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**California unemployment rate falls to new record low 4.1 percent in September**

***Nonfarm payroll jobs increase by 13,200***

SACRAMENTO – California’s unemployment rate decreased to 4.1 percent in September – a new record low level dating back to 1976 – while the state’s employers added 13,200 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 3,013,300 jobs since the economic expansion began in February 2010.

The U.S. unemployment rate fell to 3.7 percent, and the nation’s employers added 134,000 nonfarm payroll jobs.

In September 2017, the state’s unemployment rate was 4.5 percent. The unemployment rate is derived from a federal survey of 5,100 California households.

Nonfarm payroll jobs in California totaled 17,202,900 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 2017 to September 2018, shows an increase of 339,600 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 an increase in the number of employed Californians over the month. It estimates the number of Californians holding jobs in September was 18,582,000, an increase of 34,000 from August, and up 81,000 from the employment total in September of last year.

The number of unemployed Californians was 803,000 in September – with no change over the month, and down by 76,000 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 17,202,900 in September, a net gain of 13,200 jobs from August. This followed a revised gain of 42,600 jobs in August.

**Month-over Job Gains**

Four of California's eleven industry sectors added a total of 25,500 jobs in September. Professional and business services reported the largest increase with a gain of 11,800 jobs, followed by leisure and hospitality (up 8,500) and government (up 5,100). Mining and logging gained 100 jobs and financial activities reported no change over the month.

**Month-over Job Losses**

Six of California industries reported job losses over the month. Educational and health services reported the largest decrease with a loss of 3,700 jobs, followed by information with a loss of 3,000 jobs and construction with a 2,000 jobs loss. Other industries that lost jobs in September were other services (-1,800), manufacturing (-1,500) and trade, transportation and utilities (-300).

**Year-over Job Gains**

In a year-over-year comparison (September 2017 to September 2018), nonfarm payroll employment in California increased by 339,600 jobs (a 2.0 percent increase).

Nine of California's eleven industry sectors added a total of 344,400 jobs over the year. The largest job gains were in professional and business services, up 78,200 (a 3.0 percent increase), educational and health services, up 77,900 jobs (a 2.9 percent increase) and leisure and hospitality, up 68,600 (a 3.5 percent increase).

Other sectors adding jobs over the year were government, trade, transportation and utilities, construction, information, financial activities and manufacturing.

**Year-over Job Losses**

Two industry sectors posted job declines over the year, other services reported the largest decrease with a 4,500 job loss and mining and logging, down 300 jobs.

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

In related data, the EDD reported that there were 284,790 people receiving regular Unemployment Insurance benefits during the September survey week. This compares with 306,175 in August and 312,933 in September of last year. At the same time, new claims for Unemployment Insurance were 34,519 in September, compared with 35,925 in August and 39,575 in September of last year. Seasonally adjusted payroll detail follows:

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

Industrial Classification	September 2017	August 2018 (revised)	September 2018 (prelim.)	Change Over 12 Months (percent)
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Workers . . . . .	16,863.3	17,189.7	17,202.9	2.0
Mining and logging . . . . .	22.3	21.9	22.0	-1.3
Construction . . . . .	821.0	855.9	853.9	4.0
Manufacturing . . . . .	1,310.0	1,311.9	1,310.4	0.0
Trade, transportation and utilities . . . . .	3,050.3	3,084.3	3,084.0	1.1
Information . . . . .	533.6	542.4	539.4	1.1
Financial activities . . . . .	830.4	834.7	834.7	0.5
Professional and business services . . . . .	2,577.0	2,643.4	2,655.2	3.0
Educational and health services . . . . .	2,652.2	2,733.8	2,730.1	2.9
Leisure and hospitality . . . . .	1,946.0	2,006.1	2,014.6	3.5
Other services . . . . .	564.8	562.1	560.3	-0.8
Government* . . . . .	2,555.7	2,593.2	2,598.3	1.7
Agriculture . . . . .	433.1	429.3	436.6	0.8

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

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

	September 2017	July 2018	August 2018 (revised)	September 2018 (prelim.)
Civilian labor force <sup>a</sup> . . . . .	19,381,000	19,348,000	19,351,000	19,385,000
Total civilian employment . . . . .	18,501,000	18,541,000	18,548,000	18,582,000
Unemployment . . . . .	879,000	808,000	803,000	803,000
Seasonally adjusted rate % . . . . .	4.5	4.2	4.2	4.1
US seasonally adjusted rate % . . . . .	4.2	3.9	3.9	3.7

