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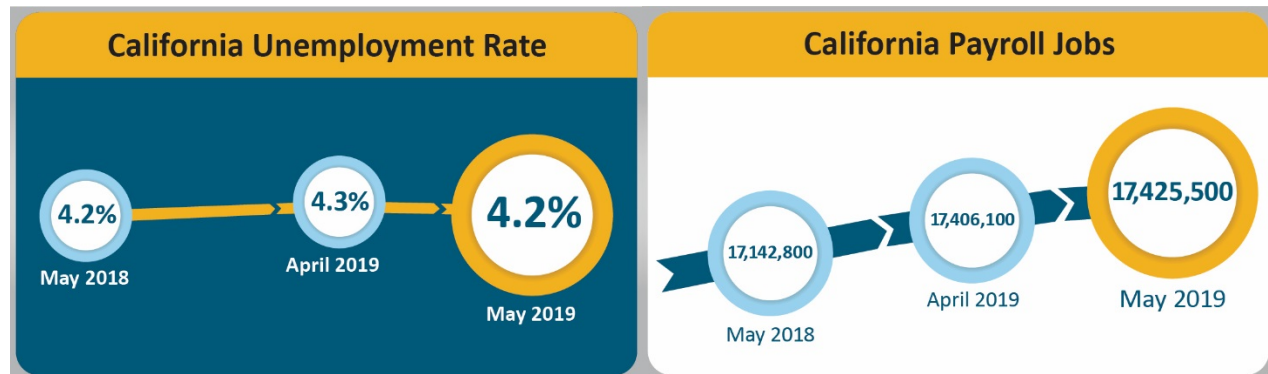
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### California unemployment rate dips to 4.2 percent in May

#### *Employers add 19,400 nonfarm payroll jobs*

**SACRAMENTO** – California’s unemployment rate dipped to 4.2 percent in May while the state’s employers added 19,400 nonfarm payroll jobs, according to data released today by the California Employment Development Department (EDD) from two surveys. California has now gained 3,235,900 jobs since the economic expansion began in February 2010.



#### California’s Labor Market in May, by the numbers...

- The state’s unemployment rate dipped slightly to 4.2 percent<sup>1</sup>, still hovering near California’s record low unemployment rate of 4.1 percent set in July through December 2018. The U.S. unemployment rate held at 3.6 percent in May.
- California’s 19,400 job<sup>2</sup> gain accounted for 26 percent of the nation’s total 75,000 job gain for the month.
- The state’s 111-month employment expansion is the second-longest on record behind the 113-month long expansion of the 1960’s.
- California has gained 3,235,900 jobs since the current economic expansion began in February 2010, averaging over 29,000 jobs gained per month over the period – far more than the 8-9,000 jobs needed each month to accommodate people entering the labor force.
- Seven of California’s 11 major industry sectors gained jobs in May. The biggest increase of 12,800 jobs came in construction, reflecting an increase in home building. That’s followed by a gain of 4,500 jobs in leisure and hospitality on the strength of the state’s tourism industry, and a 1,800 job gain in government.

1. The unemployment rate comes from a federal survey of 5,100 California households.

































2. The nonfarm payroll job numbers come from a separate federal survey of 80,000 California businesses.

## Data Trends about Jobs in the Economy

**Total Nonfarm Payroll Jobs** (Comes from a monthly survey of approximately 80,000 California businesses that estimates jobs in the economy – seasonally adjusted)

- **Month-over** – Total nonfarm jobs in California’s 11 major industries totaled 17,425,500 in May – a net gain of 19,400 jobs from April. This followed a revised gain of 46,000 jobs in April.
- **Year-over** – Total nonfarm jobs increased by 282,700 jobs (a 1.6 percent increase) from May 2018 to May 2019.

### California Industries Payroll Jobs by Biggest Month-Over Change

Major Industries	Month-over Change (April 2019 - May 2019)	Year-over Change (May 2018 - May 2019)	Total Payroll Jobs as of May 2019
 Construction	 +12,800	 +32,200	889,700
 Leisure and Hospitality	 +4,500	 +51,000	2,033,500
 Government	 +1,800	 +29,700	2,616,200
 Professional and Business Services	 +1,600	 +60,600	2,719,300
 Information	 +1,400	 +19,300	553,900
 Trade, Transp., Utilities	 +800	 +4,900	3,054,900
 Education and Health Services	 +200	 +74,000	2,790,400
 Mining and Logging	No Change	 +200	23,100
 Financial Activities	 -400	 -2,000	835,000
 Manufacturing	 -700	 +10,800	1,336,000
 Other Services	 -2,600	 +2,000	573,500










**Total Farm jobs** – The number of jobs in the agriculture industry decreased by 12,500 from April to 429,800. The agricultural industry has added 8,700 farm jobs since May 2018.

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## Data Trends about Workers in the Economy







**Employment and Unemployment in California** (Based on monthly federal survey of 5,100 California households which focuses on workers in the economy)

- **Employed** – The number of Californians holding jobs in May was 18,653,000, a decrease of 39,400 from April and up 130,000 from the employment total in May of last year.
- **Unemployed** – The number of unemployed Californians was 826,000 in May, a decrease of 10,400 over the month and up by 6,400 compared with May of last year.

