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## **California unemployment rate rises to 4.2 percent in January**

### ***Employers add 3,000 nonfarm payroll jobs***

**NOTE TO EDITORS:** *This release incorporates revised historical labor force numbers and industry employment data. Each year our labor force and employment data are updated to reflect additional data inputs and estimation techniques. These data are produced in cooperation with the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, based on the same methodology used by all states.*

**SACRAMENTO** – California’s unemployment rate increased to 4.2 percent in January while the state’s employers added 3,000 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 3,115,600 jobs since the economic expansion began in February 2010.

The U.S. unemployment rate increased by 0.1 percentage point to 4.0 percent, and the nation’s employers added 304,000 nonfarm payroll jobs.

In January 2018, the state’s unemployment rate was 4.4 percent. The unemployment rate is derived from a federal survey of 5,100 California households.

Nonfarm payroll jobs in California totaled 17,305,200 in January, 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 January 2018 to January 2019 shows an increase of 246,400 jobs (up 1.4 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 the year. It estimates the number of Californians holding jobs in January was 18,740,200, an increase of 35,200 from December and up 321,900 from the employment total in January of last year.

The number of unemployed Californians was 817,600 in January – an increase of 15,000 over the month and down by 24,800 compared with January 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 17,305,200 in January, a net gain of 3,000 jobs from December. This followed a revised gain of 19,700 jobs in December.

**Month-over Job Gains**

Seven of California's eleven industry sectors added a total of 13,000 jobs in January. Professional and business services reported the largest increase with a gain of 4,200 jobs. Other sectors adding jobs over the month were educational and health services, government, information, leisure and hospitality, manufacturing, and mining and logging.

**Month-over Job Losses**

Four of California industries reported job losses over the month. Trade, transportation and utilities reported the largest decrease with a loss of 7,200 jobs. Other sectors losing jobs over the month were other services, construction, and financial activities.

**Year-over Job Gains**

In a year-over-year comparison (January 2018 to January 2019), nonfarm payroll employment in California increased by 246,400 jobs (a 1.4 percent increase).

Ten of California's eleven industry sectors added a total of 250,100 jobs over the year. The largest job gains were in professional and business services, up 68,200 (a 2.6 percent increase) and educational and health services, up 62,600 jobs (a 2.3 percent increase). Other sectors adding jobs over the year were leisure and hospitality, construction, government, manufacturing, information, trade, transportation and utilities, other services, 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 3,700.

**UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE CLAIMS (NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)**

In related data, the EDD reported that there were 376,402 people receiving regular Unemployment Insurance benefits during the January survey week. This compares with 338,747 in December and 342,480 in January of last year. At the same time, new claims for Unemployment Insurance were 51,544 in January, compared with 48,684 in December and 52,028 in January of last year.

Seasonally adjusted payroll jobs detail follows:

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**PAYROLL EMPLOYMENT, SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA<sup>2</sup>**  
**(Amounts in thousands)**

Industrial Classification	January 2018	December 2018 (revised)	January 2019 (prelim.)	Change Over 12 Months (percent)
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Workers . . . . .	17,058.8	17,302.2	17,305.2	1.4
Mining and logging . . . . .	22.7	22.3	22.5	3.5
Construction . . . . .	841.7	871.1	870.2	3.4
Manufacturing . . . . .	1,317.5	1,332.8	1,333.6	1.2
Trade, transportation and utilities . . . . .	3,041.5	3,056.7	3,049.5	0.3
Information . . . . .	541.7	550.8	552.2	1.9
Financial activities . . . . .	837.1	834.0	833.4	-0.4
Professional and business services . . . . .	2,632.6	2,696.6	2,700.8	2.6
Educational and health services . . . . .	2,697.2	2,757.2	2,759.8	2.3
Leisure and hospitality . . . . .	1,972.9	2,004.7	2,006.1	1.7
Other services . . . . .	569.4	573.6	572.3	0.5
Government* . . . . .	2,584.5	2,601.4	2,603.8	0.7
Agriculture . . . . .	421.3	431.3	438.5	4.1

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

**TABLE A**  
**EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT IN CALIFORNIA, SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA<sup>2</sup>**

	January 2018	November 2018	December 2018 (revised)	January 2019 (prelim.)
Civilian labor force <sup>a</sup> . . . . .	19,260,700	19,509,200	19,507,600	19,557,800
Total civilian employment . . . . .	18,418,300	18,707,800	18,705,000	18,740,200
Unemployment . . . . .	842,400	801,500	802,600	817,600
Seasonally adjusted rate % . . . . .	4.4	4.1	4.1	4.2
US seasonally adjusted rate %.	4.1	3.7	3.9	4.0

**TABLE B**  
**EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT IN CALIFORNIA, UNADJUSTED DATA**

	January 2018	November 2018	December 2018 (revised)	January 2019 (prelim.)
Civilian labor force <sup>a</sup> . . . . .	19,150,400	19,562,400	19,533,800	19,564,800
Total civilian employment . . . . .	18,253,200	18,802,100	18,739,500	18,630,100
Unemployment . . . . .	897,300	760,300	794,300	934,700
Unadjusted rate % . . . . .	4.7	3.9	4.1	4.8

<sup>a</sup>Labor force by place of residence, including workers involved in trade disputes.

