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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 Nonfarm Payroll Jobs Increase by 25,700

SACRAMENTO – California's unemployment rate was 12.5 percent in October, and nonfarm payroll jobs increased by 25,700 during the month, according to data released today by the California Employment Development Department (EDD) from two separate surveys.

The U.S. unemployment rate also increased in October, rising to 10.2 percent.

In September, the state's unemployment rate was a revised 12.3 percent, and in October 2008, the unemployment rate was 8.0 percent. The unemployment rate is derived from a federal survey of 5,500 California households.

Nonfarm jobs in California totaled 14,199,000 in October, an increase of 25,700 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 (October 2008 to October 2009) shows a decrease of 687,700 jobs (down 4.6 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 October was 16,041,000, a decrease of 94,000 from September, and down 981,000 from the employment total in October of last year.

The number of people unemployed in California was 2,293,000 – up by 36,000 over the month, and up by 808,000 compared with October 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 14,199,000 in October, a net gain of 25,700 jobs since the September survey. This followed a loss of 66,400 jobs (as revised) in September.

Six categories (information; financial activities; professional and business services; educational and health services; leisure and hospitality; and government) added jobs over the month, gaining 48,600 jobs. Government posted the largest increase over the month, adding 13,400 jobs, but recording an average loss of 8,000 jobs a month over the past six months. Five categories (mining and logging; construction; manufacturing; trade, transportation and utilities; and other services) reported job declines this month, down 22,900 jobs. Manufacturing posted the largest decline over the month, down by 8,300 jobs.

In a year-over-year comparison (October 2008 to October 2009), nonfarm payroll employment in California decreased by 687,700 jobs (down 4.6 percent).

One industry division, educational and health services, posted job gains over the year, adding 23,500 jobs (a 1.4 percent increase).

Ten categories (mining and logging; 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 711,200 jobs. Trade, transportation and utilities employment showed the largest decline on a numerical basis, down by 160,900 jobs (a decline of 5.7 percent). Construction posted the largest decline on a percentage basis, down by 18.2 percent (a decrease of 136,500 jobs).

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE CLAIMS (NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)

In related data, the EDD reported that there were 740,272 people receiving regular unemployment insurance benefits during the October survey week. This compares with 744,924 last month and 527,918 last year. At the same time, new claims for unemployment insurance were 83,475 in October 2009, compared with 69,160 in September and 67,491 in October 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	October 2009 (prelim.)	September 2009 (revised)	October 2008	Change Over 12 Months (Percent)
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Workers	14,199.0	14,173.3	14,886.7	-4.6
Mining and logging	26.6	26.8	28.7	-7.3
Construction	614.1	616.6	750.6	-18.2
Manufacturing	1,286.8	1,295.1	1,411.2	-8.8
Trade, transportation and utilities	2,660.9	2,668.7	2,821.8	-5.7
Information	444.2	442.0	476.0	-6.7
Financial activities	799.9	797.3	835.0	-4.2
Professional and business services	2,122.6	2,109.7	2,229.5	-4.8
Educational and health services	1,757.6	1,744.7	1,734.1	1.4
Leisure and hospitality	1,515.7	1,511.1	1,565.6	-3.2
Other services	494.5	498.6	514.6	-3.9
Government*	2,476.1	2,462.7	2,519.6	-1.7
Agriculture	380.4	390.1	395.7	-3.9

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

TABLE A
EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT IN CALIFORNIA, SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA²

	October 2009 (prelim.)	September 2009 (revised)	August 2009	October 2008
Civilian labor force ^a	18,334,000	18,392,000	18,403,000	18,507,000
Total civilian employment	16,041,000	16,135,000	16,143,000	17,022,000
Unemployment	2,293,000	2,257,000	2,260,000	1,485,000
Seasonally adjusted rate %	12.5	12.3	12.3	8.0
US seasonally adjusted rate %	10.2	9.8	9.7	6.6

TABLE B
EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT IN CALIFORNIA, UNADJUSTED DATA

