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### **California's Nonfarm Payroll Jobs Increase by 4,200 Unemployment Rate Increases to 12.6 Percent**

**SACRAMENTO** – California's unemployment rate was 12.6 percent in March, and nonfarm payroll jobs increased by 4,200 during the month, according to data released today by the California Employment Development Department (EDD) from two separate surveys.

The U.S. unemployment rate was unchanged in March at 9.7 percent.

In February, the state's unemployment rate was 12.5 percent, and in March 2009, the unemployment rate was 10.6 percent. The unemployment rate is derived from a federal survey of 5,500 California households.

California has gained jobs in each of the first three months of 2010, with gains over the period totaling 32,400 jobs. Nonfarm jobs in California totaled 13,842,000 in March, an increase of 4,200 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 (March 2009 to March 2010) shows a decrease of 458,400 jobs (down 3.2 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 during the month. It estimates the number of Californians holding jobs in March was 15,938,000, an increase of 53,000 from February, but down 463,000 from the employment total in March of last year.

The number of people unemployed in California was 2,308,000 – up by 31,000 over the month, and up by 362,000 compared with March 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 13,842,000 in March, a net gain of 4,200 jobs since the February survey. This followed a gain of 2,800 jobs (as revised) in February.

Five categories (mining and logging; manufacturing; educational and health services; leisure and hospitality; and other services) added jobs over the month, gaining 13,400 jobs. Educational and health services posted the largest increase over the month, adding 6,100 jobs. Five categories (construction; information; financial activities; professional and business services; and government) reported job declines this month, down 9,200 jobs. Information posted the largest decline over the month, down by 2,600 jobs. One sector, trade, transportation and utilities, recorded no change.

In a year-over-year comparison (March 2009 to March 2010), nonfarm payroll employment in California decreased by 458,400 jobs (down 3.2 percent).

One industry division, educational and health services, posted job gains over the year, adding 26,400 jobs (a 1.5 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 484,800 jobs. Construction employment showed the largest decline on both a numerical and percentage basis, down by 108,300 jobs (a decline of 16.3 percent).

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

In related data, the EDD reported that there were 768,583 people receiving regular unemployment insurance benefits during the March survey week. (When federal UI extensions are included, the total is 1,659,358 people receiving benefits.) This compares with 714,145 last month and 858,778 last year. At the same time, new claims for unemployment insurance were 70,450 in March 2010, compared with 63,766 in February and 79,979 in March 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](http://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 DATA<sup>2</sup>**  
(Amounts in thousands)

Industrial Classification	March 2010 (prelim.)	February 2010 (revised)	March 2009	Change Over 12 Months (Percent)
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Workers . . . . .	13,842.0	13,837.8	14,300.4	-3.2
Mining and logging . . . . .	24.4	24.2	27.3	-10.6
Construction . . . . .	556.1	558.5	664.4	-16.3
Manufacturing . . . . .	1,246.4	1,242.1	1,317.8	-5.4
Trade, transportation and utilities . . . . .	2,579.6	2,579.6	2,682.6	-3.8
Information . . . . .	449.7	452.3	453.5	-0.8
Financial activities . . . . .	778.8	780.5	807.7	-3.6
Professional and business services . . . . .	2,028.7	2,031.0	2,092.6	-3.1
Educational and health services . . . . .	1,766.6	1,760.5	1,740.2	1.5
Leisure and hospitality . . . . .	1,472.8	1,471.1	1,512.2	-2.6
Other services . . . . .	471.8	470.7	490.3	-3.8
Government* . . . . .	2,467.1	2,467.3	2,511.8	-1.8
Agriculture . . . . .	384.2	385.8	372.8	3.1

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

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

	March 2010 (prelim.)	February 2010 (revised)	January 2010	March 2009
Civilian labor force <sup>a</sup> . . . . .	18,246,000	18,162,000	18,118,000	18,347,000
Total civilian employment . . . . .	15,938,000	15,885,000	15,850,000	16,401,000
Unemployment . . . . .	2,308,000	2,277,000	2,269,000	1,946,000
Seasonally adjusted rate % . . . . .	12.6	12.5	12.5	10.6
US seasonally adjusted rate % . . . . .	9.7	9.7	9.7	8.6

