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**California's unemployment rate decreases to 5.8 percent**

***Nonfarm payroll jobs increase by 41,200***

**SACRAMENTO** – California's unemployment rate decreased to 5.8 percent in October, and nonfarm payroll jobs increased by 41,200 during the month for a total gain of 2,131,800 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 also decreased in October to 5.0 percent.

In September, the state's unemployment rate was 5.9 percent, and in October 2014, the unemployment rate was 7.2 percent. The unemployment rate is derived from a federal survey of 5,500 California households.

Nonfarm jobs in California totaled 16,253,100 in October, an increase of 41,200 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, October 2014 to October 2015, shows an increase of 463,000 jobs (up 2.9 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 October was 17,899,000, an increase of 16,000 from September, and up 381,000 from the employment total in October of last year.

The number of people unemployed in California was 1,095,000 – down by 26,000 over the month, and down by 271,000 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 16,253,100 in October, a net gain of 41,200 jobs since the September survey. This followed a gain of 21,100 jobs (as revised) in September.

Seven categories (mining and logging; construction; trade, transportation and utilities; financial activities; professional and business services; leisure and hospitality; and other services) added jobs over the month, gaining 47,700 jobs. Leisure and hospitality posted the largest increase over the month, adding 18,400 jobs.

Four categories (manufacturing; information; educational and health services; and government) reported job declines over the month, down 6,500 jobs. Educational and health services posted the largest decrease over the month, down 3,800 jobs.

In a year-over-year comparison (October 2014 to October 2015), nonfarm payroll employment in California increased by 463,000 jobs (up 2.9 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 468,300 jobs. Professional and business services posted the largest gains on a numerical basis, adding 130,000 jobs (up 5.3 percent). Construction posted the largest gains on a percentage basis, up 7.3 percent (adding 49,800 jobs).

Two categories, mining and logging and manufacturing, posted job declines over the year, down 5,300 jobs. Manufacturing posted the largest decreases on a numerical basis, down 3,000 jobs (a 0.2 percent decrease). Mining and logging posted the largest declines on a percentage basis, decreasing 7.4 percent (down 2,300 jobs).

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

In related data, the EDD reported that there were 334,244 people receiving regular Unemployment Insurance benefits during the October survey week. This compares with 343,419 in September and 392,093 in October of last year. At the same time, new claims for Unemployment Insurance were 46,203 in October, compared with 40,821 in September and 52,788 in October of last year.

Seasonally adjusted payroll detail follows:

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

Industrial Classification	October 2015 (prelim.)	September 2015 (revised)	October 2014	Change Over 12 Months (percent)
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Workers . . . . .	16,253.1	16,211.9	15,790.1	2.9
Mining and logging . . . . .	28.8	28.5	31.1	-7.4
Construction . . . . .	734.8	727.2	685.0	7.3
Manufacturing . . . . .	1,268.8	1,268.9	1,271.8	-0.2
Trade, transportation and utilities . . . . .	2,965.9	2,965.6	2,895.8	2.4
Information . . . . .	477.4	479.3	463.9	2.9
Financial activities . . . . .	795.8	794.2	788.4	0.9
Professional and business services . . . . .	2,601.5	2,585.6	2,471.5	5.3
Educational and health services . . . . .	2,504.3	2,508.1	2,431.9	3.0
Leisure and hospitality . . . . .	1,850.4	1,832.0	1,768.1	4.7
Other services . . . . .	554.2	550.6	547.2	1.3
Government* . . . . .	2,471.2	2,471.9	2,435.4	1.5
Agriculture . . . . .	425.8	418.4	417.7	1.9

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

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

	October 2015 (prelim.)	September 2015 (revised)	August 2015	October 2014
Civilian labor force <sup>a</sup> . . . . .	18,994,000	19,005,000	19,036,000	18,884,000
Total civilian employment . . . . .	17,899,000	17,883,000	17,872,000	17,518,000
Unemployment . . . . .	1,095,000	1,121,000	1,164,000	1,366,000
Seasonally adjusted rate % . . . . .	5.8	5.9	6.1	7.2
US seasonally adjusted rate % . . . . .	5.0	5.1	5.1	5.7

