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California's unemployment rate decreases to 11.9 percent ***Nonfarm payroll jobs increase by 11,800***

SACRAMENTO – California's unemployment rate decreased to 11.9 percent in September, and nonfarm payroll jobs increased by 11,800 during the month for a total gain of 139,800 jobs since 2011 began, according to data released today by the California Employment Development Department (EDD) from two separate surveys.

The U.S. unemployment rate was unchanged in September at 9.1 percent.

In August, the state's unemployment rate was 12.1 percent, and in September 2010, the unemployment rate was 12.5 percent. The unemployment rate is derived from a federal survey of 5,500 California households.

Nonfarm jobs in California totaled 14,098,500 in September, an increase of 11,800 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 (September 2010 to September 2011) shows an increase of 250,600 jobs (up 1.8 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 September was 15,916,000, an increase of 85,000 from August, and up 34,000 from the employment total in September of last year.

The number of people unemployed in California was 2,152,000 – down by 23,000 over the month, and down by 112,000 compared with September 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 14,098,500 in September, a net gain of 11,800 jobs since the August survey. This followed a gain of 21,100 jobs (as revised) in August.

Five categories (construction; trade, transportation and utilities; professional and business services; leisure and hospitality; and other services) added jobs over the month, gaining 30,100 jobs. Professional and business services posted the largest increase over the month, adding 13,300 jobs.

Six categories (mining and logging; manufacturing; information; financial activities; educational and health services; and government) reported job declines over the month, down 18,300 jobs. Government posted the largest decrease over the month, down 7,000 jobs.

In a year-over-year comparison (September 2010 to September 2011), nonfarm payroll employment in California increased by 250,600 jobs (up 1.8 percent).

Nine categories (mining and logging; construction; manufacturing; trade, transportation and utilities; information; professional and business services; educational and health services; leisure and hospitality; and government) posted job gains over the year, adding 259,300 jobs. Professional and business services posted the largest gain on a numerical basis, adding 78,000 jobs (up 3.8 percent). Information posted the largest gain on a percentage basis, up by 5.0 percent (an increase of 21,800 jobs).

Two categories (financial activities and other services) posted job declines over the year, down 8,700 jobs. Financial activities posted the largest decline on both a numerical and percentage basis, down by 7,000 jobs (a decrease of 0.9 percent).

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE CLAIMS (NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)

In related data, the EDD reported that there were 494,882 people receiving regular unemployment insurance benefits during the September survey week. This compares with 543,089 last month and 595,996 last year. At the same time, new claims for unemployment insurance were 53,861 in September 2011, compared with 54,463 in August and 75,316 in September of last year.

Seasonally adjusted payroll detail follows:

PAYROLL EMPLOYMENT, SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA²
(Amounts in thousands)

Industrial Classification	September 2011 (prelim.)	August 2011 (revised)	September 2010	Change Over 12 Months (Percent)
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Workers	14,098.5	14,086.7	13,847.9	1.8
Mining and logging	27.6	27.7	27.1	1.8
Construction	566.2	559.3	543.2	4.2
Manufacturing	1,252.5	1,257.2	1,236.7	1.3
Trade, transportation and utilities	2,651.5	2,646.9	2,619.4	1.2
Information	454.5	456.7	432.7	5.0
Financial activities	751.7	752.5	758.7	-0.9
Professional and business services	2,156.1	2,142.8	2,078.1	3.8
Educational and health services	1,834.9	1,838.4	1,789.9	2.5
Leisure and hospitality	1,532.6	1,527.9	1,492.5	2.7
Other services	481.7	481.1	483.4	-0.4
Government*	2,389.2	2,396.2	2,386.2	0.1
Agriculture	373.6	375.8	381.2	-2.0

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

TABLE A
EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT IN CALIFORNIA, SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA²

	September 2011 (prelim.)	August 2011 (revised)	July 2011	September 2010
Civilian labor force ^a	18,068,000	18,006,000	18,014,000	18,146,000
Total civilian employment	15,916,000	15,831,000	15,848,000	15,882,000
Unemployment	2,152,000	2,175,000	2,167,000	2,264,000
Seasonally adjusted rate %	11.9	12.1	12.0	12.5
US seasonally adjusted rate %	9.1	9.1	9.1	9.6

