



## California unemployment rate remains at 4.2 percent in June

- Employers added 46,200 nonfarm payroll jobs
- Every Central Valley county sees its jobless rate increase

California's unemployment remained at 4.2 percent in June while the state's employers added 46,200 nonfarm payroll jobs, according to data released Friday by the California Employment Development Department from two surveys.

California has now gained 3,284,300 jobs since the economic expansion began in February 2010.

Based on a monthly federal survey of 5,100 California households which focuses on workers in the economy:

- The number of Californians holding jobs in June was 18,607,800, a decrease of 45,300 from May and up 58,700 from the employment total in June of last year.
- The number of unemployed Californians was 813,700 in June, a decrease of 12,400 over the month and up by 3,400 compared with June of last year.

In related data that figures into the state's unemployment rate, there were 302,156 people receiving unemployment insurance benefits during the survey week in June compared to 321,372 in May and 303,592 people in June 2018. Concurrently, 38,886 people filed new claims in June which was a month-over increase of 490.

Here are JUNE's unemployment rates for Central Valley counties, followed by, in parentheses, the rates for May:

- Butte – 5.2 percent; (4.3 percent)
- Fresno – 7.1 percent; (6.4 percent)
- Kern – 8.0 percent; (7.2 percent)
- Kings – 7.9 percent; (6.7 percent)
- Madera – 7.0 percent; (6.3 percent)
- Merced – 8.1 percent; (7.3 percent)
- Sacramento – 3.9 percent; (3.2 percent)
- San Joaquin – 6.0 percent; (5.1 percent)
- Stanislaus – 6.5 percent; (5.6 percent)
- Tulare – 9.1 percent; (8.1 percent)
- Yolo – 4.0 percent; (3.4 percent)
- Yuba – 6.1 percent; (5.5 percent)

San Mateo County's jobless rate is again lowest in the state at 2.2 percent. In May it was at a microscopic 1.7 percent, the EDD says. At the other end is Imperial County, with 18.6 percent unemployment, up from 16.4 percent in May.