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California adds 52,200 nonfarm payroll jobs in September
Unemployment rate holds steady at 5.1 percent

SACRAMENTO – California’s employers added 52,200 nonfarm payroll jobs in September, while the state’s unemployment rate held steady at 5.1 percent, according to data released today by the California Employment Development Department (EDD) from two surveys. California has now gained a total of 2,643,900 jobs since the economic expansion began in February 2010.

The U.S. unemployment rate decreased 0.2 percentage point in September to 4.2 percent, while U.S. nonfarm payroll employment declined by 33,000 jobs.

In September 2016, the state’s unemployment rate was 5.3 percent. The unemployment rate is derived from a federal survey of 5,100 California households.

Nonfarm payroll jobs in California totaled 16,830,500 in September, according to a survey of businesses that is larger and less variable statistically. The survey of 71,000 California businesses measures jobs in the economy. The year-over change, September 2016 to September 2017, shows an increase of 280,300 jobs (up 1.7 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 the month and the year. It estimates the number of Californians holding jobs in September was 18,309,000, an increase of 113,000 from August, and up 183,000 from the employment total in September of last year.

The number of unemployed Californians was 986,000 in September – up by 13,000 over the month, but down by 37,000 compared with September 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 16,830,500 in September, a net gain of 52,200 jobs from August. This followed a revised loss of 7,700 jobs in August.

Month-over Job Gains

Eight of California's eleven industry sectors added a total of 57,100 jobs in September. Government posted the largest jobs increase with a gain of 27,000 jobs, followed by trade, transportation and utilities, up 13,000 jobs, and other services, up 5,200 jobs. Other sectors adding jobs over the month were information; leisure and hospitality; construction; educational and health services; and financial activities.

Month-over Job Losses

Three industry sectors reported job declines over the month, down a total of 4,900 jobs. Professional and business services posted the largest decrease over the month, down 3,500 jobs, followed by manufacturing, down 1,300 jobs, and mining and logging, down 100 jobs.

Year-over Job Gains

In a year-over-year comparison (September 2016 to September 2017), nonfarm payroll employment in California increased by 280,300 jobs (a 1.7 percent increase).

Eight of California's eleven industry sectors added a total of 287,700 jobs over the year. The largest job gains were in educational and health services, up 75,300 jobs (a 3.0 percent increase), government, up 57,600 jobs (a 2.3 percent increase), and construction, up 44,600 jobs (a 5.7 percent increase). Other sectors adding jobs over the year were leisure and hospitality; trade, transportation and utilities; other services; information; and financial activities.

Year-over Job Losses

Three industry sectors posted job declines over the year, down a total of 7,400 jobs. Professional and business services fell by 3,400 jobs (down 0.1 percent), manufacturing fell by 3,000 jobs (down 0.2 percent), and mining and logging fell by 1,000 jobs (down 4.2 percent).

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE CLAIMS (NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)

In related data, the EDD reported that there were 312,933 people receiving regular Unemployment Insurance benefits during the September survey week. This compares with 340,670 in August and 326,253 in September of last year. At the same time, new claims for Unemployment Insurance were 39,575 in September, compared with 38,074 in August and 38,277 in September of last year.

Seasonally adjusted payroll detail follows:

PAYROLL EMPLOYMENT, SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA²
(Amounts in thousands)

Industrial Classification	September 2016	August 2017 (revised)	September 2017 (prelim.)	Change Over 12 Months (percent)
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Workers	16,550.2	16,778.3	16,830.5	1.7
Mining and logging	23.7	22.8	22.7	-4.2
Construction	780.2	822.3	824.8	5.7
Manufacturing	1,301.4	1,299.7	1,298.4	-0.2
Trade, transportation and utilities	3,001.6	3,018.8	3,031.8	1.0
Information	523.5	531.4	535.7	2.3
Financial activities	825.5	831.7	832.1	0.8
Professional and business services	2,550.2	2,550.3	2,546.8	-0.1
Educational and health services	2,551.6	2,624.8	2,626.9	3.0
Leisure and hospitality	1,903.3	1,938.2	1,940.8	2.0
Other services	560.8	579.3	584.5	4.2
Government*	2,528.4	2,559.0	2,586.0	2.3
Agriculture	427.1	429.3	431.4	1.0

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

TABLE A
EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT IN CALIFORNIA, SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA²

