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Payroll Employment Up 7,400 Jobs California's Unemployment Rate Increases to 5.1 Percent

SACRAMENTO – California's nonfarm payroll employment increased by 7,400 jobs over the month, for a total of 15,250,200, 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 April was 17,209,000. This was a decrease of 50,000 from March, but up 237,000 from the employment total in April 2006.

California's unemployment rate was 5.1 percent in April, up from 4.8 percent in March, according to EDD. In April 2006, California's unemployment rate was 5.0 percent. The number of people unemployed in California was 934,000, an increase of 58,000 over the month, and up 41,000 compared with April of last year.

Of the unemployed, 362,100 were laid off, 85,600 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 399,197 people receiving regular unemployment insurance benefits during the April survey week. This compares with 352,742 in March and 375,355 in April 2006. At the same time, new claims for unemployment insurance were 43,129 in April compared to 40,514 in March and 41,552 in April 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 15,250,200 in April, a net gain of 7,400 jobs since the March survey. This followed a gain of 17,000 jobs (as revised) in March.

Six categories (**trade, transportation and utilities; professional and business services; educational and health services; leisure and hospitality; other services; and government**) added jobs over the month, gaining 18,800 jobs. Government posted the largest gain, 5,800 jobs. Five categories (**natural resources and mining; construction; manufacturing; information; and financial activities**) reported job declines this month, a total of 11,400 jobs. Information had the largest loss: 6,800 jobs. Construction was next highest with a decrease of 3,000 jobs.

In a year-over-year comparison (April 2006 to April 2007), nonfarm payroll employment in California increased by 266,300 jobs (up 1.8 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 266,900 jobs. On a numerical basis, professional and business services showed the strongest employment growth, adding 62,200 jobs (a 2.8 percent increase). On a percentage of growth basis, natural resources and mining showed the strongest gain, up 4.9 percent (adding 1,200 jobs).

One category (**manufacturing**) posted job declines over the year, a loss of 600 jobs.

WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT DETAIL (NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)

Over the month, **leisure and hospitality** showed the largest non-seasonally adjusted gain, up by 16,800 with food services and drinking places accounting for 10,500 additional jobs. The largest job loss was in **information**, down 6,800.

The **professional and business services** industries reported the largest gain over the year, up 60,300 jobs. Other large increases were 49,400 in government, 47,100 in educational and health services, 45,100 in trade, transportation and utilities and 43,600 in leisure and hospitality. The only decrease over the year was a 200-job loss in **manufacturing**.

Seasonally adjusted payroll data follows:

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

Industrial Classification	April 2007 (prelim.)	March 2007	April 2006	Change Over 12 months (Percent)
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Workers	15,250.2	15,242.8	14,983.9	1.8
Natural resources and mining	25.7	25.9	24.5	4.9
Construction	941.9	944.9	924.0	1.9
Manufacturing	1,501.9	1,502.6	1,502.5	0.0
Trade, transportation and utilities	2,906.7	2,902.5	2,863.0	1.5
Information	469.8	476.6	467.6	0.5
Financial activities	942.1	942.8	941.4	0.1
Professional and business services	2,268.8	2,265.4	2,206.6	2.8
Educational and health services	1,650.6	1,649.9	1,606.6	2.7
Leisure and hospitality	1,549.8	1,546.0	1,509.0	2.7
Other services	511.8	510.9	503.2	1.7
Government*	2,481.1	2,475.3	2,435.5	1.9
Agriculture	341.9	373.3	339.4	0.7

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

TABLE A
EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT IN CALIFORNIA, SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

	April 2007	March 2007	February 2007	April 2006
Civilian labor force ^a	18,143,000	18,135,000	18,069,000	17,865,000
Total civilian employment	17,209,000	17,259,000	17,195,000	16,972,000
Unemployment	934,000	876,000	874,000	893,000
Seasonally adjusted rate %	5.1	4.8	4.8	5.0
US seasonally adjusted rate %	4.5	4.4	4.5	4.7

TABLE B
EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT IN CALIFORNIA, UNADJUSTED DATA

