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Payroll Employment Up 18,500 Jobs; California's Unemployment Rate Unchanged at 4.8 Percent

SACRAMENTO – California's nonfarm payroll employment increased by 18,500 jobs over the month, for a total of 15,244,300, according to the state Employment Development Department's (EDD) monthly survey of employers.

A separate survey of households showed the number of Californians holding jobs in March was 17,259,000. This was an increase of 64,000 from February, and up 290,000 from the employment total in March 2006.

California's unemployment rate was 4.8 percent in March, unchanged from 4.8 percent in February, according to EDD. A year ago, in March 2006, California's unemployment rate was 4.9 percent.

The number of people unemployed in California was 876,000 – an increase of 2,000 over the month, and up by 3,000 compared with March of last year.

Of the unemployed, 366,900 were laid off, 92,300 left their jobs voluntarily, and the remaining were either new entrants or reentrants into the labor market, or persons who completed temporary jobs.

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE CLAIMS (NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)

In related data, the EDD reported that there were 352,742 people receiving regular unemployment insurance benefits during the March survey week. This compares with 400,354 last month and 378,630 last year. At the same time, new claims for unemployment insurance were 40,514 in March 2007, compared with 39,496 in February and 37,573 in March of last year.

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WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT DETAIL (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)

EDD's report on payroll employment (wage and salary jobs) in the nonfarm industries of California totaled 15,244,300 in March, a net gain of 18,500 jobs since the February survey. This followed a gain of 23,600 jobs (as revised) in February.

Seven of the categories (**construction; trade, transportation and utilities; information; professional and business services; educational and health services; leisure and hospitality; and government**) added jobs over the month, gaining 26,600 jobs. The leisure and hospitality industry showed the largest gain, up by 6,300 jobs. Four categories (**natural resources and mining; manufacturing; financial activities; and other services**) reported job declines this month, down 8,100 jobs. Manufacturing posted the largest decline over the month, down by 4,000 jobs.

In a year-over-year comparison (March 2006 to March 2007), nonfarm payroll employment in California increased by 250,200 jobs (up 1.7 percent).

Ten industry divisions (**natural resources and mining; construction; trade, transportation and utilities; information; financial activities; professional and business services; educational and health services; leisure and hospitality; other services; and government**) posted job gains over the year, adding 255,800 jobs. On a numerical basis, professional and business services showed the strongest employment growth, adding 65,900 jobs (a 3.0 percent increase). On a percentage of growth basis, natural resources and mining showed the strongest gain, up 6.1 percent (adding 1,500 jobs).

One category (**manufacturing**) posted job declines over the year, down 5,600 jobs (a decline of 0.4 percent).

WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT DETAIL (NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)

Over the month, employment in **government** showed the largest non-seasonally adjusted gain, up by 20,100 jobs. The gains were centered in local and state government education, which were up by 12,100 jobs and 3,300 jobs, respectively. **Natural resources and mining** recorded the only non-seasonally adjusted loss, down by 200 jobs, all in the mining sector.

The **professional and business services** industries reported the largest gain over the year, up 59,900 jobs. The gains were concentrated in the professional, scientific and technical services sector, which was up by 39,500 jobs, and the administrative and support and waste services sector, which was up by 26,000 jobs. The only decrease over the year was in **manufacturing**, which was down by 7,900 jobs. The losses were centered in durable goods manufacturing, which was down by 9,400 jobs.

Seasonally adjusted payroll detail follows:

WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT, SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA
(Amounts in thousands)

Industrial Classification	March 2007 (prelim.)	February 2007	March 2006	Change Over 12 months (Percent)
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Workers	15,244.3	15,225.8	14,994.1	1.7
Natural resources and mining	26.0	26.1	24.5	6.1
Construction	946.2	942.4	937.0	1.0
Manufacturing	1,502.1	1,506.1	1,507.7	-0.4
Trade, transportation and utilities	2,904.8	2,899.6	2,860.3	1.6
Information	476.2	474.3	475.5	0.1
Financial activities	941.9	943.5	940.5	0.1
Professional and business services	2,265.4	2,260.7	2,199.5	3.0
Educational and health services	1,650.8	1,647.6	1,605.4	2.8
Leisure and hospitality	1,547.4	1,541.1	1,507.2	2.7
Other services	509.1	511.5	501.8	1.5
Government*	2,474.4	2,472.9	2,434.7	1.6
Agriculture	367.7	400.4	370.0	-0.6

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

TABLE A
EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT IN CALIFORNIA, SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

