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Note: EDD's Unemployment Insurance (UI) telephone lines are open Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. for claim filing and assistance. For convenience, select EDD Workforce Services offices also are open Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. to provide access to computers and phones for claim filing and assistance. Check EDD's Web site (www.edd.ca.gov) for a list of these offices.

California's Unemployment Rate Decreases To 12.2 Percent

SACRAMENTO – California's unemployment rate was 12.2 percent in September, and nonfarm payroll jobs declined by 39,300 during the month, according to data released today by the California Employment Development Department (EDD) from two separate surveys.

The U.S. unemployment rate increased in September, rising to 9.8 percent.

In August, the state's unemployment rate was a revised 12.3 percent, and in September 2008, the unemployment rate was 7.8 percent. The unemployment rate is derived from a federal survey of 5,500 California households.

Nonfarm jobs in California totaled 14,200,400 in September, a decrease of 39,300 over the month, according to a survey of businesses that is larger and less variable statistically. The survey of 42,000 California businesses measures jobs in the economy. The year-over-year change (September 2008 to September 2009) shows a decrease of 732,700 jobs (down 4.9 percent).

EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT IN CALIFORNIA

The federal survey of households, done with a smaller sample than the survey of employers, shows a decrease in the number of employed people. It estimates the number of Californians holding jobs in September was 16,137,000, a decrease of 6,000 from August, and down 896,000 from the employment total in September of last year.

The number of people unemployed in California was 2,247,000 – down by 13,000 over the month, but up by 799,000 compared with September of last year.

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PAYROLL EMPLOYMENT DETAIL (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)

EDD's report on payroll employment (wage and salary jobs) in the nonfarm industries of California totaled 14,200,400 in September, a net loss of 39,300 jobs since the August survey. This followed a loss of 7,200 jobs (as revised) in August.

Two categories (**natural resources and mining** and **trade, transportation and utilities**) added jobs over the month, gaining 4,100 jobs. Trade, transportation and utilities posted the largest increase over the month, adding 3,900 jobs. Nine categories (**construction; manufacturing; information; financial activities; professional and business services; educational and health services; leisure and hospitality; other services; and government**) reported job declines this month, down 43,400 jobs. Construction posted the largest decline over the month, down by 14,100 jobs.

In a year-over-year comparison (September 2008 to September 2009), nonfarm payroll employment in California decreased by 732,700 jobs (down 4.9 percent).

One industry division, **educational and health services**, posted job gains over the year, adding 11,800 jobs (a 0.7 percent increase).

Ten categories (**natural resources and mining; construction; manufacturing; trade, transportation and utilities; information; financial activities; professional and business services; leisure and hospitality; other services; and government**) posted job declines over the year, down 744,500 jobs. Trade, transportation and utilities employment showed the largest decline on a numerical basis, down by 172,400 jobs (a decline of 6.1 percent). Construction posted the largest decline on a percentage basis, down by 19.0 percent (a decrease of 144,000 jobs).

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE CLAIMS (NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)

In related data, the EDD reported that there were 744,924 people receiving regular unemployment insurance benefits during the September survey week. This compares with 790,099 last month and 500,962 last year. At the same time, new claims for unemployment insurance were 69,160 in September 2009, compared with 69,488 in August and 53,418 in September of last year.

NOTE TO EDITORS: EDD encourages those who are filing for Unemployment Insurance benefits to do so on-line through our Web site at www.edd.ca.gov. On-line claim filing is the fastest, most convenient way to apply for unemployment benefits, and is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Seasonally adjusted payroll detail follows:

PAYROLL EMPLOYMENT, SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA²
(Amounts in thousands)

Industrial Classification	September 2009 (prelim.)	August 2009 (revised)	September 2008	Change Over 12 Months (Percent)
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Workers	14,200.4	14,239.7	14,933.1	-4.9
Natural resources and mining	26.8	26.6	28.8	-6.9
Construction	615.1	629.2	759.1	-19.0
Manufacturing	1,295.4	1,298.8	1,416.7	-8.6
Trade, transportation and utilities	2,672.8	2,668.9	2,845.2	-6.1
Information	442.6	445.5	477.0	-7.2
Financial activities	797.3	799.8	839.1	-5.0
Professional and business services	2,104.7	2,107.4	2,237.6	-5.9
Educational and health services	1,743.9	1,747.5	1,732.1	0.7
Leisure and hospitality	1,514.4	1,514.9	1,566.0	-3.3
Other services	495.5	496.5	512.8	-3.4
Government*	2,491.9	2,504.6	2,518.7	-1.1
Agriculture	390.1	389.3	396.9	-1.7

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

Note: Payroll employment statistics for August and September 2009 have been prepared using a new U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics computerized estimation system. Since this system has a different rounding convention, industry totals will no longer exactly match the sum of their sub-industries. Visit the Labor Market Information section of our Web site at www.edd.ca.gov for further information.