California Labor Force	Month-over Change (April 2019 - May 2019)	Year-over Change (May 2018 - May 2019)
 <b>*Civilian Labor Force</b> (19,479,000)	 -49,800	 +136,400
 <b>Total Civilian Employment</b> (18,653,000)	 -39,400	 +130,000
 <b>Unemployment</b> (826,000)	 -10,400	 +6,400

\*Labor force by place of residence, including workers involved in trade disputes

**Unemployment Insurance Claims (not seasonally adjusted)** In related data that figures into the state's unemployment rate, there were 321,372 people receiving unemployment insurance benefits during the survey week in May compared to 364,431 in April and 337,974 people in May 2018. Concurrently, 38,396 people filed new claims in May which was a month-over decrease of 5,635.

California Unemployment Insurance Claims	Month-over Change (April 2019 - May 2019)	Year-over Change (May 2018 - May 2019)
 <b>UI Recipients</b> (321,372)	 -43,059	 -16,602
 <b>New UI Claims</b> (38,396)	 -5,635	 -3,366

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**MONTHLY LABOR FORCE DATA FOR COUNTIES**

May 2019 (Preliminary); 2018 Benchmark

**NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED**

COUNTY	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYMENT	UNEMPLOYMENT	RATE
<b>STATE TOTAL</b>	<b>19,287,100</b>	<b>18,609,100</b>	<b>678,000</b>	<b>3.5%</b>
ALAMEDA	845,500	824,200	21,200	2.5%
ALPINE	470	440	30	6.0%
AMADOR	15,050	14,560	490	3.2%
BUTTE	102,400	98,000	4,400	4.3%
CALAVERAS	21,300	20,610	690	3.3%
COLUSA	11,130	9,980	1,150	10.4%
CONTRA COSTA	562,000	547,200	14,800	2.6%
DEL NORTE	9,670	9,210	460	4.7%
EL DORADO	91,300	88,500	2,800	3.1%
FRESNO	453,700	424,800	28,900	6.4%
GLENN	12,750	12,030	720	5.6%
HUMBOLDT	63,100	61,300	1,800	2.9%
IMPERIAL	69,000	57,700	11,300	16.4%
INYO	8,620	8,360	260	3.0%
KERN	387,300	359,600	27,700	7.2%
KINGS	57,900	54,000	3,900	6.7%
LAKE	29,200	27,990	1,220	4.2%
LASSEN	9,860	9,470	390	4.0%
LOS ANGELES	5,072,100	4,872,600	199,400	3.9%
MADERA	61,200	57,300	3,800	6.3%
MARIN	140,100	137,500	2,700	1.9%
MARIPOSA	7,760	7,470	290	3.7%
MENDOCINO	39,210	37,960	1,240	3.2%
MERCED	115,500	107,100	8,400	7.3%
MODOC	3,150	2,960	180	5.8%
MONO	8,470	8,210	270	3.1%
MONTEREY	229,600	218,800	10,800	4.7%
NAPA	74,600	72,900	1,700	2.3%
NEVADA	47,810	46,390	1,420	3.0%
ORANGE	1,606,000	1,567,500	38,600	2.4%
PLACER	185,100	180,000	5,100	2.7%
PLUMAS	8,030	7,520	500	6.3%
RIVERSIDE	1,082,300	1,043,600	38,600	3.6%
SACRAMENTO	709,600	686,800	22,800	3.2%
SAN BENITO	31,000	29,600	1,400	4.5%
SAN BERNARDINO	953,200	921,300	31,900	3.3%
SAN DIEGO	1,581,100	1,537,600	43,500	2.8%
SAN FRANCISCO	580,100	569,300	10,800	1.9%
SAN JOAQUIN	325,800	309,100	16,700	5.1%
SAN LUIS OBISPO	140,500	137,200	3,400	2.4%
SAN MATEO	458,100	450,100	8,000	1.7%
SANTA BARBARA	218,000	211,600	6,400	2.9%
SANTA CLARA	1,051,000	1,028,800	22,200	2.1%
SANTA CRUZ	142,900	137,300	5,600	3.9%
SHASTA	73,100	70,100	3,000	4.1%
SIERRA	1,290	1,220	60	4.7%
SISKIYOU	17,170	16,250	930	5.4%
SOLANO	206,500	199,700	6,800	3.3%
SONOMA	260,700	254,800	5,900	2.3%
STANISLAUS	241,400	227,900	13,500	5.6%
SUTTER	45,400	42,400	3,000	6.7%
TEHAMA	25,280	24,010	1,260	5.0%
TRINITY	4,650	4,440	220	4.6%
TULARE	207,500	190,600	16,900	8.1%
TUOLUMNE	21,210	20,380	830	3.9%
VENTURA	423,200	410,700	12,500	3.0%
YOLO	108,600	104,900	3,700	3.4%
YUBA	28,700	27,100	1,600	5.5%