	October 2009 (prelim.)	September 2009 (revised)	August 2009	October 2008
Civilian labor force ^a	18,356,000	18,374,000	18,512,000	18,564,000
Total civilian employment	16,105,000	16,162,000	16,254,000	17,092,000
Unemployment	2,251,000	2,211,000	2,258,000	1,473,000
Unadjusted rate %	12.3	12.0	12.2	7.9

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

² Seasonal 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
October 2009 (Preliminary); 2008 BENCHMARK
NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

COUNTY	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYMENT	UNEMPLOYMENT	RATE*
STATE TOTAL	18,356,400	16,104,900	2,251,400	12.3%
ALAMEDA	769,700	681,000	88,700	11.5%
ALPINE	460	370	80	18.0%
AMADOR	18,130	15,880	2,250	12.4%
BUTTE	105,300	91,800	13,500	12.8%
CALAVERAS	20,900	17,820	3,080	14.7%
COLUSA	11,370	9,400	1,970	17.3%
CONTRA COSTA	530,900	470,100	60,800	11.5%
DEL NORTE	11,790	10,320	1,460	12.4%
EL DORADO	91,300	80,300	11,000	12.1%
FRESNO	444,900	374,800	70,100	15.8%
GLENN	12,950	11,220	1,730	13.4%
HUMBOLDT	59,900	53,200	6,700	11.1%
IMPERIAL	78,200	54,800	23,500	30.0%
INYO	9,150	8,250	890	9.8%
KERN	377,700	323,100	54,600	14.5%
KINGS	59,900	50,600	9,300	15.5%
LAKE	25,590	21,440	4,150	16.2%
LASSEN	14,110	12,380	1,730	12.3%
LOS ANGELES	4,908,400	4,288,500	619,900	12.6%
MADERA	68,000	58,600	9,400	13.8%
MARIN	134,300	123,400	10,900	8.1%
MARIPOSA	9,900	8,920	980	9.9%
MENDOCINO	43,570	38,960	4,610	10.6%
MERCED	107,000	89,400	17,600	16.4%
MODOC	4,020	3,530	490	12.3%
MONO	7,690	6,750	940	12.2%
MONTEREY	214,900	192,100	22,900	10.6%
NAPA	75,500	68,700	6,800	9.0%
NEVADA	49,540	43,950	5,590	11.3%
ORANGE	1,625,300	1,469,100	156,200	9.6%
PLACER	174,100	153,800	20,200	11.6%
PLUMAS	10,060	8,570	1,500	14.9%
RIVERSIDE	917,800	779,500	138,300	15.1%
SACRAMENTO	684,700	598,500	86,200	12.6%
SAN BENITO	25,100	21,700	3,500	13.8%
SAN BERNARDINO	870,400	748,500	121,900	14.0%
SAN DIEGO	1,564,900	1,400,100	164,800	10.5%
SAN FRANCISCO	446,100	402,100	44,100	9.9%
SAN JOAQUIN	304,900	255,700	49,200	16.1%
SAN LUIS OBISPO	140,400	127,600	12,800	9.1%
SAN MATEO	379,600	345,000	34,500	9.1%
SANTA BARBARA	223,500	203,900	19,600	8.8%
SANTA CLARA	887,500	782,000	105,500	11.9%
SANTA CRUZ	151,100	135,000	16,100	10.7%
SHASTA	84,400	71,600	12,900	15.3%
SIERRA	1,530	1,310	230	14.8%
SISKIYOU	18,650	15,910	2,740	14.7%
SOLANO	213,900	188,100	25,700	12.0%
SONOMA	262,900	236,200	26,700	10.1%
STANISLAUS	240,000	200,100	39,800	16.6%
SUTTER	41,800	34,500	7,200	17.3%
TEHAMA	27,130	23,360	3,770	13.9%
TRINITY	4,810	3,950	860	17.9%
TULARE	207,400	174,300	33,000	15.9%
TUOLUMNE	25,670	22,200	3,460	13.5%
VENTURA	431,400	383,600	47,900	11.1%
YOLO	98,000	86,100	11,900	12.2%
YUBA	28,200	23,200	5,100	18.0%

*Not seasonally adjusted.