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California's Unemployment Rate Increases, Following Nationwide Trend

SACRAMENTO – California's unemployment rate was 5.3 percent in July, up from 5.2 percent in June, according to the state Employment Development Department (EDD), mirroring the 0.1 percent increase in the nation's unemployment rate. In July 2006, California's unemployment rate was 4.8 percent.

California's nonfarm payroll employment decreased by 8,600 jobs over the month, for a total of 15,258,100, according to EDD's monthly survey of employers.

A separate survey of households showed the number of Californians holding jobs in July was 17,238,000. This was unchanged from June, but up 194,000 from the employment total in July 2006.

The number of people unemployed in California was 960,000 – an increase of 18,000 over the month, and up by 98,000 compared with July of last year.

Of the unemployed, 498,300 were laid off, 85,100 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 363,077 people receiving regular unemployment insurance benefits during the July survey week. This compares with 331,747 last month and 320,479 last year. At the same time, new claims for unemployment insurance were 41,236 in July 2007, compared with 42,797 in June and 36,480 in July 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 15,258,100 in July, a net loss of 8,600 jobs since the June survey. This followed a gain of 2,900 jobs (as revised) in June.

Seven of the categories (**natural resources and mining; manufacturing; financial activities; professional and business services; leisure and hospitality; other services; and government**) added jobs over the month, gaining 7,300 jobs. Government showed the largest gain, up by 5,100 jobs. Four categories (**construction; trade, transportation and utilities; information; and educational and health services**) reported job declines this month, down 15,900 jobs. Construction posted the largest decline over the month, down by 7,800 jobs.

In a year-over-year comparison (July 2006 to July 2007), nonfarm payroll employment in California increased by 173,000 jobs (up 1.1 percent).

Seven industry divisions (**natural resources and mining; trade, transportation and utilities; professional and business services; educational and health services; leisure and hospitality; other services; and government**) posted job gains over the year, adding 205,600 jobs. On a numerical basis, government showed the strongest employment growth, adding 49,000 jobs (a 2.0 percent increase). On a percentage of growth basis, educational and health services showed the strongest gain, up 2.8 percent (adding 45,300 jobs).

Four categories (**construction; manufacturing; information; and financial activities**) posted job declines over the year, down 32,600 jobs. Construction employment showed the largest decline on both a numerical and percentage basis, down by 18,000 jobs (a 1.9 percent decrease).

WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT DETAIL (NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)

Over the month, employment in **manufacturing** showed the largest non-seasonally adjusted gain, up by 6,600 jobs. The gains were concentrated in nondurable goods, and mostly in food manufacturing, which added 6,800 jobs. **Government** recorded the greatest non-seasonally adjusted loss, down by 122,500 jobs. Reflecting the end of the school year, the losses were concentrated in local and state government education, which declined by 111,000 and 17,700 jobs, respectively.

Government reported the largest gain over the year, up 48,700 jobs. The gains were split between local government, which was up by 36,700 jobs, and state government, which was up by 16,100 jobs. The largest decrease over the year was in **construction**, which was down by 15,600 jobs. The losses were mostly in the construction of buildings sector and the specialty trade contractors sector, which declined by 6,400 jobs each.

Seasonally adjusted payroll detail follows:

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

Industrial Classification	July 2007 (prelim.)	June 2007	July 2006	Change Over 12 months (Percent)
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Workers	15,258.1	15,266.7	15,085.1	1.1
Natural resources and mining	25.3	25.2	25.1	0.8
Construction	925.2	933.0	943.2	-1.9
Manufacturing	1,497.4	1,497.2	1,500.8	-0.2
Trade, transportation and utilities	2,899.6	2,900.7	2,877.8	0.8
Information	468.3	474.6	474.3	-1.3
Financial activities	934.4	933.9	939.6	-0.6
Professional and business services	2,269.1	2,268.3	2,230.4	1.7
Educational and health services	1,664.0	1,664.7	1,618.7	2.8
Leisure and hospitality	1,561.0	1,560.8	1,519.6	2.7
Other services	515.4	515.0	506.2	1.8
Government*	2,498.4	2,493.3	2,449.4	2.0
Agriculture	363.5	376.3	373.6	-2.7

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

TABLE A
EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT IN CALIFORNIA, SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

