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California's employment and unemployment data for January will be released on Friday, March 22

NOTE TO EDITORS: The California labor force and industry employment data for January 2013 that was scheduled to be released this Friday will now be released on **Friday, March 22**. The California labor force and industry employment data for February that was scheduled to be released March 22 will now be released on **Friday, March 29**.

This delay is due to additional revisions by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) to its annual benchmarking data. The state Employment Development Department (EDD) cannot complete its annual benchmarking process until this updated data is received from the BLS.

As in previous years, the BLS issues a benchmarked employment data series with its release of January data. This is an annual revision process in which monthly estimates of labor force and payroll employment by industry are updated when more complete employment information is available.

Because of the additional tasks surrounding the benchmarking process, California and all other states issue employment data at a later date than in a typical month.

A complete release schedule for 2013 employment data is available on the Labor Market Information section of the EDD website at: www.labormarketinfo.edd.ca.gov/Content.asp?pageid=162.

More information on the annual benchmarking process is available online at: www.labormarketinfo.edd.ca.gov/article.asp?ARTICLEID=123.

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