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California's Unemployment Rate Decreases to 12.3 Percent

SACRAMENTO – California's unemployment rate was 12.3 percent in November, and nonfarm payroll jobs decreased by 10,200 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 decreased in November, falling to 10.0 percent.

In October, the state's unemployment rate was 12.5 percent, and in November 2008, the unemployment rate was 8.3 percent. The unemployment rate is derived from a federal survey of 5,500 California households.

Nonfarm jobs in California totaled 14,194,200 in November, a decrease of 10,200 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 (November 2008 to November 2009) shows a decrease of 617,600 jobs (down 4.2 percent).

EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT IN CALIFORNIA

The federal survey of households, done with a smaller sample than the survey of employers, shows an increase in the number of employed people. It estimates the number of Californians holding jobs in November was 16,067,000, an increase of 26,000 from October, but down 931,000 from the employment total in November of last year.

The number of people unemployed in California was 2,254,000 – down by 45,000 over the month, but up by 716,000 compared with November 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 14,194,200 in November, a net loss of 10,200 jobs since the October survey. This followed a gain of 31,100 jobs (as revised) in October.

Five categories (mining and logging; construction; information; professional and business services; and other services) added jobs over the month, gaining 13,500 jobs. Professional and business services posted the largest increase over the month, adding 8,000 jobs. Six categories (manufacturing; trade, transportation and utilities; financial activities; educational and health services; leisure and hospitality; and government) reported job declines this month, down 23,700 jobs. Trade, transportation and utilities posted the largest decline over the month, down by 8,200 jobs.

In a year-over-year comparison (November 2008 to November 2009), nonfarm payroll employment in California decreased by 617,600 jobs (down 4.2 percent).

One industry division, educational and health services, posted job gains over the year, adding 18,900 jobs (a 1.1 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 636,500 jobs. Trade, transportation and utilities employment showed the largest decline on a numerical basis, down by 135,400 jobs (a decline of 4.9 percent). Construction posted the largest decline on a percentage basis, down by 16.1 percent (a decrease of 118,200 jobs).

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE CLAIMS (NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)

In related data, the EDD reported that there were 781,449 people receiving regular unemployment insurance benefits during the November survey week. This compares with 740,272 last month and 593,670 last year. At the same time, new claims for unemployment insurance were 84,738 in November 2009, compared with 83,475 in October and 80,920 in November of last year.

NOTE TO EDITORS: EDD encourages those who are filing for Unemployment Insurance (UI) 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. EDD's UI telephone lines also are open Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. for claim filing and assistance.

Seasonally adjusted payroll detail follows:

PAYROLL EMPLOYMENT, SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA²
(Amounts in thousands)

Industrial Classification	November 2009 (prelim.)	October 2009 (revised)	November 2008	Change Over 12 Months (Percent)
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Workers	14,194.2	14,204.4	14,811.8	-4.2
Mining and logging	26.6	26.5	28.4	-6.3
Construction	616.2	615.0	734.4	-16.1
Manufacturing	1,286.8	1,289.1	1,400.8	-8.1
Trade, transportation and utilities	2,656.2	2,664.4	2,791.6	-4.9
Information	447.7	443.9	480.0	-6.7
Financial activities	799.0	800.5	831.7	-3.9
Professional and business services	2,130.2	2,122.2	2,222.2	-4.1
Educational and health services	1,757.5	1,758.7	1,738.6	1.1
Leisure and hospitality	1,504.3	1,511.0	1,553.3	-3.2
Other services	494.9	494.5	513.9	-3.7
Government*	2,474.8	2,478.6	2,516.9	-1.7
Agriculture	374.6	380.4	392.4	-4.5

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

TABLE A
EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT IN CALIFORNIA, SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA²

	November 2009 (prelim.)	October 2009 (revised)	September 2009	November 2008
Civilian labor force ^a	18,321,000	18,340,000	18,392,000	18,537,000
Total civilian employment	16,067,000	16,041,000	16,135,000	16,998,000
Unemployment	2,254,000	2,299,000	2,257,000	1,538,000
Seasonally adjusted rate %	12.3	12.5	12.3	8.3
US seasonally adjusted rate %	10.0	10.2	9.8	6.8

