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California's unemployment rate falls to 5.3 percent in November
Nonfarm payroll jobs increase by 13,600

SACRAMENTO – California's unemployment rate fell to 5.3 percent and the state's employers added 13,600 nonfarm payroll jobs in November, according to data released today by the California Employment Development Department (EDD) from two surveys. With November's job gains, the state has gained a total of 2,417,100 jobs since the economic expansion began in February 2010.

The U.S. unemployment rate decreased 0.3 percentage points in November to 4.6 percent, with employers nationwide adding 178,000 nonfarm payroll jobs.

In October, the state's unemployment rate was 5.5 percent, and in November 2015, the unemployment rate was 5.9 percent. The unemployment rate is derived from a federal survey of 5,500 California households.

Nonfarm jobs in California totaled 16,603,600 in November, 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 change, November 2015 to November 2016, shows an increase of 377,200 jobs (up 2.3 percent).

EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT IN CALIFORNIA

The federal household survey, done with a smaller sample than the survey of employers, shows an increase in the number of employed Californians over both the month and year. It estimates the number of Californians holding jobs in November was 18,417,000, an increase of 47,000 from October, and up 551,000 from the employment total in November of last year.

The number of unemployed Californian's was 1,038,000 in November – down by 32,000 over the month, and down by 86,000 compared with November of last year.

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PAYROLL EMPLOYMENT DETAIL (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)

EDD's payroll employment report (wage and salary jobs) in the nonfarm industries of California totaled 16,603,600 in November, a net gain of 13,600 jobs from October. This followed a revised gain of 34,400 jobs in October.

Month-over Job Gains

Eight of California's eleven industry sectors added a total of 29,300 jobs in November. Trade, transportation and utilities posted the largest jobs increase, with a gain of 9,600 jobs, followed by manufacturing, with a gain of 6,300 jobs. Other sectors adding jobs over the month were mining and logging; construction; financial activities; professional and business services; other services; and government.

Month-over Job Losses

Three industry sectors (information; educational and health services; and leisure and hospitality) reported job declines over the month, down a total of 15,700 jobs. Leisure and hospitality posted the largest decrease over the month, down by 10,900 jobs.

Year-over Job Gains

In a year-over-year comparison (November 2015 to November 2016), nonfarm payroll employment in California increased by 377,200 jobs (a 2.3 percent increase).

Nine of California's eleven industry sectors added a total of 388,400 jobs year-over. The largest job gains were in educational and health services, up 81,000 jobs (a 3.2 percent increase), and government, up 73,600 jobs (a 3.0 percent increase). Construction posted the largest gains on percentage basis, up 4.7 percent (adding 35,100 jobs). Other sectors adding jobs over the year were trade, transportation and utilities; information; financial activities; professional and business services; leisure and hospitality; and other services.

Year-over Job Losses

Two industry sectors (mining and logging and manufacturing) posted job declines over the year, down a total of 11,200 jobs. Manufacturing fell by 8,000 jobs (down 0.6 percent), while mining and logging posted the largest decrease by percentage, down 11.6 percent (a decrease of 3,200 jobs).

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE CLAIMS (NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)

In related data, the EDD reported that there were 358,096 people receiving regular Unemployment Insurance benefits during the November survey week. This compares with 323,124 in October and 355,913 in November of last year. At the same time, new claims for Unemployment Insurance were 54,252 in November, compared with 44,808 in October and 54,438 in November of last year.

Seasonally adjusted payroll detail follows:

PAYROLL EMPLOYMENT, SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA²
(Amounts in thousands)

Industrial Classification	November 2016 (prelim.)	October 2016 (revised)	November 2015	Change Over 12 Months (percent)
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Workers	16,603.6	16,590.0	16,226.4	2.3
Mining and logging	24.4	24.3	27.6	-11.6
Construction	775.1	771.2	740.0	4.7
Manufacturing	1,282.2	1,275.9	1,290.2	-0.6
Trade, transportation and utilities	3,014.5	3,004.9	2,965.1	1.7
Information	497.0	501.5	484.9	2.5
Financial activities	819.1	816.9	805.4	1.7
Professional and business services	2,602.4	2,598.6	2,535.1	2.7
Educational and health services	2,575.7	2,576.0	2,494.7	3.2
Leisure and hospitality	1,907.6	1,918.5	1,857.9	2.7
Other services	555.6	554.6	549.1	1.2
Government*	2,550.0	2,547.6	2,476.4	3.0
Agriculture	418.7	426.9	416.8	0.5

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

TABLE A
EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT IN CALIFORNIA, SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA²

