

# N E W S R E L E A S E

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## California's unemployment rate decreases to 8.1 percent

**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 decreased to 8.1 percent in January, and nonfarm payroll jobs decreased by 31,600 during the month for a total gain of 1,171,000 jobs since the recovery began in February 2010, according to data released today by the California Employment Development Department (EDD) from two separate surveys.

The U.S. unemployment rate decreased to 6.6 percent in January.

In December, the state's unemployment rate was 8.3 percent, and in January 2013, the unemployment rate was 9.5 percent. The unemployment rate is derived from a federal survey of 5,500 California households.

Nonfarm jobs in California totaled 15,292,000 in January, a decrease of 31,600 jobs over the month, according to a survey of businesses that is larger and less variable statistically. The survey of 42,000 California businesses measures jobs in the economy. The year-over-year change, January 2013 to January 2014, shows an increase of 319,500 jobs (up 2.1 percent).

## EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT IN CALIFORNIA

The federal survey of households, done with a smaller sample than the survey of employers, shows an increase in the number of employed people. It estimates the number of Californians holding jobs in January was 17,068,000, an increase of 50,000 from December 2013, and up 219,000 from the employment total in January of last year.

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The number of people unemployed in California was 1,503,000 – down by 29,000 over the month, and down by 268,000 compared with January of last year.

### **PAYROLL EMPLOYMENT DETAIL (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)**

EDD's report on payroll employment (wage and salary jobs) in the nonfarm industries of California totaled 15,292,000 in January, a net loss of 31,600 jobs since the December survey. This followed a gain of 17,200 jobs (as revised) in December.

Five categories (manufacturing; financial activities; professional and business services; educational and health services; and other services) added jobs over the month, gaining 14,900 jobs. Professional and business services posted the largest increase over the month, adding 8,300 jobs. One category, mining and logging, was unchanged over the month.

Five categories (construction; trade, transportation and utilities; information; leisure and hospitality; and government) reported job declines over the month, down 46,500 jobs. Trade, transportation and utilities posted the largest decrease over the month, down 13,900 jobs.

In a year-over-year comparison (January 2013 to January 2014), nonfarm payroll employment in California increased by 319,500 jobs (up 2.1 percent).

Nine categories (construction; manufacturing; trade, transportation and utilities; information; professional and business services; educational and health services; leisure and hospitality; other services; and government) posted job gains over the year, adding 321,200 jobs. Professional and business services posted the largest gains on a numerical basis, adding 90,300 jobs (up 3.9 percent). Construction posted the largest gains on a percentage basis, up 4.4 percent, (adding 27,300 jobs).

Two categories (mining and logging and financial activities) posted job declines over the year, down 1,700 jobs. Financial activities posted the largest decline on a numerical basis, down by 1,600 jobs (a 0.2 percent decrease). Mining and logging posted the largest decline on a percentage basis, decreasing by 0.3 percent (down 100 jobs).

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

In related data, the EDD reported that there were 495,273 people receiving regular Unemployment Insurance benefits during the January 2014 survey week. This compares with 504,558 last month and 519,632 last year. At the same time, new claims for unemployment insurance were 73,040 in January 2014, compared with 73,458 in December and 68,907 in January of last year.

Seasonally adjusted payroll detail follows:

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

Industrial Classification	January 2014 (prelim.)	December 2013 (revised)	January 2013	Change Over 12 Months (Percent)
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Workers . . . . .	15,292.0	15,323.6	14,972.5	2.1
Mining and logging . . . . .	30.7	30.7	30.8	-0.3
Construction . . . . .	647.8	654.4	620.5	4.4
Manufacturing . . . . .	1,252.0	1,251.5	1,250.4	0.1
Trade, transportation and utilities . . . . .	2,827.8	2,841.7	2,770.5	2.1
Information . . . . .	450.9	463.6	438.7	2.8
Financial activities . . . . .	779.2	778.9	780.8	-0.2
Professional and business services . . . . .	2,380.9	2,372.6	2,290.6	3.9
Educational and health services . . . . .	2,339.7	2,338.2	2,275.3	2.8
Leisure and hospitality . . . . .	1,690.8	1,696.6	1,638.4	3.2
Other services . . . . .	522.5	518.2	510.7	2.3
Government* . . . . .	2,369.7	2,377.2	2,365.8	0.2
Agriculture . . . . .	414.7	410.5	397.7	4.3

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

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

	January 2014 (prelim.)	December 2013 (revised)	November 2013	January 2013
Civilian labor force <sup>a</sup> . . . . .	18,571,000	18,550,000	18,557,000	18,620,000
Total civilian employment . . . . .	17,068,000	17,018,000	16,993,000	16,849,000
Unemployment . . . . .	1,503,000	1,532,000	1,564,000	1,771,000
Seasonally adjusted rate % . . . .	8.1	8.3	8.4	9.5
US seasonally adjusted rate % .	6.6	6.7	7.0	7.9