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

	March 2010 (prelim.)	February 2010 (revised)	January 2010	March 2009
Civilian labor force <sup>a</sup> . . . . .	18,317,000	18,200,000	18,128,000	18,309,000
Total civilian employment . . . . .	15,936,000	15,867,000	15,732,000	16,296,000
Unemployment . . . . .	2,381,000	2,332,000	2,396,000	2,013,000
Unadjusted rate % . . . . .	13.0	12.8	13.2	11.0

<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**  
**March 2010 (Preliminary); 2009 BENCHMARK**  
**NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED**

COUNTY	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYMENT	UNEMPLOYMENT	RATE*
<b>STATE TOTAL</b>	<b>18,317,000</b>	<b>15,935,900</b>	<b>2,381,000</b>	<b>13.0%</b>
ALAMEDA	759,700	669,500	90,200	11.9%
ALPINE	560	490	70	11.9%
AMADOR	18,160	15,570	2,600	14.3%
BUTTE	105,400	89,500	15,900	15.1%
CALAVERAS	20,240	16,780	3,460	17.1%
COLUSA	12,300	9,100	3,200	26.0%
CONTRA COSTA	526,800	463,500	63,200	12.0%
DEL NORTE	11,750	10,110	1,650	14.0%
EL DORADO	92,800	80,200	12,600	13.6%
FRESNO	443,600	360,600	83,000	18.7%
GLENN	13,030	10,670	2,360	18.1%
HUMBOLDT	61,400	53,700	7,700	12.5%
IMPERIAL	74,800	54,600	20,200	27.0%
INYO	9,980	8,940	1,050	10.5%
KERN	364,300	297,500	66,800	18.3%
KINGS	63,100	51,400	11,700	18.6%
LAKE	25,500	20,520	4,980	19.5%
LASSEN	13,570	11,240	2,320	17.1%
LOS ANGELES	4,889,700	4,289,000	600,700	12.3%
MADERA	67,700	55,800	11,900	17.5%
MARIN	131,000	119,500	11,500	8.8%
MARIPOSA	9,420	8,050	1,360	14.5%
MENDOCINO	43,580	37,950	5,630	12.9%
MERCED	108,800	84,800	24,100	22.1%
MODOC	3,960	3,260	700	17.7%
MONO	10,080	9,260	820	8.1%
MONTEREY	215,100	178,900	36,200	16.8%
NAPA	75,500	67,400	8,100	10.7%
NEVADA	51,450	45,090	6,350	12.3%
ORANGE	1,607,900	1,446,100	161,800	10.1%
PLACER	179,200	157,400	21,800	12.1%
PLUMAS	9,620	7,410	2,210	23.0%
RIVERSIDE	918,900	779,800	139,100	15.1%
SACRAMENTO	690,000	599,600	90,400	13.1%
SAN BENITO	27,200	21,200	5,900	21.8%
SAN BERNARDINO	870,800	741,900	128,900	14.8%
SAN DIEGO	1,567,700	1,395,400	172,300	11.0%
SAN FRANCISCO	457,700	410,700	47,000	10.3%
SAN JOAQUIN	307,000	250,500	56,400	18.4%
SAN LUIS OBISPO	138,200	123,500	14,700	10.6%
SAN MATEO	372,400	336,000	36,400	9.8%
SANTA BARBARA	223,300	200,600	22,700	10.1%
SANTA CLARA	879,200	773,400	105,800	12.0%
SANTA CRUZ	149,900	127,000	22,900	15.3%
SHASTA	85,800	70,600	15,200	17.7%
SIERRA	1,720	1,420	310	17.8%
SISKIYOU	20,300	16,360	3,940	19.4%
SOLANO	215,000	187,100	27,900	13.0%
SONOMA	256,500	227,400	29,100	11.3%
STANISLAUS	239,800	193,700	46,100	19.2%
SUTTER	43,700	33,800	9,800	22.5%
TEHAMA	26,220	21,580	4,650	17.7%
TRINITY	5,160	4,040	1,120	21.7%
TULARE	208,000	167,700	40,300	19.4%
TUOLUMNE	26,450	22,330	4,110	15.6%
VENTURA	435,700	386,700	49,000	11.2%
YOLO	101,500	86,600	14,900	14.7%
YUBA	28,800	22,900	5,900	20.5%

\*Not seasonally adjusted.

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