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Industry	July 2008	July 2009	Jobs lost
Mining, Logging and Construction	9,600	8,500	1,100 
Manufacturing	24,100	24,100	0
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	32,800	32,000	800 
Information	1,800	1,400	400 
Financial Activities	5,900	5,600	300 
Professional and Business Services	14,200	14,400	200  Jobs gained
Educational and Health Services	21,400	21,200	200 
Leisure and Hospitality	15,900	14,300	1,600 
Other Services	5,800	5,500	300 
Government	26,100	25,200	900 
Total, All Industries	171,700	166,200	5,500
Total Farm	14,100	14,000	100
Total Nonfarm	157,600	152,200	5,400

Notes: Data not adjusted for seasonality. Data may not add due to rounding. Labor force data are revised month to month. Additional data are available online at www.labormarketinfo.edd.ca.gov.