year were leisure and hospitality, government, construction, information, manufacturing, other services, trade, transportation and utilities, and mining and logging.

Year-over Job Losses

The only industry that posted a year-over decline was financial activities with a job loss of 2,700.

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE CLAIMS (NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)

In related data, the EDD reported that there were 364,431 people receiving regular Unemployment Insurance benefits during the April survey week. This compares with 387,767 in March and 390,362 in April of last year. At the same time, new claims for Unemployment Insurance were 44,031 in April, compared with 39,965 in March and 40,848 in April of last year. Seasonally adjusted payroll detail follows:

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PAYROLL EMPLOYMENT, SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA²
(Amounts in thousands)

Industrial Classification	April 2018	March 2019 (revised)	April 2019 (prelim.)	Change Over 12 Months (percent)
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Workers	17,131.9	17,357.5	17,403.5	1.6
Mining and logging	22.7	23.4	23.2	2.2
Construction	856.0	872.6	875.0	2.2
Manufacturing	1,325.7	1,335.6	1,335.9	0.8
Trade, transportation and utilities	3,048.5	3,051.0	3,052.7	0.1
Information	533.8	553.2	552.6	3.5
Financial activities	837.7	834.2	835.0	-0.3
Professional and business services	2,655.3	2,715.4	2,722.2	2.5
Educational and health services	2,711.6	2,773.1	2,790.4	2.9
Leisure and hospitality	1,984.3	2,014.7	2,026.8	2.1
Other services	570.8	574.7	576.6	1.0
Government*	2,585.5	2,609.6	2,613.1	1.1
Agriculture	423.5	436.8	442.3	4.4

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

TABLE A
EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT IN CALIFORNIA, SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA²

	April 2018	February 2019	March 2019 (revised)	April 2019 (prelim.)
Civilian labor force ^a	19,324,100	19,582,200	19,580,200	19,528,000
Total civilian employment	18,497,100	18,758,000	18,741,900	18,692,500
Unemployment	827,000	824,200	838,300	835,500
Seasonally adjusted rate %	4.3	4.2	4.3	4.3
US seasonally adjusted rate %.	3.9	3.8	3.8	3.6

TABLE B
EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT IN CALIFORNIA, UNADJUSTED DATA

	April 2018	February 2019	March 2019 (revised)	April 2019 (prelim.)
Civilian labor force ^a	19,271,100	19,596,300	19,511,600	19,241,300
Total civilian employment	18,495,200	18,729,000	18,611,000	18,499,500
Unemployment	775,900	867,300	900,500	741,900
Unadjusted rate %	4.0	4.4	4.6	3.9

^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
April 2019 (Preliminary); 2018 BENCHMARK
NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

COUNTY	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYMENT	UNEMPLOYMENT	RATE
STATE TOTAL	19,241,300	18,499,500	741,900	3.9%
ALAMEDA	844,100	821,500	22,600	2.7%
ALPINE	600	580	20	4.0%
AMADOR	14,750	14,190	570	3.8%
BUTTE	102,700	97,600	5,100	5.0%
CALAVERAS	21,210	20,410	800	3.8%
COLUSA	11,060	9,330	1,740	15.7%
CONTRA COSTA	561,300	545,400	16,000	2.8%
DEL NORTE	9,550	9,020	530	5.6%
EL DORADO	91,400	88,200	3,200	3.5%
FRESNO	454,300	419,500	34,800	7.7%
GLENN	12,840	11,990	850	6.6%
HUMBOLDT	63,100	60,800	2,200	3.5%
IMPERIAL	67,400	56,500	10,900	16.2%
INYO	8,620	8,310	320	3.7%
KERN	385,500	353,200	32,200	8.4%
KINGS	57,800	53,000	4,800	8.3%
LAKE	28,880	27,410	1,460	5.1%
LASSEN	9,730	9,230	500	5.1%
LOS ANGELES	5,055,900	4,853,000	203,000	4.0%
MADERA	60,500	55,900	4,600	7.6%
MARIN	139,900	136,900	3,000	2.1%
MARIPOSA	7,480	7,110	370	4.9%
MENDOCINO	39,170	37,580	1,600	4.1%
MERCED	115,000	104,700	10,300	9.0%
MODOC	3,160	2,910	250	8.0%
MONO	8,990	8,730	260	2.9%
MONTEREY	228,600	212,600	16,000	7.0%
NAPA	74,000	72,000	2,000	2.7%
NEVADA	48,130	46,520	1,610	3.4%
ORANGE	1,605,600	1,563,900	41,600	2.6%
PLACER	185,000	179,500	5,600	3.0%
PLUMAS	7,750	6,980	770	9.9%
RIVERSIDE	1,080,900	1,039,500	41,300	3.8%
SACRAMENTO	709,300	684,500	24,800	3.5%
SAN BENITO	31,100	29,400	1,600	5.3%
SAN BERNARDINO	952,200	918,300	33,800	3.6%
SAN DIEGO	1,574,800	1,528,100	46,600	3.0%
SAN FRANCISCO	578,000	566,200	11,900	2.1%
SAN JOAQUIN	321,900	302,600	19,300	6.0%
SAN LUIS OBISPO	140,900	137,200	3,700	2.6%
SAN MATEO	456,300	447,700	8,600	1.9%
SANTA BARBARA	217,500	209,900	7,600	3.5%
SANTA CLARA	1,047,700	1,023,700	24,000	2.3%
SANTA CRUZ	142,100	134,300	7,800	5.5%
SHASTA	73,000	69,400	3,600	4.9%
SIERRA	1,240	1,160	80	6.8%
SISKIYOU	17,100	15,840	1,250	7.3%
SOLANO	206,900	199,300	7,600	3.7%
SONOMA	259,200	252,600	6,600	2.6%
STANISLAUS	239,900	224,600	15,300	6.4%
SUTTER	45,500	41,600	3,800	8.4%
TEHAMA	25,270	23,790	1,480	5.9%
TRINITY	4,510	4,240	280	6.1%
TULARE	208,400	187,900	20,500	9.8%
TUOLUMNE	21,160	20,170	980	4.6%
VENTURA	425,000	411,400	13,600	3.2%
YOLO	108,600	104,300	4,300	4.0%
YUBA	28,900	27,000	1,900	6.4%