TABLE B
EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT IN CALIFORNIA, UNADJUSTED DATA

	September 2011 (prelim.)	August 2011 (revised)	July 2011	September 2010
Civilian labor force ^a	18,166,000	18,116,000	18,129,000	18,189,000
Total civilian employment	16,097,000	15,959,000	15,875,000	15,980,000
Unemployment	2,069,000	2,157,000	2,255,000	2,209,000
Unadjusted rate %	11.4	11.9	12.4	12.1

^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
September 2011 (Preliminary); 2010 BENCHMARK
NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

COUNTY	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYMENT	UNEMPLOYMENT	RATE*
STATE TOTAL	18,166,000	16,097,500	2,068,600	11.4%
ALAMEDA	750,500	674,100	76,400	10.2%
ALPINE	430	360	70	16.5%
AMADOR	16,640	14,490	2,150	12.9%
BUTTE	102,800	89,800	13,000	12.7%
CALAVERAS	19,360	16,550	2,810	14.5%
COLUSA	11,990	10,190	1,800	15.0%
CONTRA COSTA	518,800	466,500	52,300	10.1%
DEL NORTE	11,710	10,270	1,440	12.3%
EL DORADO	88,900	79,200	9,700	10.9%
FRESNO	439,800	374,200	65,600	14.9%
GLENN	12,810	10,970	1,830	14.3%
HUMBOLDT	60,400	54,200	6,200	10.2%
IMPERIAL	76,200	53,700	22,600	29.6%
INYO	9,360	8,500	860	9.2%
KERN	372,500	321,600	50,900	13.7%
KINGS	61,600	52,900	8,600	14.0%
LAKE	24,920	20,980	3,940	15.8%
LASSEN	13,390	11,770	1,620	12.1%
LOS ANGELES	4,881,400	4,284,200	597,200	12.2%
MADERA	68,200	59,300	9,000	13.1%
MARIN	132,500	122,700	9,800	7.4%
MARIPOSA	10,090	9,100	990	9.8%
MENDOCINO	41,920	37,690	4,230	10.1%
MERCED	107,700	90,500	17,200	16.0%
MODOC	3,950	3,450	500	12.7%
MONO	8,040	7,210	830	10.3%
MONTEREY	220,000	197,700	22,300	10.1%
NAPA	75,700	69,300	6,400	8.5%
NEVADA	49,510	44,440	5,070	10.2%
ORANGE	1,580,600	1,444,700	135,900	8.6%
PLACER	174,500	156,400	18,100	10.4%
PLUMAS	9,680	8,420	1,260	13.0%
RIVERSIDE	909,000	782,000	127,000	14.0%
SACRAMENTO	666,800	587,300	79,500	11.9%
SAN BENITO	24,900	22,000	2,900	11.6%
SAN BERNARDINO	844,800	736,100	108,700	12.9%
SAN DIEGO	1,568,600	1,415,900	152,700	9.7%
SAN FRANCISCO	459,600	421,700	37,900	8.3%
SAN JOAQUIN	300,700	254,500	46,200	15.4%
SAN LUIS OBISPO	135,500	122,800	12,700	9.3%
SAN MATEO	375,300	345,200	30,000	8.0%
SANTA BARBARA	216,800	198,200	18,500	8.6%
SANTA CLARA	889,700	804,400	85,300	9.6%
SANTA CRUZ	150,300	135,100	15,200	10.1%
SHASTA	84,000	72,700	11,300	13.5%
SIERRA	1,570	1,360	210	13.2%
SISKIYOU	18,710	15,850	2,870	15.3%
SOLANO	212,800	189,300	23,500	11.0%
SONOMA	254,800	230,900	23,900	9.4%
STANISLAUS	238,400	202,400	35,900	15.1%
SUTTER	41,400	35,000	6,400	15.4%
TEHAMA	24,400	20,890	3,520	14.4%
TRINITY	4,920	4,130	790	16.1%
TULARE	209,600	178,200	31,400	15.0%
TUOLUMNE	25,350	22,200	3,140	12.4%
VENTURA	428,100	385,000	43,100	10.1%
YOLO	95,300	85,100	10,200	10.7%
YUBA	28,800	23,600	5,200	18.1%

*Not seasonally adjusted.

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