	September 2016	July 2017	August 2017 (revised)	September 2017 (prelim.)
Civilian labor force ^a	19,149,000	19,137,000	19,169,000	19,295,000
Total civilian employment	18,126,000	18,211,000	18,196,000	18,309,000
Unemployment	1,023,000	926,000	973,000	986,000
Seasonally adjusted rate %	5.3	4.8	5.1	5.1
US seasonally adjusted rate %	4.9	4.3	4.4	4.2

TABLE B
EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT IN CALIFORNIA, UNADJUSTED DATA

	September 2016	July 2017	August 2017 (revised)	September 2017 (prelim.)
Civilian labor force ^a	19,186,000	19,285,000	19,294,000	19,450,000
Total civilian employment	18,182,000	18,249,000	18,251,000	18,533,000
Unemployment	1,004,000	1,035,000	1,043,000	917,000
Unadjusted rate %	5.2	5.4	5.4	4.7

^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
September 2017 (Preliminary); 2016 BENCHMARK
NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

COUNTY	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYMENT	UNEMPLOYMENT	RATE*
STATE TOTAL	19,450,400	18,533,100	917,300	4.7%
ALAMEDA	848,700	817,100	31,600	3.7%
ALPINE	510	480	30	6.7%
AMADOR	15,200	14,500	690	4.6%
BUTTE	104,900	99,400	5,500	5.2%
CALAVERAS	21,440	20,490	960	4.5%
COLUSA	11,140	10,150	990	8.9%
CONTRA COSTA	563,500	541,700	21,800	3.9%
DEL NORTE	9,800	9,230	570	5.8%
EL DORADO	90,900	87,200	3,800	4.1%
FRESNO	451,400	417,300	34,000	7.5%
GLENN	13,350	12,500	850	6.3%
HUMBOLDT	63,330	60,840	2,490	3.9%
IMPERIAL	76,100	58,900	17,200	22.6%
INYO	9,100	8,730	370	4.0%
KERN	392,100	360,100	31,900	8.1%
KINGS	57,500	53,200	4,300	7.5%
LAKE	30,110	28,500	1,610	5.4%
LASSEN	10,760	10,250	510	4.8%
LOS ANGELES	5,197,400	4,945,900	251,600	4.8%
MADERA	63,400	59,200	4,200	6.6%
MARIN	144,000	139,900	4,100	2.9%
MARIPOSA	8,200	7,840	360	4.4%
MENDOCINO	40,250	38,620	1,630	4.0%
MERCED	117,700	108,900	8,800	7.5%
MODOC	3,420	3,220	200	5.9%
MONO	8,360	7,960	400	4.8%
MONTEREY	227,600	216,800	10,800	4.7%
NAPA	77,100	74,600	2,500	3.2%
NEVADA	47,960	46,030	1,940	4.0%
ORANGE	1,612,400	1,554,200	58,200	3.6%
PLACER	182,800	175,800	7,000	3.8%
PLUMAS	8,060	7,580	480	6.0%
RIVERSIDE	1,070,700	1,010,200	60,500	5.6%
SACRAMENTO	708,500	675,300	33,100	4.7%
SAN BENITO	29,800	28,200	1,500	5.1%
SAN BERNARDINO	951,700	903,800	48,000	5.0%
SAN DIEGO	1,586,200	1,521,400	64,800	4.1%
SAN FRANCISCO	572,000	555,200	16,800	2.9%
SAN JOAQUIN	321,600	300,300	21,400	6.6%
SAN LUIS OBISPO	141,000	135,900	5,100	3.6%
SAN MATEO	458,400	446,000	12,400	2.7%
SANTA BARBARA	217,400	208,500	8,900	4.1%
SANTA CLARA	1,039,600	1,005,600	34,100	3.3%
SANTA CRUZ	144,900	138,200	6,800	4.7%
SHASTA	76,600	72,500	4,100	5.3%
SIERRA	1,390	1,320	70	5.2%
SISKIYOU	18,400	17,310	1,090	5.9%
SOLANO	209,900	200,200	9,800	4.6%
SONOMA	265,500	256,900	8,500	3.2%
STANISLAUS	251,700	235,400	16,400	6.5%
SUTTER	45,900	42,700	3,100	6.8%
TEHAMA	26,590	25,140	1,450	5.4%
TRINITY	5,230	4,980	250	4.8%
TULARE	207,700	187,900	19,800	9.5%
TUOLUMNE	22,420	21,320	1,100	4.9%
VENTURA	432,700	412,500	20,200	4.7%
YOLO	107,200	102,300	4,800	4.5%
YUBA	28,800	26,800	2,000	6.9%

*Not seasonally adjusted.