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## Beacon Economics Employment Report

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### California Labor Markets On The Upswing... Despite Census Related Job Losses

A Good Month... Really: California lost a total of 9,400 jobs between June and July - but essentially all of those losses were associated with the ending of the 2010 Census. Thousands of temporary Census workers have been hired and had their jobs end in the past 4 to 5 months - sometimes masking the real direction of the state's labor markets. Fundamentally, all of the state's month-over job losses occurred in government employment, which fell by 23,100 jobs. Of those, 20,100 were Federal government jobs and directly related to the end of the Census. Private employment gained 13,700 jobs, offsetting most of the government job losses.

## Gains in Some Industries More Than Offset Losses in Others

Overall, industry employment grew in California between June and July - a good sign for the direction of the overall labor market. Gains came in Education and Health Services (up 11,600), Retail Trade (up 5,300), Information (up 3,200), and even Construction (up 1,400). Losses offset some of these gains, but not all. Losses came in Professional and Business Services (down 3,000), Wholesale Trade (down 2,500), Leisure and Hospitality (down 2,100), and Manufacturing (down 2,000).

## Nation's Labor Markets Relatively Stable

California's unemployment rate remained unchanged at 12.3% this past month, making it one of 18 states that experienced no change in their unemployment rate. Another 18 states saw decreases in unemployment, while 14 saw increases.

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*Beacon Economics' interactive monthly employment report processes data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics and data generated and released by the California Employment Development Department (EDD) on the third Friday of every month. Beacon Economics reproduces EDDs data by major MSA in California on a seasonally adjusted basis to facilitate month-to-month comparisons.*

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