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**California's unemployment rate decreases to 10.1 percent  
Nonfarm payroll jobs increase by 45,800**

**SACRAMENTO** – California's unemployment rate decreased to 10.1 percent in October, and nonfarm payroll jobs increased by 45,800 during the month for a total gain of 574,900 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 increased in October to 7.9 percent.

In September, the state's unemployment rate was 10.2 percent, and in October 2011, the unemployment rate was 11.5 percent. The unemployment rate is derived from a federal survey of 5,500 California households.

Nonfarm jobs in California totaled 14,417,200 in October, an increase of 45,800 jobs 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 2011 to October 2012) shows an increase of 295,300 jobs (up 2.1 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 16,512,000, an increase of 56,000 from September, and up 200,000 from the employment total in October of last year.

The number of people unemployed in California was 1,848,000 – down by 29,000 over the month, and down by 274,000 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 14,417,200 in October, a net gain of 45,800 jobs since the September survey. This followed a gain of 32,000 jobs (as revised) in September.

Seven categories (construction; manufacturing; trade, transportation and utilities; professional and business services; educational and health services; leisure and hospitality; and other services) added jobs over the month, gaining 58,200 jobs. Trade, transportation and utilities posted the largest increase over the month, adding 24,700 jobs.

Four categories (mining and logging; information; financial activities; and government) reported job declines over the month, down 12,400 jobs. Government posted the largest decrease over the month, down 8,600 jobs.

In a year-over-year comparison (October 2011 to October 2012), nonfarm payroll employment in California increased by 295,300 jobs (up 2.1 percent).

Seven categories (construction; trade, transportation and utilities; information; financial activities; professional and business services; educational and health services; and leisure and hospitality) posted job gains over the year, adding 346,100 jobs. Professional and business services posted the largest gains on a numerical basis, adding 86,000 jobs (up 4.0 percent). Information posted the largest gains on a percentage basis, up 5.3 percent (adding 23,100 jobs).

Four categories (mining and logging; manufacturing; other services; and government) posted job declines over the year, down 50,800 jobs. Government posted the largest decline on both a numerical and percentage basis, down by 37,800 jobs (a 1.6 percent decrease).

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

In related data, the EDD reported that there were 453,448 people receiving regular unemployment insurance benefits during the October survey week. This compares with 470,515 last month and 494,752 last year. At the same time, new claims for unemployment insurance were 55,543 in October 2012, compared with 48,017 in September and 68,724 in October of last year.

Seasonally adjusted payroll detail follows:

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

Industrial Classification	October 2012 (prelim.)	September 2012 (revised)	October 2011	Change Over 12 Months (Percent)
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Workers . . . . .	14,417.2	14,371.4	14,121.9	2.1
Mining and logging . . . . .	28.2	28.7	28.5	-1.1
Construction . . . . .	579.2	575.1	551.5	5.0
Manufacturing . . . . .	1,239.2	1,237.8	1,248.7	-0.8
Trade, transportation and utilities . . . . .	2,734.4	2,709.7	2,672.9	2.3
Information . . . . .	455.5	457.2	432.4	5.3
Financial activities . . . . .	781.6	783.2	763.9	2.3
Professional and business services . . . . .	2,236.4	2,227.4	2,150.4	4.0
Educational and health services . . . . .	1,913.1	1,901.7	1,848.2	3.5
Leisure and hospitality . . . . .	1,605.5	1,601.9	1,540.3	4.2
Other services . . . . .	485.2	481.2	488.4	-0.7
Government* . . . . .	2,358.9	2,367.5	2,396.7	-1.6
Agriculture . . . . .	385.2	381.3	387.4	-0.6

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

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

	October 2012 (prelim.)	September 2012 (revised)	August 2012	October 2011
Civilian labor force <sup>a</sup> . . . . .	18,360,000	18,333,000	18,340,000	18,434,000
Total civilian employment . . . . .	16,512,000	16,456,000	16,404,000	16,312,000
Unemployment . . . . .	1,848,000	1,877,000	1,936,000	2,122,000
Seasonally adjusted rate % . . . . .	10.1	10.2	10.6	11.5
US seasonally adjusted rate % . . . . .	7.9	7.8	8.1	8.9