	July 2007	June 2007	May 2007	July 2006
Civilian labor force ^a	18,198,000	18,180,000	18,171,000	17,906,000
Total civilian employment	17,238,000	17,238,000	17,227,000	17,044,000
Unemployment	960,000	942,000	944,000	862,000
Seasonally adjusted rate %	5.3	5.2	5.2	4.8
US seasonally adjusted rate %	4.6	4.5	4.5	4.8

TABLE B
EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT IN CALIFORNIA, UNADJUSTED DATA

	July 2007	June 2007	May 2007	July 2006
Civilian labor force ^a	18,344,000	18,216,000	18,096,000	18,010,000
Total civilian employment	17,329,000	17,268,000	17,217,000	17,064,000
Unemployment	1,015,000	948,000	879,000	946,000
Unadjusted rate %	5.5	5.2	4.9	5.3

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

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

COUNTY	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYMENT	UNEMPLOYMENT	RATE
STATE TOTAL	18,343,500	17,328,700	1,014,800	5.5%
ALAMEDA	760,500	722,300	38,200	5.0%
ALPINE	450	410	40	9.5%
AMADOR	18,120	17,050	1,070	5.9%
BUTTE	103,300	96,100	7,200	6.9%
CALAVERAS	21,600	20,200	1,400	6.5%
COLUSA	9,440	8,520	920	9.7%
CONTRA COSTA	529,200	503,000	26,200	4.9%
DEL NORTE	11,250	10,370	880	7.8%
EL DORADO	96,100	91,300	4,800	5.0%
FRESNO	427,000	392,000	35,000	8.2%
GLENN	12,330	11,140	1,190	9.6%
HUMBOLDT	60,800	57,200	3,600	5.9%
IMPERIAL	68,300	54,500	13,800	20.2%
INYO	9,190	8,730	460	5.0%
KERN	352,100	324,300	27,800	7.9%
KINGS	58,900	54,200	4,700	8.0%
LAKE	26,790	24,770	2,020	7.5%
LASSEN	12,910	11,980	930	7.2%
LOS ANGELES	4,976,900	4,708,500	268,400	5.4%
MADERA	66,100	61,300	4,800	7.3%
MARIN	135,600	130,400	5,200	3.8%
MARIPOSA	10,300	9,780	520	5.1%
MENDOCINO	43,140	40,780	2,360	5.5%
MERCED	100,900	91,000	9,900	9.8%
MODOC	4,180	3,880	300	7.3%
MONO	8,240	7,830	410	4.9%
MONTEREY	211,700	199,700	12,000	5.7%
NAPA	75,100	72,100	3,000	4.0%
NEVADA	51,770	49,200	2,570	5.0%
ORANGE	1,644,200	1,576,400	67,800	4.1%
PLACER	174,200	165,600	8,600	4.9%
PLUMAS	11,320	10,570	750	6.6%
RIVERSIDE	927,500	868,100	59,400	6.4%
SACRAMENTO	704,500	665,300	39,200	5.6%
SAN BENITO	25,300	23,800	1,500	5.8%
SAN BERNARDINO	920,800	868,400	52,400	5.7%
SAN DIEGO	1,544,000	1,470,100	73,900	4.8%
SAN FRANCISCO	432,700	412,800	19,900	4.6%
SAN JOAQUIN	290,400	266,200	24,200	8.3%
SAN LUIS OBISPO	135,500	129,200	6,300	4.6%
SAN MATEO	377,800	362,600	15,200	4.0%
SANTA BARBARA	218,600	209,100	9,500	4.3%
SANTA CLARA	858,400	816,100	42,300	4.9%
SANTA CRUZ	149,100	141,500	7,600	5.1%
SHASTA	84,600	78,400	6,200	7.3%
SIERRA	1,720	1,600	120	6.7%
SISKIYOU	20,120	18,620	1,500	7.5%
SOLANO	218,100	206,200	11,900	5.5%
SONOMA	261,900	249,900	12,000	4.6%
STANISLAUS	233,300	213,100	20,200	8.7%
SUTTER	41,100	37,500	3,600	8.8%
TEHAMA	25,570	23,680	1,890	7.4%
TRINITY	5,300	4,830	470	8.9%
TULARE	193,500	176,300	17,200	8.9%
TUOLUMNE	26,650	24,980	1,670	6.3%
VENTURA	431,200	409,100	22,100	5.1%
YOLO	97,100	91,900	5,200	5.4%
YUBA	26,900	24,300	2,600	9.7%