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California's unemployment rate falls to 4.9 percent in October
Nonfarm payrolls jobs increase by 31,700

SACRAMENTO – California's unemployment rate fell to 4.9 percent in October, while the state's employers added 31,700 nonfarm payroll jobs, according to data released today by the California Employment Development Department (EDD) from two surveys. California has now gained a total of 2,673,700 jobs since the economic expansion began in February 2010.

The U.S. unemployment rate decreased 0.1 percentage point in October to 4.1 percent, while the nation's employers added 261,000 nonfarm payroll jobs.

In October 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 16,860,300 in October, 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, October 2016 to October 2017, shows an increase of 256,800 jobs (up 1.5 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 October was 18,406,000, an increase of 97,000 from September, and up 261,000 from the employment total in October of last year.

The number of unemployed Californians was 952,000 in October – down by 35,000 over the month, and down by 63,000 compared with October 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 16,860,300 in October, a net gain of 31,700 jobs from September. This followed a revised gain of 50,300 jobs in September.

Month-over Job Gains

Six of California's eleven industry sectors added a total of 35,700 jobs in October. Leisure and hospitality posted the largest jobs increase with a gain of 15,300 jobs, followed by educational and health services, up 8,500 jobs, and government, up 4,800 jobs. Other sectors adding jobs over the month were trade, transportation and utilities; financial activities; and construction. One sector, mining and logging, reported no change over the month.

Month-over Job Losses

Four industry sectors reported job declines over the month, down a total of 4,000 jobs. Other services posted the largest decrease over the month, down 1,900 jobs, followed by information, down 1,700 jobs. Other sectors posting job declines over the month were professional and business services and manufacturing.

Year-over Job Gains

In a year-over-year comparison (October 2016 to October 2017), nonfarm payroll employment in California increased by 256,800 jobs (a 1.5 percent increase).

Nine of California's eleven industry sectors added a total of 262,100 jobs over the year. The largest job gains were in educational and health services, up 76,400 jobs (a 3.0 percent increase), construction, up 44,400 jobs (a 5.7 percent increase), and leisure and hospitality, up 37,500 jobs (a 2.0 percent increase). Other sectors adding jobs over the year were government; trade, transportation and utilities; other services; professional and business services; information; and financial activities.

Year-over Job Losses

Two industry sectors posted job declines over the year, down a total of 5,300 jobs. Manufacturing fell by 4,700 jobs (down 0.4 percent), and mining and logging declined by 600 jobs (down 2.6 percent).

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE CLAIMS (NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)

In related data, the EDD reported that there were 299,272 people receiving regular Unemployment Insurance benefits during the October survey week. This compares with 312,933 in September and 323,124 in October of last year. At the same time, new claims for Unemployment Insurance were 42,114 in October, compared with 39,575 in September and 44,808 in October of last year.

Seasonally adjusted payroll detail follows:

PAYROLL EMPLOYMENT, SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA²
(Amounts in thousands)

Industrial Classification	October 2016	September 2017 (revised)	October 2017 (prelim.)	Change Over 12 Months (percent)
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Workers	16,603.5	16,828.6	16,860.3	1.5
Mining and logging	23.3	22.7	22.7	-2.6
Construction	784.1	826.6	828.5	5.7
Manufacturing	1,301.8	1,297.2	1,297.1	-0.4
Trade, transportation and utilities	3,005.5	3,031.8	3,034.5	1.0
Information	528.7	536.0	534.3	1.1
Financial activities	831.6	833.7	836.2	0.6
Professional and business services	2,541.9	2,553.4	2,553.1	0.4
Educational and health services	2,561.6	2,629.5	2,638.0	3.0
Leisure and hospitality	1,918.2	1,940.4	1,955.7	2.0
Other services	563.3	583.2	581.3	3.2
Government*	2,543.5	2,574.1	2,578.9	1.4
Agriculture	429.6	430.3	428.0	-0.4

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

TABLE A
EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT IN CALIFORNIA, SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA²

	October 2016	August 2017	September 2017 (revised)	October 2017 (prelim.)
Civilian labor force ^a	19,159,000	19,169,000	19,296,000	19,358,000
Total civilian employment	18,145,000	18,196,000	18,309,000	18,406,000
Unemployment	1,015,000	973,000	987,000	952,000
Seasonally adjusted rate %	5.3	5.1	5.1	4.9
US seasonally adjusted rate %	4.8	4.4	4.2	4.1