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

	January 2014 (prelim.)	December 2013 (revised)	November 2013	January 2013
Civilian labor force <sup>a</sup> . . . . .	18,551,000	18,501,000	18,573,000	18,601,000
Total civilian employment . . . . .	16,970,000	17,039,000	17,044,000	16,686,000
Unemployment . . . . .	1,581,000	1,463,000	1,529,000	1,915,000
Unadjusted rate % . . . . .	8.5	7.9	8.2	10.3

<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).

**MONTHLY LABOR FORCE DATA FOR COUNTIES**  
**January 2014 (Preliminary); 2013 BENCHMARK**  
**NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED**

COUNTY	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYMENT	UNEMPLOYMENT	RATE*
<b>STATE TOTAL</b>	<b>18,550,900</b>	<b>16,969,600</b>	<b>1,581,300</b>	<b>8.5%</b>
ALAMEDA	779,100	726,500	52,600	6.7%
ALPINE	390	350	40	10.7%
AMADOR	15,700	14,170	1,530	9.8%
BUTTE	104,500	94,100	10,500	10.0%
CALAVERAS	19,030	17,090	1,940	10.2%
COLUSA	11,040	8,180	2,860	25.9%
CONTRA COSTA	537,700	500,100	37,600	7.0%
DEL NORTE	10,920	9,670	1,260	11.5%
EL DORADO	89,100	81,900	7,200	8.1%
FRESNO	446,800	386,000	60,800	13.6%
GLENN	12,880	11,210	1,670	13.0%
HUMBOLDT	57,600	52,700	4,900	8.5%
IMPERIAL	80,500	62,800	17,700	22.0%
INYO	8,930	8,190	740	8.3%
KERN	393,700	345,400	48,300	12.3%
KINGS	59,000	50,200	8,800	14.9%
LAKE	26,710	23,550	3,160	11.8%
LASSEN	12,690	11,240	1,450	11.4%
LOS ANGELES	4,930,500	4,487,800	442,700	9.0%
MADERA	68,500	60,300	8,200	12.0%
MARIN	142,400	135,700	6,700	4.7%
MARIPOSA	9,230	8,270	970	10.5%
MENDOCINO	43,080	39,730	3,340	7.8%
MERCED	112,900	94,900	18,000	15.9%
MODOC	3,560	3,100	460	13.0%
MONO	8,410	7,770	640	7.6%
MONTEREY	215,400	187,000	28,300	13.2%
NAPA	77,300	72,300	5,000	6.4%
NEVADA	49,870	46,240	3,630	7.3%
ORANGE	1,615,400	1,521,900	93,500	5.8%
PLACER	178,500	165,900	12,500	7.0%
PLUMAS	9,040	7,760	1,290	14.2%
RIVERSIDE	957,000	866,300	90,700	9.5%
SACRAMENTO	677,300	621,400	55,900	8.2%
SAN BENITO	27,300	23,900	3,400	12.6%
SAN BERNARDINO	870,200	788,100	82,200	9.4%
SAN DIEGO	1,588,400	1,477,400	111,000	7.0%
SAN FRANCISCO	488,300	462,600	25,700	5.3%
SAN JOAQUIN	295,800	256,800	39,000	13.2%
SAN LUIS OBISPO	140,500	131,800	8,700	6.2%
SAN MATEO	404,500	384,500	19,900	4.9%
SANTA BARBARA	220,400	204,500	16,000	7.2%
SANTA CLARA	928,200	871,300	57,000	6.1%
SANTA CRUZ	148,100	131,600	16,400	11.1%
SHASTA	81,000	72,300	8,700	10.7%
SIERRA	1,420	1,240	190	13.1%
SISKIYOU	17,970	15,290	2,680	14.9%
SOLANO	216,400	198,900	17,500	8.1%
SONOMA	260,600	244,400	16,100	6.2%
STANISLAUS	238,200	206,600	31,600	13.3%
SUTTER	41,200	34,500	6,700	16.2%
TEHAMA	25,270	22,430	2,840	11.3%
TRINITY	4,930	4,320	610	12.4%
TULARE	205,300	174,100	31,100	15.2%
TUOLUMNE	23,940	21,620	2,320	9.7%
VENTURA	432,100	399,700	32,400	7.5%
YOLO	99,700	89,100	10,600	10.6%
YUBA	26,500	22,600	3,900	14.5%

\*Not seasonally adjusted.

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