	March 2007	February 2007	January 2007	March 2006
Civilian labor force ^a	18,135,000	18,069,000	18,085,000	17,842,000
Total civilian employment	17,259,000	17,195,000	17,208,000	16,969,000
Unemployment	876,000	874,000	877,000	873,000
Seasonally adjusted rate %	4.8	4.8	4.8	4.9
US seasonally adjusted rate %	4.4	4.5	4.6	4.7

TABLE B
EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT IN CALIFORNIA, UNADJUSTED DATA

	March 2007	February 2007	January 2007	March 2006
Civilian labor force ^a	18,105,000	18,041,000	18,036,000	17,806,000
Total civilian employment	17,188,000	17,097,000	17,077,000	16,899,000
Unemployment	917,000	944,000	959,000	907,000
Unadjusted rate %	5.1	5.2	5.3	5.1

^aLabor force by place of residence including workers involved in trade disputes.

MONTHLY LABOR FORCE DATA FOR COUNTIES
MARCH 2007; 2006 BENCHMARK
NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

COUNTY	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYMENT	UNEMPLOYMENT	RATE
STATE TOTAL	18,105,100	17,187,600	917,500	5.1%
ALAMEDA	755,700	723,300	32,400	4.3%
ALPINE	620	590	30	4.5%
AMADOR	17,890	16,850	1,040	5.8%
BUTTE	103,400	96,500	6,900	6.7%
CALAVERAS	21,090	19,730	1,370	6.5%
COLUSA	9,420	7,890	1,530	16.2%
CONTRA COSTA	526,100	503,700	22,400	4.3%
DEL NORTE	11,180	10,410	780	6.9%
EL DORADO	95,800	91,000	4,800	5.0%
FRESNO	411,800	375,100	36,700	8.9%
GLENN	12,030	10,850	1,190	9.9%
HUMBOLDT	61,400	57,700	3,600	5.9%
IMPERIAL	64,300	55,800	8,500	13.2%
INYO	9,330	8,890	440	4.7%
KERN	341,700	312,700	28,900	8.5%
KINGS	55,200	50,100	5,100	9.3%
LAKE	26,530	24,460	2,070	7.8%
LASSEN	12,370	11,170	1,200	9.7%
LOS ANGELES	4,881,300	4,640,200	241,100	4.9%
MADERA	62,900	57,800	5,100	8.1%
MARIN	134,800	130,200	4,600	3.4%
MARIPOSA	8,890	8,270	610	6.9%
MENDOCINO	43,330	40,710	2,620	6.1%
MERCED	101,600	90,700	10,900	10.7%
MODOC	3,980	3,620	360	9.0%
MONO	9,130	8,790	340	3.7%
MONTEREY	198,600	180,700	17,900	9.0%
NAPA	74,100	71,200	2,900	3.9%
NEVADA	50,290	47,870	2,430	4.8%
ORANGE	1,639,200	1,583,800	55,400	3.4%
PLACER	172,700	164,900	7,800	4.5%
PLUMAS	10,130	9,010	1,120	11.1%
RIVERSIDE	914,100	867,900	46,200	5.1%
SACRAMENTO	696,800	662,600	34,200	4.9%
SAN BENITO	25,800	23,700	2,100	8.1%
SAN BERNARDINO	910,800	868,200	42,500	4.7%
SAN DIEGO	1,531,100	1,469,200	61,900	4.0%
SAN FRANCISCO	429,400	412,100	17,300	4.0%
SAN JOAQUIN	290,400	267,100	23,300	8.0%
SAN LUIS OBISPO	134,400	129,000	5,400	4.0%
SAN MATEO	375,400	362,000	13,300	3.6%
SANTA BARBARA	217,100	207,800	9,300	4.3%
SANTA CLARA	848,100	812,000	36,200	4.3%
SANTA CRUZ	146,000	136,000	10,000	6.8%
SHASTA	84,700	78,100	6,600	7.8%
SIERRA	1,620	1,440	180	11.0%
SISKIYOU	19,230	17,330	1,890	9.8%
SOLANO	216,000	205,800	10,200	4.7%
SONOMA	262,900	252,200	10,600	4.0%
STANISLAUS	227,800	207,900	19,900	8.7%
SUTTER	41,700	37,400	4,400	10.5%
TEHAMA	25,520	23,610	1,910	7.5%
TRINITY	5,120	4,510	610	11.9%
TULARE	191,600	172,500	19,100	10.0%
TUOLUMNE	26,410	24,640	1,770	6.7%
VENTURA	432,600	414,200	18,300	4.2%
YOLO	97,300	91,500	5,700	5.9%
YUBA	26,800	24,200	2,600	9.8%