	April 2007	March 2007	February 2007	April 2006
Civilian labor force ^a	18,058,000	18,105,000	18,041,000	17,781,000
Total civilian employment	17,149,000	17,188,000	17,097,000	16,919,000
Unemployment	909,000	917,000	944,000	862,000
Unadjusted rate %	5.0	5.1	5.2	4.8

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

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

COUNTY	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYMENT	UNEMPLOYMENT	RATE
STATE TOTAL	18,058,000	17,149,200	908,800	5.0%
ALAMEDA	749,000	716,300	32,700	4.4%
ALPINE	500	470	30	5.6%
AMADOR	17,720	16,690	1,030	5.8%
BUTTE	103,600	96,800	6,800	6.5%
CALAVERAS	21,000	19,670	1,330	6.3%
COLUSA	8,940	7,760	1,190	13.3%
CONTRA COSTA	521,500	498,800	22,700	4.4%
DEL NORTE	11,130	10,310	820	7.3%
EL DORADO	95,100	90,500	4,500	4.8%
FRESNO	418,800	381,200	37,500	9.0%
GLENN	11,900	10,820	1,080	9.1%
HUMBOLDT	61,000	57,500	3,500	5.8%
IMPERIAL	66,200	55,400	10,800	16.3%
INYO	9,360	8,940	420	4.5%
KERN	342,400	313,500	28,900	8.4%
KINGS	56,400	51,300	5,100	9.1%
LAKE	26,490	24,420	2,060	7.8%
LASSEN	12,330	11,290	1,050	8.5%
LOS ANGELES	4,880,100	4,649,700	230,400	4.7%
MADERA	62,100	56,900	5,100	8.3%
MARIN	133,500	129,000	4,400	3.3%
MARIPOSA	8,940	8,350	590	6.5%
MENDOCINO	42,650	40,160	2,480	5.8%
MERCED	102,300	91,700	10,600	10.4%
MODOC	4,000	3,670	330	8.3%
MONO	8,770	8,440	330	3.8%
MONTEREY	210,100	194,800	15,300	7.3%
NAPA	72,900	70,200	2,800	3.8%
NEVADA	49,770	47,380	2,390	4.8%
ORANGE	1,629,300	1,573,000	56,300	3.5%
PLACER	171,800	164,100	7,600	4.5%
PLUMAS	10,220	9,260	960	9.4%
RIVERSIDE	910,800	863,400	47,400	5.2%
SACRAMENTO	694,000	659,500	34,500	5.0%
SAN BENITO	25,400	23,600	1,900	7.4%
SAN BERNARDINO	907,600	863,700	43,900	4.8%
SAN DIEGO	1,521,000	1,458,100	62,900	4.1%
SAN FRANCISCO	425,600	408,300	17,300	4.1%
SAN JOAQUIN	287,300	264,100	23,200	8.1%
SAN LUIS OBISPO	132,700	127,500	5,200	4.0%
SAN MATEO	371,900	358,700	13,200	3.6%
SANTA BARBARA	217,500	208,800	8,600	4.0%
SANTA CLARA	844,100	807,400	36,700	4.4%
SANTA CRUZ	145,900	136,500	9,400	6.5%
SHASTA	84,100	77,800	6,300	7.4%
SIERRA	1,630	1,460	170	10.2%
SISKIYOU	18,870	17,220	1,660	8.8%
SOLANO	213,700	203,300	10,300	4.8%
SONOMA	261,200	250,400	10,800	4.1%
STANISLAUS	227,200	206,700	20,400	9.0%
SUTTER	41,300	36,900	4,500	10.8%
TEHAMA	25,280	23,410	1,870	7.4%
TRINITY	5,130	4,550	570	11.2%
TULARE	195,500	177,000	18,500	9.5%
TUOLUMNE	26,230	24,510	1,710	6.5%
VENTURA	431,700	413,200	18,500	4.3%
YOLO	96,400	91,100	5,300	5.5%
YUBA	26,400	23,800	2,500	9.5%