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### **California's unemployment rate decreases to 5.9 percent** ***Nonfarm payroll jobs increase by 8,200***

**SACRAMENTO** – California's unemployment rate decreased to 5.9 percent in September, dropping below 6.0 percent for the first time since November 2007. In addition, nonfarm payroll jobs increased by 8,200 during the month for a total gain of 2,077,700 jobs since the recovery began in February 2010, according to data released today by the California Employment Development Department (EDD) from two separate surveys.

The U.S. unemployment rate was unchanged in September at 5.1 percent.

In August, the state's unemployment rate was 6.1 percent, and in September 2014, the unemployment rate was 7.3 percent. The unemployment rate is derived from a federal survey of 5,500 California households.

Nonfarm jobs in California totaled 16,199,000 in September, an increase of 8,200 jobs over the month, according to a survey of businesses that is larger and less variable statistically. The survey of 58,000 California businesses measures jobs in the economy. The year-over-year change, September 2014 to September 2015, shows an increase of 444,300 jobs (up 2.8 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 September was 17,884,000, an increase of 12,000 from August, and up 400,000 from the employment total in September of last year.

The number of people unemployed in California was 1,121,000 – down by 43,000 over the month, and down by 255,000 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 16,199,000 in September, a net gain of 8,200 jobs since the August survey. This followed a gain of 42,000 jobs (as revised) in August.

Seven categories (construction; trade, transportation and utilities; information; professional and business services; leisure and hospitality; other services; and government) added jobs over the month, gaining 16,500 jobs. Government posted the largest increase over the month, adding 6,200 jobs.

Four categories (mining and logging; manufacturing; financial activities; and educational and health services) reported job declines over the month, down 8,300 jobs. Financial activities posted the largest decrease over the month, down 5,900 jobs.

In a year-over-year comparison (September 2014 to September 2015), nonfarm payroll employment in California increased by 444,300 jobs (up 2.8 percent).

Nine categories (construction; trade, transportation and utilities; information; financial activities; professional and business services; educational and health services; leisure and hospitality; other services; and government) posted job gains over the year, adding 451,000 jobs. Professional and business services posted the largest gains on a numerical basis, adding 130,200 jobs (up 5.3 percent). Construction posted the largest gains on a percentage basis, up 6.4 percent (adding 43,900 jobs).

Two categories, mining and logging and manufacturing, posted job declines over the year, down 6,700 jobs. Manufacturing posted the largest decreases on a numerical basis, down 3,500 jobs (-0.3 percent). Mining and logging posted the largest declines on a percentage basis, decreasing 10.1 percent (down 3,200 jobs).

**UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE CLAIMS (NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)**

In related data, the EDD reported that there were 343,419 people receiving regular Unemployment Insurance benefits during the September survey week. This compares with 367,255 in August and 392,823 in September of last year. At the same time, new claims for Unemployment Insurance were 40,821 in September, compared with 43,332 in August and 52,279 in September of last year.

Seasonally adjusted payroll detail follows:

**PAYROLL EMPLOYMENT, SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA<sup>2</sup>**  
(Amounts in thousands)

Industrial Classification	September 2015 (prelim.)	August 2015 (revised)	September 2014	Change Over 12 Months (percent)
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Workers . . . . .	16,199.0	16,190.8	15,754.7	2.8
Mining and logging . . . . .	28.4	28.6	31.6	-10.1
Construction . . . . .	725.8	723.7	681.9	6.4
Manufacturing . . . . .	1,268.8	1,269.0	1,272.3	-0.3
Trade, transportation and utilities . . . . .	2,963.9	2,963.3	2,887.5	2.6
Information . . . . .	479.1	474.2	462.7	3.5
Financial activities . . . . .	791.8	797.7	787.7	0.5
Professional and business services . . . . .	2,586.7	2,585.5	2,456.5	5.3
Educational and health services . . . . .	2,502.8	2,504.8	2,441.4	2.5
Leisure and hospitality . . . . .	1,837.1	1,836.2	1,762.0	4.3
Other services . . . . .	549.9	549.3	545.1	0.9
Government* . . . . .	2,464.7	2,458.5	2,426.0	1.6
Agriculture . . . . .	420.4	416.0	411.2	2.2

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

**TABLE A**  
**EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT IN CALIFORNIA, SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA<sup>2</sup>**

	September 2015 (prelim.)	August 2015 (revised)	July 2015	September 2014
Civilian labor force <sup>a</sup> . . . . .	19,004,000	19,036,000	19,040,000	18,861,000
Total civilian employment . . . . .	17,884,000	17,872,000	17,860,000	17,484,000
Unemployment . . . . .	1,121,000	1,164,000	1,180,000	1,376,000
Seasonally adjusted rate % . . . . .	5.9	6.1	6.2	7.3
US seasonally adjusted rate % . . . . .	5.1	5.1	5.3	5.9

