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California's unemployment rate falls to 5.2 percent in December
Nonfarm payroll jobs increase by 3,700

SACRAMENTO – California's unemployment rate fell to 5.2 percent and the state's employers added 3,700 nonfarm payroll jobs in December, according to data released today by the California Employment Development Department (EDD) from two surveys. With December's job gains, the state has gained a total of 2,420,100 jobs since the economic expansion began in February 2010.

The U.S. unemployment rate increased 0.1 percentage point in December to 4.7 percent, with employers nationwide adding 156,000 nonfarm payroll jobs.

In November, the state's unemployment rate was 5.3 percent, and in December 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 16,606,600 in December, 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, December 2015 to December 2016, shows an increase of 332,500 jobs (up 2.0 percent).

EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT IN CALIFORNIA

The federal household survey, done with a smaller sample than the survey of employers, shows a decrease in the number of employed Californians over the month, but an increase over the year. It estimates the number of Californians holding jobs in December was 18,377,000, a decrease of 39,000 from November, but up 499,000 from the employment total in December of last year.

The number of unemployed Californian's was 1,009,000 in December – down by 29,000 over the month, and down by 115,000 compared with December 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 16,606,600 in December, a net gain of 3,700 jobs from November. This followed a revised gain of 12,900 jobs in November.

Month-over Job Gains

Six of California's eleven industry sectors added a total of 27,800 jobs in December. Trade, transportation and utilities posted the largest jobs increase, with a gain of 13,400 jobs, followed by leisure and hospitality, with a gain of 7,500 jobs. Other sectors adding jobs over the month were mining and logging; manufacturing; educational and health services; and government.

Month-over Job Losses

Five industry sectors (construction; information; financial activities; professional and business services; and other services) reported job declines over the month, down a total of 24,100 jobs. Professional and business services posted the largest decrease over the month, down by 8,600 jobs.

Year-over Job Gains

In a year-over-year comparison (December 2015 to December 2016), nonfarm payroll employment in California increased by 332,500 jobs (a 2.0 percent increase).

Nine of California's eleven industry sectors added a total of 342,100 jobs year-over. The largest job gains on a numerical and percentage basis were in educational and health services, up 80,700 jobs (a 3.2 percent increase), and government, up 61,900 jobs (a 2.5 percent increase). Other sectors adding jobs over the year were construction; 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 9,600 jobs. Manufacturing employment fell by 7,600 jobs (down 0.6 percent), while mining and logging posted the largest decrease on percentage basis, down 7.3 percent (a decrease of 2,000 jobs).

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE CLAIMS (NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)

In related data, the EDD reported that there were 367,944 people receiving regular Unemployment Insurance benefits during the December survey week. This compares with 358,096 in November and 393,350 in December of last year. At the same time, new claims for Unemployment Insurance were 52,953 in December, compared with 54,252 in November and 53,248 in December of last year.

Seasonally adjusted payroll detail follows:

PAYROLL EMPLOYMENT, SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA²
(Amounts in thousands)

Industrial Classification	December 2016 (prelim.)	November 2016 (revised)	December 2015	Change Over 12 Months (percent)
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Workers	16,606.6	16,602.9	16,274.1	2.0
Mining and logging	25.4	24.4	27.4	-7.3
Construction	769.4	775.1	748.5	2.8
Manufacturing	1,282.8	1,281.3	1,290.4	-0.6
Trade, transportation and utilities	3,030.5	3,017.1	2,969.3	2.1
Information	492.8	499.3	487.0	1.2
Financial activities	816.9	818.0	806.1	1.3
Professional and business services	2,594.2	2,602.8	2,553.3	1.6
Educational and health services	2,581.1	2,577.7	2,500.4	3.2
Leisure and hospitality	1,920.1	1,912.6	1,864.8	3.0
Other services	553.9	556.1	549.3	0.8
Government*	2,539.5	2,538.5	2,477.6	2.5
Agriculture	416.4	418.7	413.3	0.8

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

TABLE A
EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT IN CALIFORNIA, SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA²

	December 2016 (prelim.)	November 2016 (revised)	October 2016	December 2015
Civilian labor force ^a	19,386,000	19,454,000	19,439,000	19,002,000
Total civilian employment	18,377,000	18,416,000	18,370,000	17,878,000
Unemployment	1,009,000	1,038,000	1,070,000	1,124,000
Seasonally adjusted rate %	5.2	5.3	5.5	5.9
US seasonally adjusted rate %	4.7	4.6	4.8	5.0

