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**California's unemployment rate decreases to 5.7 percent**  
***Nonfarm payroll jobs increase by 5,500***

**SACRAMENTO** – California's unemployment rate decreased to 5.7 percent in November, and nonfarm payroll jobs increased by 5,500 during the month for a total gain of 2,136,700 jobs since the recovery began in February 2010, according to data released today by the California Employment Development Department (EDD) from two separate surveys.

The U.S. unemployment rate was unchanged in November at 5.0 percent.

In October, the state's unemployment rate was 5.8 percent, and in November 2014, the unemployment rate was 7.2 percent. The unemployment rate is derived from a federal survey of 5,500 California households.

Nonfarm jobs in California totaled 16,258,000 in November, an increase of 5,500 jobs over the month, according to a survey of businesses that is larger and less variable statistically. The survey of 58,000 California businesses measures jobs in the economy. The year-over-year change, November 2014 to November 2015, shows an increase of 417,100 jobs (up 2.6 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 17,910,000, an increase of 11,000 from October, and up 365,000 from the employment total in November of last year.

The number of people unemployed in California was 1,082,000 – down by 13,000 over the month, and down by 274,000 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 16,258,000 in November, a net gain of 5,500 jobs since the October survey. This followed a gain of 40,600 jobs (as revised) in October.

Five categories (construction; manufacturing; trade, transportation and utilities; educational and health services; and leisure and hospitality) added jobs over the month, gaining 20,500 jobs. Trade, transportation and utilities posted the largest increase over the month, adding 9,800 jobs.

Six categories (mining and logging; information; financial activities; professional and business services; other services and government) reported job declines over the month, down 15,000 jobs. Information posted the largest decrease over the month, down 9,300 jobs.

In a year-over-year comparison (November 2014 to November 2015), nonfarm payroll employment in California increased by 417,100 jobs (up 2.6 percent).

Nine categories (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 424,300 jobs. Professional and business services posted the largest gains on a numerical basis, adding 116,000 jobs (up 4.7 percent). Construction posted the largest gains on a percentage basis, up 5.9 percent (adding 41,000 jobs).

Two categories, mining and logging and manufacturing, posted job declines over the year, down 7,200 jobs. Manufacturing posted the largest decreases on a numerical basis, down 4,300 jobs (a 0.3 percent decrease). Mining and logging posted the largest declines on a percentage basis, decreasing 9.3 percent (down 2,900 jobs).

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

In related data, the EDD reported that there were 355,913 people receiving regular Unemployment Insurance benefits during the November survey week. This compares with 334,244 in October and 392,610 in November of last year. At the same time, new claims for Unemployment Insurance were 54,438 in November, compared with 46,203 in October and 60,211 in November of last year.

Seasonally adjusted payroll detail follows:

**PAYROLL EMPLOYMENT, SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA<sup>2</sup>**  
(Amounts in thousands)

Industrial Classification	November 2015 (prelim.)	October 2015 (revised)	November 2014	Change Over 12 Months (percent)
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Workers . . . . .	16,258.0	16,252.5	15,840.9	2.6
Mining and logging . . . . .	28.3	28.7	31.2	-9.3
Construction . . . . .	735.5	734.5	694.5	5.9
Manufacturing . . . . .	1,268.0	1,267.0	1,272.3	-0.3
Trade, transportation and utilities . . . . .	2,974.0	2,964.2	2,907.6	2.3
Information . . . . .	467.7	477.0	461.2	1.4
Financial activities . . . . .	792.7	793.2	790.9	0.2
Professional and business services . . . . .	2,601.0	2,602.2	2,485.0	4.7
Educational and health services . . . . .	2,511.2	2,506.3	2,440.2	2.9
Leisure and hospitality . . . . .	1,856.5	1,852.7	1,777.4	4.5
Other services . . . . .	551.7	554.6	547.9	0.7
Government* . . . . .	2,471.4	2,472.1	2,432.7	1.6
Agriculture . . . . .	424.3	425.8	417.6	1.6

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

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

	November 2015 (prelim.)	October 2015 (revised)	September 2015	November 2014
Civilian labor force <sup>a</sup> . . . . .	18,992,000	18,994,000	19,005,000	18,901,000
Total civilian employment . . . . .	17,910,000	17,899,000	17,883,000	17,545,000
Unemployment . . . . .	1,082,000	1,095,000	1,121,000	1,356,000
Seasonally adjusted rate % . . . . .	5.7	5.8	5.9	7.2
US seasonally adjusted rate % . . . . .	5.0	5.0	5.1	5.8

