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California's unemployment rate decreases to 11.3 percent ***Nonfarm payroll jobs increase by 6,600***

SACRAMENTO – California's unemployment rate decreased to 11.3 percent in November, and nonfarm payroll jobs increased by 6,600 during the month for a total gain of 211,400 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 November to 8.6 percent.

In October, the state's unemployment rate was 11.7 percent, and in November 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 14,170,100 in November, an increase of 6,600 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 (November 2010 to November 2011) shows an increase of 233,100 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 November was 16,124,000, an increase of 116,000 from October, and up 246,000 from the employment total in November of last year.

The number of people unemployed in California was 2,058,000 – down by 64,000 over the month, and down by 212,000 compared with November 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 14,170,100 in November, a net gain of 6,600 jobs since the October survey. This followed a gain of 37,600 jobs (as revised) in October.

Eight categories (mining and logging; trade, transportation and utilities; information; financial activities; educational and health services; leisure and hospitality; other services; and government) added jobs over the month, gaining 34,800 jobs. Trade, transportation and utilities posted the largest increase over the month, adding 18,000 jobs.

Three categories (construction; manufacturing; and professional and business services) reported job declines over the month, down 28,200 jobs. Professional and business services posted the largest decrease over the month, down 13,200 jobs.

In a year-over-year comparison (November 2010 to November 2011), nonfarm payroll employment in California increased by 233,100 jobs (up 1.7 percent).

Ten categories (mining and logging; construction; trade, transportation and utilities; information; financial activities; professional and business services; educational and health services; leisure and hospitality; other services; and government) posted job gains over the year, adding 233,200 jobs. Professional and business services posted the largest gain on a numerical basis, adding 53,700 jobs (up 2.6 percent). Information posted the largest gain on a percentage basis, up by 4.1 percent (an increase of 18,000 jobs).

One category, manufacturing, posted job declines over the year, down 100 jobs (a 0.0 decrease).

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE CLAIMS (NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)

In related data, the EDD reported that there were 536,294 people receiving regular unemployment insurance benefits during the November survey week. This compares with 494,752 last month and 600,196 last year. At the same time, new claims for unemployment insurance were 74,082 in November 2011, compared with 68,724 in October and 72,768 in November of last year.

Seasonally adjusted payroll detail follows:

PAYROLL EMPLOYMENT, SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA²
(Amounts in thousands)

Industrial Classification	November 2011 (prelim.)	October 2011 (revised)	November 2010	Change Over 12 Months (Percent)
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Workers	14,170.1	14,163.5	13,937.0	1.7
Mining and logging	27.8	27.6	26.8	3.7
Construction	561.7	568.8	551.3	1.9
Manufacturing	1,244.2	1,252.1	1,244.3	0.0
Trade, transportation and utilities	2,663.6	2,645.6	2,622.2	1.6
Information	456.9	456.7	438.9	4.1
Financial activities	759.8	757.9	758.8	0.1
Professional and business services	2,150.3	2,163.5	2,096.6	2.6
Educational and health services	1,854.6	1,846.6	1,806.5	2.7
Leisure and hospitality	1,538.3	1,534.2	1,504.1	2.3
Other services	485.9	484.6	484.8	0.2
Government*	2,427.0	2,425.9	2,402.7	1.0
Agriculture	384.8	380.3	382.9	0.5

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

TABLE A
EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT IN CALIFORNIA, SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA²

	November 2011 (prelim.)	October 2011 (revised)	September 2011	November 2010
Civilian labor force ^a	18,182,000	18,130,000	18,067,000	18,148,000
Total civilian employment	16,124,000	16,008,000	15,916,000	15,878,000
Unemployment	2,058,000	2,122,000	2,151,000	2,270,000
Seasonally adjusted rate %	11.3	11.7	11.9	12.5
US seasonally adjusted rate %	8.6	9.0	9.1	9.8

TABLE B
EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT IN CALIFORNIA, UNADJUSTED DATA

