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California's unemployment rate decreases to 11.7 percent *Nonfarm payroll jobs increase by 25,700*

SACRAMENTO – California's unemployment rate decreased to 11.7 percent in October, and nonfarm payroll jobs increased by 25,700 during the month for a total gain of 192,900 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 decreased in October to 9.0 percent.

In September, the state's unemployment rate was 11.9 percent, and in October 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 14,151,600 in October, an increase of 25,700 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 2010 to October 2011) shows an increase of 239,000 jobs (up 1.7 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 16,008,000, an increase of 92,000 from September, and up 128,000 from the employment total in October of last year.

The number of people unemployed in California was 2,123,000 – down by 28,000 over the month, and down by 144,000 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 14,151,600 in October, a net gain of 25,700 jobs since the September survey. This followed a gain of 39,200 jobs (as revised) in September.

Seven categories (construction; information; financial activities; professional and business services; educational and health services; leisure and hospitality; and other services) added jobs over the month, gaining 35,500 jobs. Professional and business services posted the largest increase over the month, adding 17,300 jobs.

Four categories (mining and logging; manufacturing; trade, transportation and utilities; and government) reported job declines over the month, down 9,800 jobs. Manufacturing and government posted the largest decreases over the month, each down 3,900 jobs.

In a year-over-year comparison (October 2010 to October 2011), nonfarm payroll employment in California increased by 239,000 jobs (up 1.7 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 243,700 jobs. Professional and business services posted the largest gain on a numerical basis, adding 83,300 jobs (up 4.0 percent). Information posted the largest gain on a percentage basis, up by 5.9 percent (an increase of 25,400 jobs).

Two categories (financial activities and other services) posted job declines over the year, down 4,700 jobs. Other services posted the largest decline on both a numerical and percentage basis, down by 2,400 jobs (a decrease of 0.5 percent).

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE CLAIMS (NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)

In related data, the EDD reported that there were 494,752 people receiving regular unemployment insurance benefits during the October survey week. This compares with 494,882 last month and 592,475 last year. At the same time, new claims for unemployment insurance were 68,724 in October 2011, compared with 53,861 in September and 67,168 in October of last year.

Seasonally adjusted payroll detail follows:

PAYROLL EMPLOYMENT, SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA²
(Amounts in thousands)

Industrial Classification	October 2011 (prelim.)	September 2011 (revised)	October 2010	Change Over 12 Months (Percent)
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Workers	14,151.6	14,125.9	13,912.6	1.7
Mining and logging	27.5	27.6	27.1	1.5
Construction	567.8	565.7	550.7	3.1
Manufacturing	1,250.3	1,254.2	1,242.0	0.7
Trade, transportation and utilities	2,647.4	2,649.3	2,626.4	0.8
Information	456.7	454.5	431.3	5.9
Financial activities	756.8	752.8	759.1	-0.3
Professional and business services	2,174.4	2,157.1	2,091.1	4.0
Educational and health services	1,847.9	1,840.5	1,801.6	2.6
Leisure and hospitality	1,533.9	1,532.7	1,496.1	2.5
Other services	484.3	483.0	486.7	-0.5
Government*	2,404.6	2,408.5	2,400.5	0.2
Agriculture	380.3	374.6	380.7	-0.1

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

TABLE A
EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT IN CALIFORNIA, SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA²

	October 2011 (prelim.)	September 2011 (revised)	August 2011	October 2010
Civilian labor force ^a	18,131,000	18,067,000	18,006,000	18,147,000
Total civilian employment	16,008,000	15,916,000	15,831,000	15,880,000
Unemployment	2,123,000	2,151,000	2,175,000	2,267,000
Seasonally adjusted rate %	11.7	11.9	12.1	12.5
US seasonally adjusted rate %	9.0	9.1	9.1	9.7

TABLE B
EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT IN CALIFORNIA, UNADJUSTED DATA