	November 2016 (prelim.)	October 2016 (revised)	September 2016	November 2015
Civilian labor force ^a	19,454,000	19,439,000	19,348,000	18,990,000
Total civilian employment	18,417,000	18,370,000	18,278,000	17,866,000
Unemployment	1,038,000	1,070,000	1,071,000	1,124,000
Seasonally adjusted rate %	5.3	5.5	5.5	5.9
US seasonally adjusted rate %	4.6	4.9	5.0	5.0

TABLE B
EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT IN CALIFORNIA, UNADJUSTED DATA

	November 2016 (prelim.)	October 2016 (revised)	September 2016	November 2015
Civilian labor force ^a	19,358,000	19,465,000	19,435,000	18,996,000
Total civilian employment	18,382,000	18,435,000	18,406,000	17,894,000
Unemployment	976,000	1,031,000	1,029,000	1,102,000
Unadjusted rate %	5.0	5.3	5.3	5.8

^aL

abor force by place of residence, including workers involved in trade disputes.

²Seasonal 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 2016 (Preliminary); 2015 BENCHMARK
NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

COUNTY	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYMENT	UNEMPLOYMENT	RATE*
STATE TOTAL	19,358,000	18,381,600	976,400	5.0%
ALAMEDA	843,600	810,100	33,500	4.0%
ALPINE	500	460	40	7.6%
AMADOR	14,860	14,040	820	5.5%
BUTTE	104,100	97,900	6,200	5.9%
CALAVERAS	20,650	19,530	1,120	5.4%
COLUSA	11,010	9,310	1,700	15.5%
CONTRA COSTA	561,500	538,300	23,200	4.1%
DEL NORTE	9,690	8,990	700	7.2%
EL DORADO	91,000	86,700	4,400	4.8%
FRESNO	445,800	404,200	41,600	9.3%
GLENN	13,200	12,250	950	7.2%
HUMBOLDT	62,970	60,150	2,820	4.5%
IMPERIAL	78,400	62,500	15,900	20.3%
INYO	9,160	8,720	440	4.8%
KERN	399,300	362,600	36,700	9.2%
KINGS	57,900	52,500	5,400	9.3%
LAKE	29,530	27,580	1,950	6.6%
LASSEN	10,940	10,270	670	6.2%
LOS ANGELES	5,106,000	4,860,300	245,700	4.8%
MADERA	60,200	54,800	5,400	9.0%
MARIN	145,500	141,000	4,400	3.0%
MARIPOSA	7,610	7,130	490	6.4%
MENDOCINO	39,950	37,920	2,040	5.1%
MERCED	115,400	104,500	10,900	9.5%
MODOC	3,260	3,000	260	7.9%
MONO	8,330	7,850	480	5.8%
MONTEREY	221,500	207,000	14,600	6.6%
NAPA	76,200	73,100	3,200	4.2%
NEVADA	48,730	46,520	2,210	4.5%
ORANGE	1,636,600	1,575,900	60,700	3.7%
PLACER	182,200	174,700	7,600	4.2%
PLUMAS	7,850	7,170	680	8.7%
RIVERSIDE	1,062,100	1,001,700	60,400	5.7%
SACRAMENTO	704,100	668,700	35,400	5.0%
SAN BENITO	30,500	28,700	1,800	5.9%
SAN BERNARDINO	951,600	901,200	50,400	5.3%
SAN DIEGO	1,597,600	1,528,200	69,500	4.3%
SAN FRANCISCO	564,800	547,300	17,500	3.1%
SAN JOAQUIN	317,600	292,900	24,700	7.8%
SAN LUIS OBISPO	145,300	139,700	5,600	3.8%
SAN MATEO	455,200	442,300	12,900	2.8%
SANTA BARBARA	224,000	213,500	10,400	4.7%
SANTA CLARA	1,057,100	1,020,300	36,900	3.5%
SANTA CRUZ	146,600	137,600	9,000	6.1%
SHASTA	74,400	69,600	4,800	6.4%
SIERRA	1,320	1,230	90	6.5%
SISKIYOU	17,880	16,490	1,390	7.8%
SOLANO	212,000	201,100	10,800	5.1%
SONOMA	262,000	252,300	9,700	3.7%
STANISLAUS	246,300	226,900	19,400	7.9%
SUTTER	44,300	40,200	4,100	9.3%
TEHAMA	24,970	23,380	1,590	6.4%
TRINITY	5,270	4,930	340	6.4%
TULARE	201,200	179,400	21,800	10.8%
TUOLUMNE	21,710	20,480	1,230	5.7%
VENTURA	432,900	411,000	21,800	5.0%
YOLO	105,400	99,500	5,800	5.5%
YUBA	28,200	26,000	2,200	7.9%

*Not seasonally adjusted.