	November 2011 (prelim.)	October 2011 (revised)	September 2011	November 2010
Civilian labor force ^a	18,185,000	18,219,000	18,165,000	18,148,000
Total civilian employment	16,206,000	16,172,000	16,098,000	15,881,000
Unemployment	1,979,000	2,048,000	2,067,000	2,268,000
Unadjusted rate %	10.9	11.2	11.4	12.5

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

COUNTY	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYMENT	UNEMPLOYMENT	RATE*
STATE TOTAL	18,185,300	16,206,500	1,978,800	10.9%
ALAMEDA	751,900	680,000	72,000	9.6%
ALPINE	450	380	70	15.4%
AMADOR	16,550	14,490	2,060	12.5%
BUTTE	106,200	93,500	12,700	11.9%
CALAVERAS	19,370	16,670	2,700	13.9%
COLUSA	11,120	8,920	2,190	19.7%
CONTRA COSTA	519,900	470,600	49,300	9.5%
DEL NORTE	11,520	10,040	1,480	12.8%
EL DORADO	89,600	79,900	9,700	10.8%
FRESNO	429,700	362,500	67,300	15.7%
GLENN	12,610	10,860	1,750	13.8%
HUMBOLDT	60,900	54,700	6,200	10.2%
IMPERIAL	76,200	55,500	20,700	27.2%
INYO	9,410	8,550	860	9.1%
KERN	370,300	320,700	49,600	13.4%
KINGS	61,400	52,400	9,000	14.7%
LAKE	23,830	19,840	3,990	16.7%
LASSEN	13,160	11,510	1,650	12.5%
LOS ANGELES	4,868,300	4,306,800	561,500	11.5%
MADERA	64,600	55,300	9,300	14.3%
MARIN	133,700	124,500	9,300	6.9%
MARIPOSA	9,170	8,100	1,070	11.7%
MENDOCINO	42,560	38,280	4,280	10.1%
MERCED	104,600	86,900	17,600	16.9%
MODOC	3,940	3,410	530	13.4%
MONO	8,040	7,190	850	10.6%
MONTEREY	213,900	190,300	23,600	11.0%
NAPA	73,800	67,400	6,400	8.6%
NEVADA	50,450	45,500	4,940	9.8%
ORANGE	1,591,000	1,462,600	128,400	8.1%
PLACER	175,000	157,800	17,200	9.8%
PLUMAS	9,450	8,080	1,370	14.5%
RIVERSIDE	915,600	798,400	117,100	12.8%
SACRAMENTO	666,300	592,500	73,800	11.1%
SAN BENITO	25,400	22,100	3,300	13.0%
SAN BERNARDINO	855,300	751,600	103,700	12.1%
SAN DIEGO	1,587,600	1,442,100	145,500	9.2%
SAN FRANCISCO	464,000	427,800	36,200	7.8%
SAN JOAQUIN	296,300	250,300	46,000	15.5%
SAN LUIS OBISPO	136,100	124,100	12,000	8.8%
SAN MATEO	378,600	350,200	28,400	7.5%
SANTA BARBARA	221,300	203,000	18,200	8.2%
SANTA CLARA	888,500	808,000	80,500	9.1%
SANTA CRUZ	152,800	136,600	16,200	10.6%
SHASTA	84,700	73,600	11,100	13.1%
SIERRA	1,470	1,260	210	14.1%
SISKIYOU	18,430	15,380	3,040	16.5%
SOLANO	212,100	189,700	22,400	10.6%
SONOMA	253,200	230,500	22,600	8.9%
STANISLAUS	233,200	197,100	36,000	15.5%
SUTTER	42,300	35,000	7,300	17.4%
TEHAMA	24,260	20,890	3,370	13.9%
TRINITY	4,930	4,120	810	16.5%
TULARE	208,000	176,700	31,300	15.0%
TUOLUMNE	25,440	22,320	3,120	12.3%
VENTURA	431,400	390,600	40,900	9.5%
YOLO	97,800	85,900	11,900	12.2%
YUBA	28,000	23,600	4,400	15.9%

*Not seasonally adjusted.

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