TABLE B
EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT IN CALIFORNIA, UNADJUSTED DATA

	November 2009 (prelim.)	October 2009 (revised)	September 2009	November 2008
Civilian labor force ^a	18,315,000	18,363,000	18,374,000	18,516,000
Total civilian employment	16,084,000	16,105,000	16,162,000	16,968,000
Unemployment	2,230,000	2,258,000	2,211,000	1,548,000
Unadjusted rate %	12.2	12.3	12.0	8.4

^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
November 2009 (Preliminary); 2008 BENCHMARK
NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

COUNTY	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYMENT	UNEMPLOYMENT	RATE*
STATE TOTAL	18,314,700	16,084,300	2,230,400	12.2%
ALAMEDA	766,300	680,500	85,800	11.2%
ALPINE	450	370	80	17.4%
AMADOR	17,880	15,660	2,220	12.4%
BUTTE	104,600	90,700	13,900	13.3%
CALAVERAS	20,530	17,440	3,090	15.1%
COLUSA	11,050	8,550	2,500	22.6%
CONTRA COSTA	529,200	469,800	59,400	11.2%
DEL NORTE	11,630	10,070	1,550	13.3%
EL DORADO	91,300	80,000	11,300	12.3%
FRESNO	442,400	369,300	73,100	16.5%
GLENN	12,500	10,670	1,830	14.6%
HUMBOLDT	60,100	53,100	7,000	11.6%
IMPERIAL	77,000	54,500	22,500	29.2%
INYO	9,390	8,480	910	9.6%
KERN	375,800	319,100	56,700	15.1%
KINGS	59,400	49,500	9,900	16.7%
LAKE	24,750	20,360	4,390	17.7%
LASSEN	13,560	11,720	1,830	13.5%
LOS ANGELES	4,916,900	4,317,700	599,200	12.2%
MADERA	67,500	57,400	10,200	15.0%
MARIN	133,900	123,200	10,700	8.0%
MARIPOSA	9,620	8,530	1,090	11.4%
MENDOCINO	42,880	38,070	4,820	11.2%
MERCED	107,400	87,700	19,700	18.3%
MODOC	4,100	3,560	540	13.2%
MONO	8,080	7,110	970	12.0%
MONTEREY	212,200	186,500	25,800	12.1%
NAPA	74,200	66,800	7,400	10.0%
NEVADA	49,630	43,910	5,720	11.5%
ORANGE	1,616,400	1,464,200	152,100	9.4%
PLACER	173,400	153,300	20,100	11.6%
PLUMAS	9,930	8,240	1,690	17.0%
RIVERSIDE	915,200	781,400	133,800	14.6%
SACRAMENTO	681,600	596,700	85,000	12.5%
SAN BENITO	25,500	21,600	4,000	15.6%
SAN BERNARDINO	870,800	750,300	120,500	13.8%
SAN DIEGO	1,565,000	1,403,600	161,500	10.3%
SAN FRANCISCO	444,600	401,500	43,100	9.7%
SAN JOAQUIN	302,600	251,400	51,100	16.9%
SAN LUIS OBISPO	139,800	126,800	13,000	9.3%
SAN MATEO	378,300	344,500	33,700	8.9%
SANTA BARBARA	224,500	204,600	19,900	8.9%
SANTA CLARA	880,900	778,200	102,700	11.7%
SANTA CRUZ	149,900	131,700	18,200	12.1%
SHASTA	84,000	70,900	13,100	15.6%
SIERRA	1,560	1,320	240	15.5%
SISKIYOU	18,490	15,370	3,120	16.9%
SOLANO	213,300	187,700	25,700	12.0%
SONOMA	261,600	235,200	26,400	10.1%
STANISLAUS	240,500	199,100	41,300	17.2%
SUTTER	42,300	34,100	8,200	19.4%
TEHAMA	26,400	22,540	3,860	14.6%
TRINITY	4,800	3,880	920	19.1%
TULARE	205,600	171,600	34,000	16.5%
TUOLUMNE	25,710	22,160	3,560	13.8%
VENTURA	431,100	383,400	47,700	11.1%
YOLO	98,800	85,800	13,000	13.2%
YUBA	27,800	22,900	5,000	17.9%

*Not seasonally adjusted.