<sup>2</sup>Seasonal 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).

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<b>MONTHLY LABOR FORCE DATA FOR COUNTIES</b>				
January 2019 (Preliminary); 2018 Benchmark				
<b>NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED</b>				
<b>COUNTY</b>	<b>LABOR FORCE</b>	<b>EMPLOYMENT</b>	<b>UNEMPLOYMENT</b>	<b>RATE</b>
<b>STATE TOTAL</b>	<b>19,564,800</b>	<b>18,630,100</b>	<b>934,700</b>	<b>4.8%</b>
ALAMEDA	856,600	827,300	29,300	3.4%
ALPINE	680	650	30	4.7%
AMADOR	14,800	14,070	730	4.9%
BUTTE	104,100	97,200	6,900	6.6%
CALAVERAS	21,410	20,380	1,030	4.8%
COLUSA	10,930	8,780	2,150	19.6%
CONTRA COSTA	570,400	549,600	20,800	3.6%
DEL NORTE	9,810	9,100	710	7.2%
EL DORADO	93,500	89,400	4,000	4.3%
FRESNO	458,200	417,200	41,000	8.9%
GLENN	12,850	11,780	1,070	8.3%
HUMBOLDT	63,900	60,900	2,900	4.6%
IMPERIAL	72,700	59,300	13,500	18.5%
INYO	8,760	8,320	430	4.9%
KERN	394,100	358,400	35,800	9.1%
KINGS	58,600	52,900	5,700	9.8%
LAKE	29,440	27,500	1,940	6.6%
LASSEN	10,060	9,450	610	6.1%
LOS ANGELES	5,137,700	4,885,600	252,100	4.9%
MADERA	63,600	58,100	5,500	8.6%
MARIN	142,300	138,500	3,900	2.7%
MARIPOSA	7,150	6,630	520	7.2%
MENDOCINO	39,840	37,760	2,080	5.2%
MERCED	115,600	103,700	11,900	10.3%
MODOC	3,170	2,800	360	11.4%
MONO	9,820	9,460	360	3.7%
MONTEREY	217,300	195,600	21,700	10.0%
NAPA	73,600	70,700	2,900	4.0%
NEVADA	49,970	47,930	2,040	4.1%
ORANGE	1,637,500	1,583,300	54,200	3.3%
PLACER	188,800	181,700	7,100	3.8%
PLUMAS	7,530	6,640	890	11.8%
RIVERSIDE	1,108,200	1,055,000	53,200	4.8%
SACRAMENTO	724,100	692,500	31,600	4.4%
SAN BENITO	31,400	29,300	2,100	6.6%
SAN BERNARDINO	974,800	931,200	43,500	4.5%
SAN DIEGO	1,609,100	1,547,600	61,500	3.8%
SAN FRANCISCO	586,900	571,500	15,400	2.6%
SAN JOAQUIN	328,300	304,600	23,800	7.2%
SAN LUIS OBISPO	141,400	136,400	5,000	3.5%
SAN MATEO	463,500	452,200	11,400	2.5%
SANTA BARBARA	218,400	207,000	11,300	5.2%
SANTA CLARA	1,062,800	1,031,800	31,000	2.9%
SANTA CRUZ	142,400	133,200	9,200	6.5%
SHASTA	75,200	70,500	4,700	6.2%
SIERRA	1,250	1,160	90	7.4%
SISKIYOU	17,330	15,740	1,590	9.2%
SOLANO	210,800	201,000	9,900	4.7%
SONOMA	262,500	253,800	8,800	3.3%
STANISLAUS	244,700	226,600	18,100	7.4%
SUTTER	45,800	41,400	4,400	9.7%
TEHAMA	25,900	24,060	1,840	7.1%
TRINITY	4,600	4,250	350	7.5%
TULARE	209,400	185,800	23,600	11.3%
TUOLUMNE	21,600	20,380	1,220	5.6%
VENTURA	429,000	410,200	18,900	4.4%
YOLO	110,900	104,900	6,000	5.4%
YUBA	29,700	27,400	2,400	8.0%