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**California gains 31,200 nonfarm payroll jobs in October**  
***Unemployment rate unchanged at 5.5 percent***

SACRAMENTO – California employers added 31,200 nonfarm payroll jobs in October, and the state’s unemployment rate remained at 5.5 percent for the fourth consecutive month, according to data released today by the California

Employment Development Department (EDD) from two surveys. With October’s job gains, the state has gained a total of 2,400,300 jobs since the economic expansion began in February 2010.

The U.S. unemployment rate decreased 0.1 percentage point in October to 4.9 percent, and employers nationwide added 161,000 nonfarm payroll jobs.

In October 2015, California’s unemployment rate was 5.9 percent. The unemployment rate is derived from a federal survey of 5,500 California households.

Nonfarm jobs in California totaled 16,586,800 in October, 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 change, October 2015 to October 2016, shows an increase of 389,500 jobs (up 2.4 percent).

**EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT IN CALIFORNIA**

The federal household survey, done with a smaller sample than the survey of employers, shows an increase in the number of employed Californians over both the month and year. It estimates the number of Californians holding jobs in October was 18,369,000, an increase of 91,000 from September, and up 518,000 from the employment total in October of last year.

The number of unemployed Californian’s was 1,069,000 in October – down by 2,000 over the month, and down by 59,000 compared with October of last year.

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**PAYROLL EMPLOYMENT DETAIL (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)**

EDD's payroll employment report (wage and salary jobs) in the nonfarm industries of California totaled 16,586,800 in October, a net gain of 31,200 jobs from September. This followed a revised gain of 36,000 jobs in September.

**Month-over Job Gains**

Eight of California's eleven industry sectors added a total of 35,200 jobs in October. Leisure and hospitality posted the largest jobs increase, with a gain of 10,800 jobs. Two other sectors added more than 5,000 jobs each: educational and health services gained 6,900 jobs, and trade, transportation and utilities added 5,800 jobs. Other sectors adding jobs over the month were construction; information; financial activities; professional and business services; and other services.

**Month-over Job Losses**

Three industry sectors (mining and logging; manufacturing; and government) reported job declines over the month, down a total of 4,000 jobs. Manufacturing posted the largest decrease over the month, down by 3,500 jobs.

**Year-over Job Gains**

In a year-over-year comparison (October 2015 to October 2016), nonfarm payroll employment in California increased by 389,500 jobs (a 2.4 percent increase).

Nine of California's eleven industry sectors added a total of 409,200 jobs year-over. The largest job gains were in educational and health services, up 90,700 jobs (a 3.6 percent increase), and professional and business services, up 81,000 jobs (a 3.2 percent increase). Construction posted the largest gains on percentage basis, up 4.6 percent (adding 34,100 jobs). Other sectors adding jobs over the year were trade, transportation and utilities; information; financial activities; leisure and hospitality; other services; and government.

**Year-over Job Losses**

Two industry sectors (mining and logging and manufacturing) posted job declines over the year, down a total of 19,700 jobs. Manufacturing fell by 15,800 jobs (down 1.2 percent), while mining and logging posted the largest percentage based decrease, down 13.9 percent (a decrease of 3,900 jobs).

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

In related data, the EDD reported that there were 323,124 people receiving regular Unemployment Insurance benefits during the October survey week. This compares with 362,253 in September and 334,244 in October of last year. At the same time, new claims for Unemployment Insurance were 44,808 in October, compared with 38,277 in September and 46,203 in October of last year.

Seasonally adjusted payroll detail follows:

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

Industrial Classification	October 2016 (prelim.)	September 2016 (revised)	October 2015	Change Over 12 Months (percent)
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Workers . . . . .	16,586.8	16,555.6	16,197.3	2.4
Mining and logging . . . . .	24.2	24.5	28.1	-13.9
Construction . . . . .	772.4	770.9	738.3	4.6
Manufacturing . . . . .	1,275.4	1,278.9	1,291.2	-1.2
Trade, transportation and utilities . . . . .	3,008.8	3,003.0	2,960.4	1.6
Information . . . . .	501.7	500.8	484.7	3.5
Financial activities . . . . .	817.3	812.5	801.8	1.9
Professional and business services . . . . .	2,605.4	2,602.0	2,524.4	3.2
Educational and health services . . . . .	2,577.4	2,570.5	2,486.7	3.6
Leisure and hospitality . . . . .	1,916.1	1,905.3	1,852.8	3.4
Other services . . . . .	554.8	553.7	550.4	0.8
Government* . . . . .	2,533.3	2,533.5	2,478.5	2.2
Agriculture . . . . .	426.9	426.3	419.6	1.7