**TABLE B**  
**EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT IN CALIFORNIA, UNADJUSTED DATA**

	September 2015 (prelim.)	August 2015 (revised)	July 2015	September 2014
Civilian labor force <sup>a</sup> . . . . .	18,946,000	19,071,000	19,133,000	18,855,000
Total civilian employment . . . . .	17,912,000	17,904,000	17,889,000	17,532,000
Unemployment . . . . .	1,034,000	1,167,000	1,243,000	1,323,000
Unadjusted rate % . . . . .	5.5	6.1	6.5	7.0

<sup>a</sup> Labor force by place of residence, including workers involved in trade disputes.

<sup>2</sup> 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**  
**September 2015 (Preliminary); 2014 BENCHMARK**  
**NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED**

COUNTY	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYMENT	UNEMPLOYMENT	RATE*
<b>STATE TOTAL</b>	<b>18,946,000</b>	<b>17,911,900</b>	<b>1,034,200</b>	<b>5.5%</b>
ALAMEDA	819,700	785,000	34,700	4.2%
ALPINE	470	430	40	8.8%
AMADOR	14,680	13,880	800	5.5%
BUTTE	101,300	95,300	6,000	5.9%
CALAVERAS	20,380	19,230	1,150	5.6%
COLUSA	11,050	10,030	1,020	9.2%
CONTRA COSTA	548,700	524,500	24,200	4.4%
DEL NORTE	9,950	9,270	690	6.9%
EL DORADO	88,900	84,700	4,300	4.8%
FRESNO	441,400	405,700	35,700	8.1%
GLENN	13,120	12,240	880	6.7%
HUMBOLDT	62,000	59,000	2,900	4.7%
IMPERIAL	77,800	61,000	16,800	21.6%
INYO	9,170	8,730	450	4.9%
KERN	395,900	362,800	33,100	8.4%
KINGS	57,300	52,700	4,600	8.1%
LAKE	30,140	28,320	1,820	6.0%
LASSEN	10,890	10,290	610	5.6%
LOS ANGELES	5,003,500	4,695,000	308,500	6.2%
MADERA	63,100	58,200	4,900	7.7%
MARIN	143,500	139,000	4,500	3.1%
MARIPOSA	8,580	8,160	420	4.9%
MENDOCINO	41,150	39,270	1,880	4.6%
MERCED	115,700	106,200	9,500	8.2%
MODOC	3,350	3,130	230	6.7%
MONO	7,630	7,200	420	5.5%
MONTEREY	227,700	215,700	12,000	5.3%
NAPA	76,000	73,200	2,800	3.6%
NEVADA	48,350	46,100	2,250	4.7%
ORANGE	1,596,200	1,532,200	64,000	4.0%
PLACER	177,500	169,700	7,800	4.4%
PLUMAS	8,440	7,870	570	6.8%
RIVERSIDE	1,016,700	952,800	63,900	6.3%
SACRAMENTO	685,300	648,500	36,800	5.4%
SAN BENITO	29,700	28,000	1,700	5.8%
SAN BERNARDINO	913,900	860,700	53,200	5.8%
SAN DIEGO	1,564,600	1,492,300	72,300	4.6%
SAN FRANCISCO	553,300	535,700	17,600	3.2%
SAN JOAQUIN	312,200	288,900	23,400	7.5%
SAN LUIS OBISPO	140,500	134,800	5,700	4.1%
SAN MATEO	447,500	434,100	13,300	3.0%
SANTA BARBARA	220,000	210,600	9,400	4.3%
SANTA CLARA	1,031,100	993,400	37,700	3.7%
SANTA CRUZ	140,900	133,300	7,600	5.4%
SHASTA	74,700	69,900	4,800	6.4%
SIERRA	1,550	1,460	90	5.7%
SISKIYOU	17,240	15,980	1,260	7.3%
SOLANO	206,000	195,100	10,900	5.3%
SONOMA	261,900	251,900	10,000	3.8%
STANISLAUS	244,700	226,300	18,500	7.6%
SUTTER	44,300	40,700	3,600	8.1%
TEHAMA	25,620	23,940	1,680	6.6%
TRINITY	5,020	4,710	310	6.2%
TULARE	195,900	176,500	19,400	9.9%
TUOLUMNE	21,530	20,230	1,300	6.0%
VENTURA	427,700	405,200	22,500	5.3%
YOLO	102,600	97,100	5,400	5.3%
YUBA	28,000	25,900	2,100	7.5%

\*Not seasonally adjusted.

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