TABLE B  
EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT IN CALIFORNIA, UNADJUSTED DATA

	September 2017	July 2018	August 2018 (revised)	September 2018 (prelim.)
Civilian labor force <sup>a</sup> . . . . .	19,462,000	19,470,000	19,368,000	19,552,000
Total civilian employment . . . . .	18,621,000	18,613,000	18,542,000	18,784,000
Unemployment . . . . .	842,000	857,000	827,000	769,000
Unadjusted rate % . . . . .	4.3	4.4	4.3	3.9

<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**  
**September 2018 (Preliminary); 2017 BENCHMARK**  
**NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED**

<b>COUNTY</b>	<b>LABOR FORCE</b>	<b>EMPLOYMENT</b>	<b>UNEMPLOYMENT</b>	<b>RATE*</b>
<b>STATE TOTAL</b>	<b>19,552,500</b>	<b>18,783,600</b>	<b>768,900</b>	<b>3.9%</b>
ALAMEDA	860,300	836,100	24,100	2.8%
ALPINE	470	450	20	4.9%
AMADOR	14,960	14,450	510	3.4%
BUTTE	105,700	101,400	4,300	4.1%
CALAVERAS	21,860	21,090	770	3.5%
COLUSA	11,210	10,410	800	7.1%
CONTRA COSTA	571,900	555,100	16,800	2.9%
DEL NORTE	10,110	9,630	480	4.8%
EL DORADO	90,700	87,800	2,900	3.2%
FRESNO	455,400	428,600	26,800	5.9%
GLENN	13,110	12,420	700	5.3%
HUMBOLDT	63,800	61,800	2,000	3.1%
IMPERIAL	74,500	60,100	14,400	19.3%
INYO	8,900	8,610	290	3.3%
KERN	388,200	362,600	25,700	6.6%
KINGS	57,500	54,100	3,500	6.0%
LAKE	30,370	29,050	1,310	4.3%
LASSEN	10,250	9,860	390	3.8%
LOS ANGELES	5,168,400	4,920,700	247,800	4.8%
MADERA	62,200	58,800	3,400	5.4%
MARIN	144,700	141,400	3,200	2.2%
MARIPOSA	8,170	7,860	310	3.8%
MENDOCINO	40,530	39,160	1,370	3.4%
MERCED	120,200	113,100	7,200	5.9%
MODOC	3,170	3,000	170	5.4%
MONO	8,920	8,610	310	3.5%
MONTEREY	230,500	221,600	8,900	3.9%
NAPA	75,100	73,200	1,900	2.5%
NEVADA	48,640	47,080	1,560	3.2%
ORANGE	1,627,700	1,582,000	45,600	2.8%
PLACER	183,700	178,300	5,500	3.0%
PLUMAS	8,100	7,720	380	4.7%
RIVERSIDE	1,091,000	1,043,600	47,500	4.4%
SACRAMENTO	706,800	681,400	25,300	3.6%
SAN BENITO	30,700	29,400	1,200	4.0%
SAN BERNARDINO	966,200	929,400	36,800	3.8%
SAN DIEGO	1,601,800	1,551,300	50,500	3.2%
SAN FRANCISCO	577,500	564,700	12,800	2.2%
SAN JOAQUIN	332,400	315,700	16,700	5.0%
SAN LUIS OBISPO	142,400	138,500	3,900	2.7%
SAN MATEO	459,700	450,200	9,600	2.1%
SANTA BARBARA	217,300	210,200	7,100	3.3%
SANTA CLARA	1,067,700	1,041,900	25,800	2.4%
SANTA CRUZ	145,100	140,100	5,000	3.5%
SHASTA	75,700	72,500	3,200	4.3%
SIERRA	1,350	1,290	60	4.7%
SISKIYOU	18,380	17,480	910	4.9%
SOLANO	211,600	204,200	7,500	3.5%
SONOMA	271,200	264,600	6,600	2.4%
STANISLAUS	246,000	233,100	12,900	5.3%
SUTTER	45,700	43,300	2,500	5.4%
TEHAMA	26,800	25,540	1,260	4.7%
TRINITY	5,180	4,980	210	4.0%
TULARE	208,000	191,500	16,400	7.9%
TUOLUMNE	21,800	20,950	850	3.9%
VENTURA	426,400	410,800	15,600	3.7%
YOLO	107,500	103,700	3,700	3.5%
YUBA	28,800	27,200	1,600	5.5%

\*Not seasonally adjusted.