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**California's unemployment rate falls to 4.6 percent in November**  
***Nonfarm payrolls jobs increase by 47,400***

*SACRAMENTO – California's unemployment rate fell to 4.6 percent in November – a record low in a data series dating back to the beginning of 1976 – and the state's employers added 47,400 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 2,734,800 jobs since the economic expansion began in February 2010.*

The U.S. unemployment rate was unchanged in November at 4.1 percent, while the nation's employers added 228,000 nonfarm payroll jobs.

In November 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 16,921,400 in November, 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, November 2016 to November 2017, shows an increase of 288,300 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 November was 18,509,000, an increase of 102,000 from October, and up 351,000 from the employment total in November of last year.*

The number of unemployed Californians was 884,000 in November – down by 69,000 over the month, and down by 123,000 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 16,921,400 in November, a net gain of 47,400 jobs from October. This followed a revised gain of 45,400 jobs in October.

### **Month-over Job Gains**

Nine of California's eleven industry sectors added a total of 55,600 jobs in November. Educational and health services posted the largest jobs increase with a gain of 16,700 jobs, followed by leisure and hospitality, up 15,400 jobs, and professional and business services, up 13,700 jobs. Other sectors adding jobs over the month were construction, financial activities, manufacturing, other services, government, and mining and logging.

### **Month-over Job Losses**

Two industry sectors reported job declines over the month, down a total of 8,200 jobs. Information posted the largest decrease over the month, down 4,200 jobs, followed by trade, transportation and utilities, down 4,000 jobs.

### **Year-over Job Gains**

In a year-over-year comparison (November 2016 to November 2017), nonfarm payroll employment in California increased by 288,300 jobs (a 1.7 percent increase).

Nine of California's eleven industry sectors added a total of 292,400 jobs over the year. The largest job gains were in educational and health services, up 88,100 jobs (a 3.4 percent increase), leisure and hospitality, up 56,400 jobs (a 2.9 percent increase), and construction, up 48,400 jobs (a 6.2 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 4,100 jobs. Manufacturing fell by 3,800 jobs (down 0.3 percent), and mining and logging declined by 300 jobs (down 1.3 percent).

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

In related data, the EDD reported that there were 256,961 people receiving regular Unemployment Insurance benefits during the November survey week. This compares with 299,272 in October and 358,096 in November of last year. At the same time, new claims for Unemployment Insurance were 36,177 in November, compared with 42,114 in October and 54,252 in November of last year.

Seasonally adjusted payroll detail follows:

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

Industrial Classification	November 2016	October 2017 (revised)	November 2017 (prelim.)	Change Over 12 Months (percent)
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Workers . . . . .	16,633.1	16,874.0	16,921.4	1.7
Mining and logging . . . . .	23.1	22.7	22.8	-1.3
Construction . . . . .	786.9	832.1	835.3	6.2
Manufacturing . . . . .	1,304.5	1,298.2	1,300.7	-0.3
Trade, transportation and utilities . . . . .	3,013.8	3,038.5	3,034.5	0.7
Information . . . . .	528.0	539.8	535.6	1.4
Financial activities . . . . .	832.3	835.5	838.2	0.7
Professional and business services . . . . .	2,557.8	2,552.7	2,566.4	0.3
Educational and health services . . . . .	2,564.5	2,635.9	2,652.6	3.4
Leisure and hospitality . . . . .	1,916.6	1,957.6	1,973.0	2.9
Other services . . . . .	566.6	580.6	581.7	2.7
Government* . . . . .	2,539.0	2,580.4	2,580.6	1.6
Agriculture . . . . .	431.6	428.0	431.1	-0.1

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

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

	November 2016	September 2017	October 2017 (revised)	November 2017 (prelim.)
Civilian labor force <sup>a</sup> . . . . .	19,165,000	19,296,000	19,360,000	19,393,000
Total civilian employment . . . . .	18,158,000	18,309,000	18,407,000	18,509,000
Unemployment . . . . .	1,007,000	987,000	953,000	884,000
Seasonally adjusted rate % . . . . .	5.3	5.1	4.9	4.6
US seasonally adjusted rate % . . . . .	4.6	4.2	4.1	4.1