TABLE B
EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT IN CALIFORNIA, UNADJUSTED DATA

	October 2016	August 2017	September 2017 (revised)	October 2017 (prelim.)
Civilian labor force ^a	19,201,000	19,294,000	19,451,000	19,353,000
Total civilian employment	18,194,000	18,251,000	18,532,000	18,516,000
Unemployment	1,008,000	1,043,000	918,000	837,000
Unadjusted rate %	5.2	5.4	4.7	4.3

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

COUNTY	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYMENT	UNEMPLOYMENT	RATE*
STATE TOTAL	19,353,400	18,516,000	837,400	4.3%
ALAMEDA	846,600	818,000	28,600	3.4%
ALPINE	500	470	30	5.9%
AMADOR	14,980	14,330	650	4.4%
BUTTE	105,200	100,200	4,900	4.7%
CALAVERAS	21,310	20,420	890	4.2%
COLUSA	10,890	9,950	940	8.6%
CONTRA COSTA	562,200	542,500	19,800	3.5%
DEL NORTE	9,650	9,100	550	5.7%
EL DORADO	90,500	87,100	3,400	3.8%
FRESNO	444,600	410,100	34,500	7.8%
GLENN	13,450	12,720	740	5.5%
HUMBOLDT	63,260	61,000	2,270	3.6%
IMPERIAL	75,100	59,400	15,700	20.9%
INYO	8,960	8,620	350	3.9%
KERN	389,300	360,200	29,200	7.5%
KINGS	56,600	52,400	4,200	7.4%
LAKE	29,740	28,150	1,590	5.3%
LASSEN	11,360	10,880	480	4.3%
LOS ANGELES	5,164,000	4,939,000	225,000	4.4%
MADERA	61,700	57,700	4,100	6.6%
MARIN	144,000	140,300	3,700	2.6%
MARIPOSA	7,640	7,280	360	4.7%
MENDOCINO	40,200	38,620	1,570	3.9%
MERCED	115,900	107,600	8,300	7.2%
MODOC	3,450	3,250	200	5.8%
MONO	7,970	7,560	420	5.2%
MONTEREY	223,200	212,900	10,300	4.6%
NAPA	76,400	73,800	2,600	3.4%
NEVADA	48,330	46,530	1,800	3.7%
ORANGE	1,606,600	1,554,000	52,600	3.3%
PLACER	182,000	175,600	6,400	3.5%
PLUMAS	7,850	7,390	460	5.9%
RIVERSIDE	1,071,800	1,017,800	54,000	5.0%
SACRAMENTO	704,400	674,500	30,000	4.3%
SAN BENITO	29,700	28,300	1,400	4.8%
SAN BERNARDINO	953,200	910,100	43,100	4.5%
SAN DIEGO	1,582,100	1,523,200	58,900	3.7%
SAN FRANCISCO	568,500	553,200	15,300	2.7%
SAN JOAQUIN	320,100	300,200	19,900	6.2%
SAN LUIS OBISPO	140,800	136,200	4,600	3.2%
SAN MATEO	455,800	444,600	11,200	2.5%
SANTA BARBARA	219,700	211,300	8,300	3.8%
SANTA CLARA	1,036,800	1,005,900	30,900	3.0%
SANTA CRUZ	144,200	137,800	6,400	4.5%
SHASTA	77,000	73,200	3,800	4.9%
SIERRA	1,390	1,320	70	4.8%
SISKIYOU	18,270	17,240	1,030	5.6%
SOLANO	208,900	199,900	9,000	4.3%
SONOMA	262,600	254,000	8,600	3.3%
STANISLAUS	245,400	229,900	15,500	6.3%
SUTTER	45,000	42,000	3,000	6.6%
TEHAMA	26,710	25,450	1,260	4.7%
TRINITY	5,070	4,830	240	4.7%
TULARE	202,900	183,800	19,100	9.4%
TUOLUMNE	22,250	21,220	1,030	4.6%
VENTURA	432,500	414,200	18,200	4.2%
YOLO	106,600	102,000	4,500	4.3%
YUBA	28,400	26,600	1,800	6.3%

*Not seasonally adjusted.