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California's Nonfarm Payroll Jobs Increase by 4,900 *Unemployment Rate Increases to 12.5 Percent*

SACRAMENTO – California's unemployment rate increased to 12.5 percent in December, and nonfarm payroll jobs increased by 4,900 during the month, according to data released today by the California Employment Development Department (EDD) from two separate surveys.

The U.S. unemployment rate decreased in December to 9.4 percent.

In December 2009, the unemployment rate in California was 12.3 percent. The unemployment rate is derived from a federal survey of 5,500 California households.

Nonfarm jobs in California totaled 13,897,100 in December, an increase of 4,900 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 (December 2009 to December 2010) shows an increase of 87,500 jobs (up 0.6 percent).

EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT IN CALIFORNIA

The federal survey of households, done with a smaller sample than the survey of employers, shows a decrease in the number of employed people during the month. It estimates the number of Californians holding jobs in December was 15,946,000, a decrease of 25,000 from November, but up 78,000 from the employment total in December of last year.

The number of people unemployed in California was 2,269,000 – up by 3,000 over the month, and up by 35,000 compared with December 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 13,897,100 in December, a net gain of 4,900 jobs since the November survey. This followed a gain of 30,500 jobs (as revised) in November.

Seven categories (manufacturing; information; financial activities; professional and business services; educational and health services; leisure and hospitality; and other services) added jobs over the month, gaining 33,700 jobs. Leisure and hospitality posted the largest increase over the month, adding 9,300 jobs. Four categories (mining and logging; construction; trade, transportation and utilities; and government) reported job declines this month, down 28,800 jobs. Government posted the largest decline over the month, down by 15,400 jobs.

In a year-over-year comparison (December 2009 to December 2010), nonfarm payroll employment in California increased by 87,500 jobs (up 0.6 percent).

Seven industry divisions (manufacturing; information; financial activities; professional and business services; educational and health services; leisure and hospitality; and other services) posted job gains over the year, adding 146,700 jobs. Professional and business services recorded the largest increase over the year on both a numerical and percentage basis, up 66,900 jobs (a 3.3 percent increase). One category, mining and logging, recorded no change over the year.

Three categories (construction; trade, transportation and utilities; and government) posted job declines over the year, down 59,200 jobs. Construction employment showed the largest decline over the year on both a numerical and percentage basis, down by 32,900 jobs (a 5.8 percent decline).

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE CLAIMS (NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)

In related data, the EDD reported that there were 599,221 people receiving regular unemployment insurance benefits during the December survey week. This compares with 600,196 last month and 792,764 last year. At the same time, new claims for unemployment insurance were 87,289 in December 2010, compared with 72,768 in November and 80,873 in December of last year.

NOTE TO EDITORS: *EDD encourages those who are filing for Unemployment Insurance (UI) benefits to do so online through our Web site at www.edd.ca.gov. Online claim filing is the fastest, most convenient way to apply for UI benefits, and is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.*

Seasonally adjusted payroll detail follows:

PAYROLL EMPLOYMENT, SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA²
(Amounts in thousands)

Industrial Classification	December 2010 (prelim.)	November 2010 (revised)	December 2009	Change Over 12 Months (Percent)
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Workers	13,897.1	13,892.2	13,809.6	0.6
Mining and logging	24.1	25.1	24.1	0.0
Construction	535.6	538.8	568.5	-5.8
Manufacturing	1,244.1	1,239.7	1,231.2	1.0
Trade, transportation and utilities	2,568.9	2,578.1	2,573.5	-0.2
Information	451.0	448.0	449.5	0.3
Financial activities	785.5	779.3	782.5	0.4
Professional and business services	2,085.7	2,078.7	2,018.8	3.3
Educational and health services	1,777.9	1,774.2	1,747.2	1.8
Leisure and hospitality	1,502.9	1,493.6	1,476.2	1.8
Other services	472.3	472.2	467.3	1.1
Government*	2,449.1	2,464.5	2,470.8	-0.9
Agriculture	371.0	373.0	370.4	0.2

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

TABLE A
EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT IN CALIFORNIA, SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA²

	December 2010 (prelim.)	November 2010 (revised)	October 2010	December 2009
Civilian labor force ^a	18,215,000	18,237,000	18,228,000	18,102,000
Total civilian employment	15,946,000	15,971,000	15,972,000	15,868,000
Unemployment	2,269,000	2,266,000	2,256,000	2,234,000
Seasonally adjusted rate %	12.5	12.4	12.4	12.3
US seasonally adjusted rate %	9.4	9.8	9.7	9.9

TABLE B
EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT IN CALIFORNIA, UNADJUSTED DATA

	December 2010 (prelim.)	November 2010 (revised)	October 2010	December 2009
Civilian labor force ^a	18,137,000	18,240,000	18,221,000	18,035,000
Total civilian employment	15,906,000	15,978,000	16,045,000	15,839,000
Unemployment	2,231,000	2,262,000	2,176,000	2,195,000
Unadjusted rate %	12.3	12.4	11.9	12.2

^a Labor force by place of residence including workers involved in trade disputes.