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

	October 2015 (prelim.)	September 2015 (revised)	August 2015	October 2014
Civilian labor force <sup>a</sup> . . . . .	19,017,000	18,945,000	19,071,000	18,945,000
Total civilian employment . . . . .	17,937,000	17,911,000	17,904,000	17,621,000
Unemployment . . . . .	1,080,000	1,034,000	1,167,000	1,324,000
Unadjusted rate % . . . . .	5.7	5.5	6.1	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**  
**October 2015 (Preliminary); 2014 BENCHMARK**  
**NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED**

COUNTY	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYMENT	UNEMPLOYMENT	RATE*
<b>STATE TOTAL</b>	<b>19,017,200</b>	<b>17,936,900</b>	<b>1,080,400</b>	<b>5.7%</b>
ALAMEDA	822,500	785,100	37,400	4.5%
ALPINE	470	430	40	8.9%
AMADOR	14,690	13,810	880	6.0%
BUTTE	103,700	97,300	6,500	6.2%
CALAVERAS	20,560	19,320	1,240	6.0%
COLUSA	11,410	10,180	1,230	10.8%
CONTRA COSTA	550,400	524,500	25,900	4.7%
DEL NORTE	9,960	9,190	770	7.7%
EL DORADO	89,200	84,500	4,700	5.2%
FRESNO	439,400	398,500	40,900	9.3%
GLENN	13,480	12,580	900	6.7%
HUMBOLDT	62,500	59,300	3,200	5.1%
IMPERIAL	79,600	62,300	17,300	21.8%
INYO	9,120	8,640	490	5.3%
KERN	399,700	364,300	35,400	8.9%
KINGS	56,600	51,100	5,500	9.7%
LAKE	30,540	28,440	2,090	6.9%
LASSEN	11,350	10,690	660	5.8%
LOS ANGELES	4,989,200	4,693,700	295,500	5.9%
MADERA	62,100	56,600	5,500	8.9%
MARIN	145,200	140,300	4,900	3.3%
MARIPOSA	7,980	7,500	480	6.0%
MENDOCINO	41,770	39,670	2,100	5.0%
MERCED	116,600	106,000	10,600	9.1%
MODOC	3,400	3,150	250	7.3%
MONO	7,390	6,870	520	7.0%
MONTEREY	226,100	212,900	13,200	5.8%
NAPA	76,800	73,600	3,200	4.2%
NEVADA	48,220	45,780	2,440	5.1%
ORANGE	1,605,800	1,536,500	69,300	4.3%
PLACER	177,900	169,500	8,500	4.8%
PLUMAS	8,340	7,700	630	7.6%
RIVERSIDE	1,028,200	961,100	67,000	6.5%
SACRAMENTO	686,700	647,500	39,200	5.7%
SAN BENITO	30,100	28,200	1,900	6.4%
SAN BERNARDINO	924,900	867,900	57,000	6.2%
SAN DIEGO	1,572,300	1,494,200	78,100	5.0%
SAN FRANCISCO	555,300	536,200	19,100	3.4%
SAN JOAQUIN	312,900	287,400	25,500	8.1%
SAN LUIS OBISPO	144,000	137,700	6,200	4.3%
SAN MATEO	449,100	434,700	14,400	3.2%
SANTA BARBARA	223,500	212,800	10,700	4.8%
SANTA CLARA	1,040,100	999,500	40,700	3.9%
SANTA CRUZ	143,500	135,300	8,300	5.8%
SHASTA	76,200	71,000	5,200	6.8%
SIERRA	1,550	1,450	90	6.0%
SISKIYOU	17,330	15,950	1,380	8.0%
SOLANO	207,500	195,900	11,700	5.6%
SONOMA	262,600	251,700	10,900	4.2%
STANISLAUS	241,900	221,400	20,500	8.5%
SUTTER	43,900	39,900	4,000	9.1%
TEHAMA	26,290	24,550	1,750	6.6%
TRINITY	5,000	4,660	340	6.9%
TULARE	195,900	174,700	21,200	10.8%
TUOLUMNE	21,640	20,250	1,390	6.4%
VENTURA	434,000	410,500	23,500	5.4%
YOLO	102,800	96,700	6,100	6.0%
YUBA	27,900	25,600	2,200	8.1%

*\*Not seasonally adjusted.*

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