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

	October 2012 (prelim.)	September 2012 (revised)	August 2012	October 2011
Civilian labor force <sup>a</sup> . . . . .	18,443,000	18,374,000	18,407,000	18,483,000
Total civilian employment . . . . .	16,641,000	16,599,000	16,490,000	16,399,000
Unemployment . . . . .	1,802,000	1,775,000	1,917,000	2,084,000
Unadjusted rate % . . . . .	9.8	9.7	10.4	11.3

<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 2012 (Preliminary); 2011 BENCHMARK**  
**NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED**

<b>COUNTY</b>	<b>LABOR FORCE</b>	<b>EMPLOYMENT</b>	<b>UNEMPLOYMENT</b>	<b>RATE*</b>
<b>STATE TOTAL</b>	<b>18,442,900</b>	<b>16,641,300</b>	<b>1,801,700</b>	<b>9.8%</b>
ALAMEDA	773,000	706,100	66,900	8.6%
ALPINE	410	360	50	13.1%
AMADOR	16,620	14,810	1,820	10.9%
BUTTE	101,000	89,900	11,200	11.0%
CALAVERAS	19,390	17,060	2,330	12.0%
COLUSA	12,190	10,500	1,700	13.9%
CONTRA COSTA	531,100	486,200	44,900	8.5%
DEL NORTE	11,580	10,160	1,420	12.2%
EL DORADO	90,100	82,100	8,100	9.0%
FRESNO	440,700	379,600	61,000	13.9%
GLENN	12,940	11,410	1,530	11.8%
HUMBOLDT	60,200	54,500	5,600	9.3%
IMPERIAL	76,700	55,100	21,500	28.1%
INYO	9,240	8,430	810	8.8%
KERN	387,100	339,900	47,200	12.2%
KINGS	61,800	53,200	8,600	13.9%
LAKE	25,310	21,810	3,500	13.8%
LASSEN	13,370	11,950	1,420	10.6%
LOS ANGELES	4,840,100	4,339,200	500,900	10.3%
MADERA	64,800	56,700	8,100	12.5%
MARIN	139,700	131,600	8,100	5.8%
MARIPOSA	9,700	8,830	880	9.0%
MENDOCINO	42,270	38,580	3,690	8.7%
MERCED	110,100	93,900	16,200	14.7%
MODOC	3,680	3,230	450	12.2%
MONO	8,040	7,150	890	11.0%
MONTEREY	231,300	210,900	20,400	8.8%
NAPA	77,500	72,200	5,300	6.9%
NEVADA	49,850	45,490	4,360	8.7%
ORANGE	1,623,200	1,506,800	116,400	7.2%
PLACER	175,200	159,700	15,500	8.9%
PLUMAS	9,210	8,100	1,110	12.1%
RIVERSIDE	937,300	824,500	112,700	12.0%
SACRAMENTO	676,500	607,500	69,000	10.2%
SAN BENITO	26,100	23,400	2,700	10.3%
SAN BERNARDINO	856,300	760,000	96,300	11.2%
SAN DIEGO	1,601,700	1,464,800	137,000	8.6%
SAN FRANCISCO	476,400	443,800	32,600	6.8%
SAN JOAQUIN	300,500	259,600	41,000	13.6%
SAN LUIS OBISPO	143,400	132,900	10,500	7.3%
SAN MATEO	392,600	367,700	24,900	6.3%
SANTA BARBARA	230,100	213,400	16,700	7.3%
SANTA CLARA	924,300	851,700	72,600	7.9%
SANTA CRUZ	158,100	144,400	13,700	8.7%
SHASTA	85,000	75,200	9,800	11.5%
SIERRA	1,760	1,580	180	10.5%
SISKIYOU	19,440	16,970	2,460	12.7%
SOLANO	217,200	196,900	20,300	9.3%
SONOMA	265,400	245,100	20,300	7.6%
STANISLAUS	234,400	201,800	32,700	13.9%
SUTTER	41,800	35,600	6,200	14.9%
TEHAMA	25,170	22,090	3,080	12.2%
TRINITY	4,840	4,190	650	13.4%
TULARE	207,100	177,200	29,900	14.4%
TUOLUMNE	25,460	22,720	2,740	10.8%
VENTURA	440,000	401,900	38,100	8.6%
YOLO	97,000	87,600	9,400	9.7%
YUBA	27,500	23,200	4,300	15.8%

\*Not seasonally adjusted.

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