TABLE B
EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT IN CALIFORNIA, UNADJUSTED DATA

	December 2016 (prelim.)	November 2016 (revised)	October 2016	December 2015
Civilian labor force ^a	19,193,000	19,357,000	19,465,000	18,994,000
Total civilian employment	18,229,000	18,380,000	18,435,000	17,905,000
Unemployment	964,000	977,000	1,031,000	1,089,000
Unadjusted rate %	5.0	5.0	5.3	5.7

^aLabor 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
December 2016 (Preliminary); 2015 BENCHMARK
NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED**

COUNTY	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYMENT	UNEMPLOYMENT	RATE*
STATE TOTAL	19,192,800	18,228,600	964,200	5.0%
ALAMEDA	836,100	804,400	31,700	3.8%
ALPINE	610	580	30	4.8%
AMADOR	14,720	13,880	840	5.7%
BUTTE	102,800	96,400	6,400	6.3%
CALAVERAS	20,450	19,330	1,110	5.4%
COLUSA	10,680	8,600	2,090	19.5%
CONTRA COSTA	556,500	534,500	22,100	4.0%
DEL NORTE	9,530	8,860	660	6.9%
EL DORADO	90,500	86,200	4,300	4.7%
FRESNO	441,200	399,200	42,000	9.5%
GLENN	12,960	11,840	1,120	8.6%
HUMBOLDT	62,100	59,330	2,770	4.5%
IMPERIAL	77,000	62,500	14,500	18.8%
INYO	9,000	8,560	440	4.8%
KERN	391,400	352,500	38,900	9.9%
KINGS	57,400	51,700	5,700	9.9%
LAKE	29,260	27,280	1,980	6.8%
LASSEN	10,870	10,130	730	6.7%
LOS ANGELES	5,071,100	4,831,200	239,900	4.7%
MADERA	60,900	55,100	5,800	9.4%
MARIN	144,400	140,200	4,200	2.9%
MARIPOSA	7,460	6,920	540	7.2%
MENDOCINO	39,720	37,610	2,100	5.3%
MERCED	115,300	102,900	12,400	10.8%
MODOC	3,200	2,910	290	8.9%
MONO	9,090	8,700	390	4.3%
MONTEREY	209,500	188,800	20,700	9.9%
NAPA	73,800	70,500	3,300	4.4%
NEVADA	48,690	46,540	2,160	4.4%
ORANGE	1,620,400	1,563,500	56,900	3.5%
PLACER	181,100	173,800	7,300	4.0%
PLUMAS	7,740	6,920	820	10.6%
RIVERSIDE	1,059,400	1,002,900	56,500	5.3%
SACRAMENTO	700,100	665,500	34,600	4.9%
SAN BENITO	30,400	28,500	1,900	6.4%
SAN BERNARDINO	949,400	901,700	47,700	5.0%
SAN DIEGO	1,579,400	1,513,900	65,600	4.2%
SAN FRANCISCO	559,900	543,300	16,500	3.0%
SAN JOAQUIN	314,600	289,400	25,200	8.0%
SAN LUIS OBISPO	140,900	135,500	5,500	3.9%
SAN MATEO	451,300	439,100	12,200	2.7%
SANTA BARBARA	221,900	210,400	11,500	5.2%
SANTA CLARA	1,050,300	1,015,500	34,800	3.3%
SANTA CRUZ	144,300	133,500	10,800	7.5%
SHASTA	73,800	68,900	5,000	6.7%
SIERRA	1,290	1,180	110	8.5%
SISKIYOU	17,670	16,060	1,620	9.2%
SOLANO	210,100	199,400	10,700	5.1%
SONOMA	260,100	250,600	9,500	3.7%
STANISLAUS	244,100	223,900	20,200	8.3%
SUTTER	44,000	39,400	4,600	10.4%
TEHAMA	24,540	22,840	1,700	6.9%
TRINITY	5,200	4,860	340	6.6%
TULARE	200,700	177,500	23,100	11.5%
TUOLUMNE	21,470	20,180	1,290	6.0%
VENTURA	429,300	408,500	20,700	4.8%
YOLO	105,100	99,000	6,100	5.8%
YUBA	28,100	25,600	2,500	8.7%

*Not seasonally adjusted.