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

	November 2016	September 2017	October 2017 (revised)	November 2017 (prelim.)
Civilian labor force <sup>a</sup> . . . . .	19,158,000	19,451,000	19,358,000	19,344,000
Total civilian employment . . . . .	18,194,000	18,532,000	18,519,000	18,569,000
Unemployment . . . . .	964,000	918,000	839,000	776,000
Unadjusted rate % . . . . .	5.0	4.7	4.3	4.0

<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 2017 (Preliminary); 2016 BENCHMARK**  
*NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED*

COUNTY	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYMENT	UNEMPLOYMENT	RATE*
<b>STATE TOTAL</b>	<b>19,344,400</b>	<b>18,568,900</b>	<b>775,500</b>	<b>4.0%</b>
ALAMEDA	847,500	822,700	24,900	2.9%
ALPINE	510	480	30	5.3%
AMADOR	14,810	14,190	620	4.2%
BUTTE	103,900	98,900	5,000	4.8%
CALAVERAS	21,100	20,300	800	3.8%
COLUSA	10,420	9,000	1,420	13.6%
CONTRA COSTA	562,600	545,300	17,300	3.1%
DEL NORTE	9,600	9,060	540	5.6%
EL DORADO	90,600	87,500	3,100	3.5%
FRESNO	441,900	408,400	33,500	7.6%
GLENN	13,200	12,430	760	5.8%
HUMBOLDT	62,970	60,830	2,140	3.4%
IMPERIAL	74,700	59,900	14,800	19.8%
INYO	8,900	8,570	330	3.7%
KERN	385,100	356,700	28,400	7.4%
KINGS	56,000	51,800	4,200	7.5%
LAKE	29,480	27,900	1,580	5.3%
LASSEN	10,670	10,150	520	4.9%
LOS ANGELES	5,152,800	4,940,200	212,600	4.1%
MADERA	60,200	56,000	4,200	7.0%
MARIN	143,600	140,400	3,200	2.2%
MARIPOSA	7,140	6,770	370	5.2%
MENDOCINO	39,420	37,840	1,580	4.0%
MERCED	114,100	105,200	9,000	7.8%
MODOC	3,280	3,040	230	7.1%
MONO	8,020	7,670	350	4.4%
MONTEREY	218,600	205,900	12,700	5.8%
NAPA	73,400	71,000	2,400	3.3%
NEVADA	48,230	46,570	1,660	3.4%
ORANGE	1,610,000	1,564,300	45,700	2.8%
PLACER	182,300	176,600	5,700	3.1%
PLUMAS	7,550	6,990	570	7.5%
RIVERSIDE	1,080,200	1,034,000	46,200	4.3%
SACRAMENTO	704,600	678,100	26,600	3.8%
SAN BENITO	29,800	28,400	1,500	4.9%
SAN BERNARDINO	962,700	925,100	37,600	3.9%
SAN DIEGO	1,584,700	1,533,200	51,500	3.3%
SAN FRANCISCO	570,600	557,400	13,200	2.3%
SAN JOAQUIN	317,500	297,900	19,700	6.2%
SAN LUIS OBISPO	141,100	137,000	4,100	2.9%
SAN MATEO	457,500	447,900	9,600	2.1%
SANTA BARBARA	218,500	210,300	8,300	3.8%
SANTA CLARA	1,043,100	1,015,900	27,200	2.6%
SANTA CRUZ	144,000	136,300	7,700	5.4%
SHASTA	76,500	72,800	3,700	4.8%
SIERRA	1,330	1,260	60	4.7%
SISKIYOU	17,730	16,530	1,190	6.7%
SOLANO	209,200	201,000	8,200	3.9%
SONOMA	259,500	252,300	7,200	2.8%
STANISLAUS	245,500	230,300	15,200	6.2%
SUTTER	44,500	41,100	3,300	7.5%
TEHAMA	25,900	24,660	1,240	4.8%
TRINITY	4,950	4,690	260	5.2%
TULARE	202,400	184,400	18,100	8.9%
TUOLUMNE	22,080	21,130	950	4.3%
VENTURA	433,000	416,600	16,400	3.8%
YOLO	106,700	102,100	4,600	4.3%
YUBA	28,200	26,400	1,800	6.4%

\*Not seasonally adjusted.