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

	November 2015 (prelim.)	October 2015 (revised)	September 2015	November 2014
Civilian labor force <sup>a</sup> . . . . .	18,988,000	19,017,000	18,945,000	18,941,000
Total civilian employment . . . . .	17,913,000	17,938,000	17,911,000	17,600,000
Unemployment . . . . .	1,075,000	1,080,000	1,034,000	1,341,000
Unadjusted rate % . . . . .	5.7	5.7	5.5	7.1

<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**  
**November 2015 (Preliminary); 2014 BENCHMARK**  
*NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED*

COUNTY	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYMENT	UNEMPLOYMENT	RATE*
<b>STATE TOTAL</b>	<b>18,988,100</b>	<b>17,913,300</b>	<b>1,074,800</b>	<b>5.7%</b>
ALAMEDA	821,800	785,300	36,500	4.4%
ALPINE	470	430	40	7.7%
AMADOR	14,500	13,600	900	6.2%
BUTTE	102,200	95,400	6,800	6.7%
CALAVERAS	20,350	19,120	1,230	6.1%
COLUSA	10,990	9,290	1,700	15.5%
CONTRA COSTA	549,800	524,500	25,300	4.6%
DEL NORTE	9,850	9,050	810	8.2%
EL DORADO	89,400	84,700	4,700	5.3%
FRESNO	437,000	393,700	43,300	9.9%
GLENN	13,290	12,270	1,030	7.7%
HUMBOLDT	62,200	58,900	3,300	5.3%
IMPERIAL	79,900	63,700	16,300	20.4%
INYO	8,980	8,460	520	5.8%
KERN	396,900	360,300	36,500	9.2%
KINGS	56,600	50,800	5,800	10.3%
LAKE	30,080	27,940	2,150	7.1%
LASSEN	10,650	9,910	740	6.9%
LOS ANGELES	4,989,600	4,705,000	284,600	5.7%
MADERA	60,800	54,700	6,000	9.9%
MARIN	143,900	139,200	4,700	3.3%
MARIPOSA	7,710	7,160	550	7.1%
MENDOCINO	40,950	38,720	2,230	5.4%
MERCED	114,600	102,100	12,500	10.9%
MODOC	3,220	2,960	260	8.1%
MONO	7,570	7,050	520	6.8%
MONTEREY	222,300	205,600	16,700	7.5%
NAPA	73,700	70,200	3,600	4.8%
NEVADA	48,280	45,790	2,490	5.2%
ORANGE	1,604,700	1,537,300	67,400	4.2%
PLACER	178,300	169,900	8,400	4.7%
PLUMAS	7,970	7,180	790	9.9%
RIVERSIDE	1,031,500	967,200	64,300	6.2%
SACRAMENTO	687,800	649,300	38,500	5.6%
SAN BENITO	30,000	27,900	2,100	6.9%
SAN BERNARDINO	928,600	873,500	55,200	5.9%
SAN DIEGO	1,572,600	1,496,700	75,900	4.8%
SAN FRANCISCO	553,300	534,800	18,500	3.4%
SAN JOAQUIN	312,000	285,200	26,800	8.6%
SAN LUIS OBISPO	143,700	137,400	6,300	4.4%
SAN MATEO	447,500	433,400	14,000	3.1%
SANTA BARBARA	223,400	212,000	11,400	5.1%
SANTA CLARA	1,040,000	1,000,100	39,900	3.8%
SANTA CRUZ	140,900	130,900	10,000	7.1%
SHASTA	75,100	69,700	5,300	7.1%
SIERRA	1,490	1,390	100	6.6%
SISKIYOU	16,660	15,090	1,570	9.4%
SOLANO	207,900	196,200	11,700	5.6%
SONOMA	259,300	248,400	11,000	4.2%
STANISLAUS	241,400	220,100	21,400	8.8%
SUTTER	43,700	39,200	4,500	10.3%
TEHAMA	25,650	23,840	1,800	7.0%
TRINITY	4,880	4,500	380	7.9%
TULARE	196,200	174,300	21,900	11.1%
TUOLUMNE	21,660	20,250	1,420	6.5%
VENTURA	433,700	410,200	23,500	5.4%
YOLO	102,800	96,300	6,500	6.3%
YUBA	27,800	25,400	2,400	8.8%

\*Not seasonally adjusted.