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

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

	October 2016 (prelim.)	September 2016 (revised)	August 2016	October 2015
Civilian labor force <sup>a</sup> . . . . .	19,438,000	19,348,000	19,231,000	18,980,000
Total civilian employment . . . . .	18,369,000	18,278,000	18,170,000	17,851,000
Unemployment . . . . .	1,069,000	1,071,000	1,061,000	1,128,000
Seasonally adjusted rate % . . . . .	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.9
US seasonally adjusted rate % . . . . .	4.9	5.0	4.9	5.0

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

	October 2016 (prelim.)	September 2016 (revised)	August 2016	October 2015
Civilian labor force <sup>a</sup> . . . . .	19,463,000	19,435,000	19,357,000	18,995,000
Total civilian employment . . . . .	18,432,000	18,406,000	18,281,000	17,901,000
Unemployment . . . . .	1,031,000	1,029,000	1,076,000	1,095,000
Unadjusted rate % . . . . .	5.3	5.3	5.6	5.8

<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 2016 (Preliminary); 2015 BENCHMARK**  
**NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED**

COUNTY	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYMENT	UNEMPLOYMENT	RATE*
<b>STATE TOTAL</b>	<b>19,463,400</b>	<b>18,432,400</b>	<b>1,031,100</b>	<b>5.3%</b>
ALAMEDA	848,900	812,100	36,800	4.3%
ALPINE	500	460	40	7.1%
AMADOR	15,130	14,290	840	5.5%
BUTTE	105,000	98,700	6,300	6.0%
CALAVERAS	20,970	19,820	1,150	5.5%
COLUSA	11,590	10,350	1,240	10.7%
CONTRA COSTA	565,100	539,900	25,200	4.5%
DEL NORTE	9,850	9,160	690	7.0%
EL DORADO	91,400	86,800	4,600	5.0%
FRESNO	448,300	407,200	41,100	9.2%
GLENN	13,440	12,540	900	6.7%
HUMBOLDT	63,260	60,290	2,970	4.7%
IMPERIAL	79,500	62,000	17,500	22.0%
INYO	9,200	8,760	440	4.8%
KERN	403,500	366,700	36,800	9.1%
KINGS	57,900	52,700	5,200	9.0%
LAKE	29,710	27,820	1,890	6.4%
LASSEN	11,630	10,990	630	5.5%
LOS ANGELES	5,142,000	4,880,900	261,000	5.1%
MADERA	61,400	56,200	5,200	8.4%
MARIN	146,500	141,700	4,800	3.3%
MARIPOSA	8,170	7,710	460	5.6%
MENDOCINO	40,940	38,960	1,980	4.8%
MERCED	118,500	108,300	10,200	8.6%
MODOC	3,450	3,210	240	7.1%
MONO	7,960	7,460	500	6.3%
MONTEREY	225,600	213,200	12,400	5.5%
NAPA	78,900	75,900	3,000	3.8%
NEVADA	48,890	46,600	2,300	4.7%
ORANGE	1,643,600	1,576,400	67,200	4.1%
PLACER	183,000	174,800	8,200	4.5%
PLUMAS	8,090	7,520	570	7.0%
RIVERSIDE	1,058,900	992,100	66,800	6.3%
SACRAMENTO	707,500	669,100	38,400	5.4%
SAN BENITO	30,700	28,900	1,800	5.9%
SAN BERNARDINO	946,900	891,600	55,300	5.8%
SAN DIEGO	1,598,600	1,522,500	76,100	4.8%
SAN FRANCISCO	567,900	548,900	19,100	3.4%
SAN JOAQUIN	321,700	297,100	24,600	7.6%
SAN LUIS OBISPO	146,700	140,600	6,100	4.1%
SAN MATEO	457,800	443,600	14,200	3.1%
SANTA BARBARA	225,000	214,600	10,400	4.6%
SANTA CLARA	1,058,600	1,018,300	40,400	3.8%
SANTA CRUZ	147,900	139,900	8,000	5.4%
SHASTA	75,500	70,700	4,800	6.4%
SIERRA	1,370	1,280	90	6.4%
SISKIYOU	18,460	17,180	1,280	6.9%
SOLANO	212,300	200,900	11,400	5.3%
SONOMA	265,900	255,600	10,300	3.9%
STANISLAUS	247,900	228,400	19,500	7.9%
SUTTER	44,600	40,800	3,800	8.4%
TEHAMA	25,880	24,270	1,620	6.2%
TRINITY	5,420	5,110	310	5.7%
TULARE	204,000	181,900	22,000	10.8%
TUOLUMNE	21,900	20,630	1,270	5.8%
VENTURA	436,000	412,700	23,200	5.3%
YOLO	106,000	100,200	5,800	5.4%
YUBA	28,300	26,100	2,200	7.9%

\*Not seasonally adjusted.

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