	October 2011 (prelim.)	September 2011 (revised)	August 2011	October 2010
Civilian labor force ^a	18,221,000	18,165,000	18,116,000	18,140,000
Total civilian employment	16,171,000	16,098,000	15,959,000	15,946,000
Unemployment	2,050,000	2,067,000	2,157,000	2,194,000
Unadjusted rate %	11.2	11.4	11.9	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
October 2011 (Preliminary); 2010 BENCHMARK
NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

COUNTY	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYMENT	UNEMPLOYMENT	RATE*
STATE TOTAL	18,221,200	16,171,300	2,049,900	11.2%
ALAMEDA	751,400	675,800	75,700	10.1%
ALPINE	420	350	70	17.6%
AMADOR	16,540	14,430	2,110	12.7%
BUTTE	105,600	92,600	12,900	12.2%
CALAVERAS	19,300	16,490	2,810	14.6%
COLUSA	11,640	9,900	1,750	15.0%
CONTRA COSTA	519,400	467,700	51,700	10.0%
DEL NORTE	11,600	10,120	1,470	12.7%
EL DORADO	89,000	79,200	9,800	11.0%
FRESNO	431,700	363,800	67,900	15.7%
GLENN	12,950	11,190	1,750	13.5%
HUMBOLDT	60,900	54,600	6,300	10.3%
IMPERIAL	76,700	54,500	22,200	28.9%
INYO	9,270	8,400	870	9.3%
KERN	374,500	324,000	50,500	13.5%
KINGS	61,300	52,300	9,000	14.6%
LAKE	24,330	20,380	3,950	16.2%
LASSEN	13,900	12,250	1,640	11.8%
LOS ANGELES	4,899,000	4,316,200	582,900	11.9%
MADERA	64,600	55,500	9,100	14.0%
MARIN	133,200	123,600	9,700	7.2%
MARIPOSA	9,340	8,330	1,010	10.8%
MENDOCINO	42,310	38,110	4,200	9.9%
MERCED	107,800	90,800	17,000	15.8%
MODOC	3,920	3,420	500	12.8%
MONO	7,770	6,830	940	12.0%
MONTEREY	217,600	195,100	22,400	10.3%
NAPA	75,000	68,800	6,200	8.3%
NEVADA	49,400	44,350	5,050	10.2%
ORANGE	1,596,000	1,460,900	135,100	8.5%
PLACER	174,600	156,500	18,100	10.4%
PLUMAS	9,580	8,310	1,260	13.2%
RIVERSIDE	913,800	788,600	125,300	13.7%
SACRAMENTO	666,200	587,700	78,500	11.8%
SAN BENITO	24,900	22,100	2,900	11.5%
SAN BERNARDINO	851,200	742,300	108,900	12.8%
SAN DIEGO	1,579,500	1,427,000	152,500	9.7%
SAN FRANCISCO	462,300	424,700	37,600	8.1%
SAN JOAQUIN	296,700	250,200	46,500	15.7%
SAN LUIS OBISPO	137,300	124,700	12,600	9.2%
SAN MATEO	377,400	347,700	29,700	7.9%
SANTA BARBARA	218,200	199,400	18,800	8.6%
SANTA CLARA	890,900	806,500	84,500	9.5%
SANTA CRUZ	151,600	136,300	15,400	10.1%
SHASTA	85,000	73,700	11,200	13.2%
SIERRA	1,520	1,320	200	12.9%
SISKIYOU	18,750	15,860	2,890	15.4%
SOLANO	212,400	189,300	23,200	10.9%
SONOMA	256,000	232,300	23,700	9.3%
STANISLAUS	237,300	201,300	36,000	15.2%
SUTTER	41,500	34,700	6,800	16.4%
TEHAMA	24,770	21,350	3,420	13.8%
TRINITY	4,930	4,120	810	16.5%
TULARE	208,600	176,700	31,900	15.3%
TUOLUMNE	25,180	22,020	3,160	12.5%
VENTURA	430,400	388,000	42,300	9.8%
YOLO	95,800	85,200	10,600	11.1%
YUBA	28,200	23,400	4,800	17.2%

*Not seasonally adjusted.

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