TABLE A
EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT IN CALIFORNIA, SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA²

	September 2009 (prelim.)	August 2009 (revised)	July 2009	September 2008
Civilian labor force ^a	18,383,000	18,403,000	18,458,000	18,481,000
Total civilian employment	16,137,000	16,143,000	16,259,000	17,033,000
Unemployment	2,247,000	2,260,000	2,199,000	1,448,000
Seasonally adjusted rate %	12.2	12.3	11.9	7.8
US seasonally adjusted rate %	9.8	9.7	9.4	6.2

TABLE B
EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT IN CALIFORNIA, UNADJUSTED DATA

	September 2009 (prelim.)	August 2009 (revised)	July 2009	September 2008
Civilian labor force ^a	18,365,000	18,512,000	18,600,000	18,467,000
Total civilian employment	16,164,000	16,254,000	16,346,000	17,068,000
Unemployment	2,201,000	2,258,000	2,254,000	1,399,000
Unadjusted rate %	12.0	12.2	12.1	7.6

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

²Seasonal adjustment is a statistical method that removes typical employment patterns that occur at various times throughout the year (e.g., additional retail hiring during the holiday season).

MONTHLY LABOR FORCE DATA FOR COUNTIES
September 2009 (Preliminary); 2008 BENCHMARK
NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

COUNTY	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYMENT	UNEMPLOYMENT	RATE*
STATE TOTAL	18,365,000	16,164,300	2,200,700	12.0%
ALAMEDA	768,700	681,500	87,200	11.3%
ALPINE	420	350	60	15.2%
AMADOR	17,960	15,790	2,170	12.1%
BUTTE	105,400	92,600	12,800	12.2%
CALAVERAS	21,000	18,000	3,000	14.3%
COLUSA	11,160	9,540	1,620	14.5%
CONTRA COSTA	529,900	470,400	59,400	11.2%
DEL NORTE	11,870	10,460	1,410	11.9%
EL DORADO	91,200	81,000	10,200	11.2%
FRESNO	452,200	388,600	63,500	14.1%
GLENN	12,590	10,860	1,730	13.8%
HUMBOLDT	60,000	53,800	6,200	10.3%
IMPERIAL	76,900	53,700	23,200	30.1%
INYO	8,980	8,120	860	9.5%
KERN	377,400	325,100	52,300	13.9%
KINGS	59,700	51,400	8,300	13.9%
LAKE	25,890	22,080	3,800	14.7%
LASSEN	13,510	11,910	1,600	11.8%
LOS ANGELES	4,923,800	4,298,200	625,700	12.7%
MADERA	70,400	61,700	8,700	12.3%
MARIN	134,600	123,900	10,700	8.0%
MARIPOSA	9,980	9,100	880	8.8%
MENDOCINO	43,420	39,040	4,390	10.1%
MERCED	106,700	89,900	16,700	15.7%
MODOC	4,050	3,600	450	11.1%
MONO	7,880	7,070	810	10.3%
MONTEREY	217,000	195,400	21,700	10.0%
NAPA	75,600	69,100	6,500	8.7%
NEVADA	49,730	44,290	5,440	10.9%
ORANGE	1,624,900	1,472,400	152,500	9.4%
PLACER	175,100	155,300	19,800	11.3%
PLUMAS	10,210	8,790	1,420	13.9%
RIVERSIDE	915,600	780,800	134,800	14.7%
SACRAMENTO	687,900	604,200	83,700	12.2%
SAN BENITO	24,800	21,700	3,100	12.5%
SAN BERNARDINO	867,500	749,700	117,800	13.6%
SAN DIEGO	1,560,000	1,400,200	159,800	10.2%
SAN FRANCISCO	447,100	403,700	43,400	9.7%
SAN JOAQUIN	304,600	257,400	47,100	15.5%
SAN LUIS OBISPO	138,400	125,900	12,500	9.0%
SAN MATEO	380,800	346,400	34,400	9.0%
SANTA BARBARA	221,600	202,700	18,800	8.5%
SANTA CLARA	886,600	782,200	104,400	11.8%
SANTA CRUZ	147,900	132,800	15,100	10.2%
SHASTA	84,000	71,600	12,300	14.7%
SIERRA	1,540	1,330	210	13.7%
SISKIYOU	18,870	16,320	2,550	13.5%
SOLANO	214,400	189,700	24,700	11.5%
SONOMA	262,400	236,400	26,000	9.9%
STANISLAUS	243,200	206,000	37,200	15.3%
SUTTER	41,600	35,300	6,300	15.1%
TEHAMA	26,220	22,630	3,590	13.7%
TRINITY	4,700	3,950	750	15.9%
TULARE	206,300	175,600	30,700	14.9%
TUOLUMNE	25,900	22,610	3,300	12.7%
VENTURA	428,800	381,600	47,200	11.0%
YOLO	97,500	86,900	10,600	10.9%
YUBA	28,800	23,700	5,100	17.8%

*Not seasonally adjusted.