² 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
December 2010 (Preliminary); 2009 BENCHMARK
NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

COUNTY	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYMENT	UNEMPLOYMENT	RATE*
STATE TOTAL	18,136,800	15,906,000	2,230,900	12.3%
ALAMEDA	745,700	664,900	80,800	10.8%
ALPINE	480	420	70	13.7%
AMADOR	17,410	15,120	2,290	13.1%
BUTTE	104,700	90,200	14,500	13.8%
CALAVERAS	19,520	16,360	3,170	16.2%
COLUSA	11,680	8,740	2,940	25.2%
CONTRA COSTA	516,900	460,400	56,500	10.9%
DEL NORTE	11,570	9,990	1,580	13.6%
EL DORADO	89,800	78,400	11,400	12.7%
FRESNO	441,600	365,500	76,100	17.2%
GLENN	12,960	10,750	2,200	17.0%
HUMBOLDT	60,400	53,500	6,800	11.3%
IMPERIAL	75,300	54,000	21,300	28.3%
INYO	9,620	8,690	930	9.7%
KERN	370,200	310,100	60,100	16.2%
KINGS	61,900	51,500	10,400	16.8%
LAKE	24,710	19,990	4,720	19.1%
LASSEN	13,290	11,340	1,950	14.7%
LOS ANGELES	4,901,700	4,280,400	621,300	12.7%
MADERA	67,400	56,600	10,800	16.0%
MARIN	129,200	119,000	10,200	7.9%
MARIPOSA	9,250	7,980	1,270	13.7%
MENDOCINO	42,810	37,850	4,960	11.6%
MERCED	105,800	84,500	21,300	20.1%
MODOC	3,810	3,190	610	16.1%
MONO	8,920	8,110	810	9.1%
MONTEREY	207,600	173,500	34,100	16.4%
NAPA	72,600	64,900	7,700	10.6%
NEVADA	50,550	44,900	5,650	11.2%
ORANGE	1,592,600	1,451,300	141,300	8.9%
PLACER	173,300	153,900	19,400	11.2%
PLUMAS	8,500	6,710	1,790	21.0%
RIVERSIDE	905,000	776,500	128,600	14.2%
SACRAMENTO	670,900	586,300	84,600	12.6%
SAN BENITO	26,600	21,400	5,200	19.4%
SAN BERNARDINO	855,600	738,800	116,800	13.7%
SAN DIEGO	1,559,300	1,402,400	156,900	10.1%
SAN FRANCISCO	450,600	409,200	41,400	9.2%
SAN JOAQUIN	298,900	245,100	53,800	18.0%
SAN LUIS OBISPO	135,400	122,200	13,200	9.7%
SAN MATEO	364,900	334,700	30,200	8.3%
SANTA BARBARA	220,400	199,500	20,900	9.5%
SANTA CLARA	870,400	779,900	90,500	10.4%
SANTA CRUZ	146,800	126,500	20,300	13.8%
SHASTA	83,600	70,200	13,400	16.0%
SIERRA	1,580	1,310	270	16.8%
SISKIYOU	19,610	15,880	3,720	19.0%
SOLANO	211,300	185,700	25,600	12.1%
SONOMA	255,400	230,000	25,400	10.0%
STANISLAUS	237,000	195,200	41,800	17.6%
SUTTER	41,800	32,800	9,000	21.5%
TEHAMA	24,900	21,000	3,900	15.7%
TRINITY	4,920	3,910	1,010	20.5%
TULARE	208,800	171,900	36,900	17.7%
TUOLUMNE	25,810	22,260	3,550	13.7%
VENTURA	429,100	383,400	45,700	10.6%
YOLO	98,800	84,700	14,200	14.3%
YUBA	27,600	22,200	5,400	19.4%

*Not seasonally adjusted.

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