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California unemployment rate holds at record low 4.1 percent in October

Employers add 36,400 nonfarm payroll jobs

SACRAMENTO – California’s unemployment rate remained at 4.1 percent in October – holding at a record low in a series dating back to 1976 – and the state’s employers added 36,400 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 3,047,000 jobs since the economic expansion began in February 2010.

The U.S. unemployment rate remained at 3.7 percent, and the nation’s employers added 250,000 nonfarm payroll jobs.

In October 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 17,236,600 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 2017 to October 2018, shows an increase of 308,700 jobs (up 1.8 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 18,637,000, an increase of 55,000 from September, and up 111,000 from the employment total in October of last year.

The number of unemployed Californians was 804,000 in October – an increase of 1,000 over the month, and down by 63,000 compared with October of last year.

PAYROLL EMPLOYMENT DETAIL (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)

EDD’s payroll employment report (wage and salary jobs) in the nonfarm industries of California totaled 17,236,600 in October, a net gain of 36,400 jobs from September. This followed a revised gain of 10,500 jobs in September.

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Month-over Job Gains

Seven of California's eleven industry sectors added a total of 41,700 jobs in October. Professional and business services reported the largest increase with a gain of 19,100 jobs, followed by manufacturing (up 6,600 jobs) and information and government (both up 5,600 jobs). Other sectors adding jobs over the month were construction (up 3,000 jobs), leisure and hospitality (up 1,600 jobs) and mining and logging (up 200 jobs).

Month-over Job Losses

Four of California industries reported job losses over the month. Trade, transportation and utilities reported the largest decrease with a loss of 3,100 jobs, followed by educational and health services, down 1,100 jobs, other services with a 1,000 job loss and financial activities, down 100 jobs.

Year-over Job Gains

In a year-over-year comparison (October 2017 to October 2018), nonfarm payroll employment in California increased by 308,700 jobs (a 1.8 percent increase).

Nine of California's eleven industry sectors added a total of 313,300 jobs over the year. The largest job gains were in professional and business services, up 99,400 (a 3.9 percent increase), educational and health services, up 68,600 jobs (a 2.6 percent increase) and leisure and hospitality, up 46,900 (a 2.4 percent increase). Other sectors adding jobs over the year were government, construction, trade, transportation and utilities, information, manufacturing and financial activities. Mining and logging remained unchanged over the year.

Year-over Job Losses

The only industry that posted job declines over the year was other services with a 4,600 jobs loss.

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE CLAIMS (NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)

In related data, the EDD reported that there were 272,542 people receiving regular Unemployment Insurance benefits during the October survey week. This compares with 284,790 in September and 299,272 in October of last year. At the same time, new claims for Unemployment Insurance were 40,032 in October, compared with 34,519 in September and 42,114 in October of last year. Seasonally adjusted payroll detail follows:

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PAYROLL EMPLOYMENT, SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA²
(Amounts in thousands)

Industrial Classification	October 2017	September 2018 (revised)	October 2018 (prelim.)	Change Over 12 Months (percent)
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Workers	16,927.9	17,200.2	17,236.6	1.8
Mining and logging	22.3	22.1	22.3	0.0
Construction	828.2	855.2	858.2	3.6
Manufacturing	1,313.8	1,311.3	1,317.9	0.3
Trade, transportation and utilities	3,060.0	3,081.0	3,077.9	0.6
Information	538.5	538.7	544.3	1.1
Financial activities	831.8	836.0	835.9	0.5
Professional and business services	2,572.6	2,652.9	2,672.0	3.9
Educational and health services	2,6661.4	2,731.1	2,730.0	2.6
Leisure and hospitality	1,962.6	2,007.9	2,009.5	2.4
Other services	566.2	562.6	561.6	-0.8
Government*	2,570.5	2,601.4	2,607.0	1.4
Agriculture	430.4	429.0	435.1	1.1

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

TABLE A
EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT IN CALIFORNIA, SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA²

	October 2017	August 2018	September 2018 (revised)	October 2018 (prelim.)
Civilian labor force ^a	19,393,000	19,351,000	19,385,000	19,441,000
Total civilian employment	18,526,000	18,548,000	18,582,000	18,637,000
Unemployment	867,000	803,000	803,000	804,000
Seasonally adjusted rate %	4.5	4.2	4.1	4.1
US seasonally adjusted rate %	4.1	3.9	3.7	3.7

TABLE B
EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT IN CALIFORNIA, UNADJUSTED DATA

	October 2017	August 2018	September 2018 (revised)	October 2018 (prelim.)
Civilian labor force ^a	19,374,000	19,368,000	19,549,000	19,627,000
Total civilian employment	18,558,000	18,542,000	18,782,000	18,847,000
Unemployment	816,000	827,000	768,000	780,000
Unadjusted rate %	4.2	4.3	3.9	4.0

^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).

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MONTHLY LABOR FORCE DATA FOR COUNTIES
October 2018 (Preliminary); 2017 BENCHMARK
NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

COUNTY	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYMENT	UNEMPLOYMENT	RATE*
STATE TOTAL	19,627,400	18,846,900	780,500	4.0%
ALAMEDA	862,800	837,800	25,000	2.9%
ALPINE	460	440	20	5.2%
AMADOR	14,940	14,390	540	3.6%
BUTTE	106,700	102,200	4,500	4.2%
CALAVERAS	21,870	21,060	800	3.7%
COLUSA	11,230	10,320	910	8.1%
CONTRA COSTA	573,900	556,600	17,300	3.0%
DEL NORTE	10,070	9,560	510	5.0%
EL DORADO	91,400	88,400	3,100	3.4%
FRESNO	454,100	425,300	28,800	6.3%
GLENN	13,180	12,520	660	5.0%
HUMBOLDT	64,200	62,200	2,100	3.2%
IMPERIAL	74,900	60,600	14,400	19.2%
INYO	8,850	8,550	310	3.4%
KERN	390,900	365,200	25,700	6.6%
KINGS	57,100	53,400	3,700	6.4%
LAKE	30,070	28,660	1,410	4.7%
LASSEN	10,790	10,390	400	3.7%
LOS ANGELES	5,179,900	4,937,100	242,700	4.7%
MADERA	61,300	57,600	3,600	5.9%
MARIN	145,200	141,800	3,400	2.3%
MARIPOSA	7,710	7,370	340	4.4%
MENDOCINO	40,550	39,130	1,420	3.5%
MERCED	120,200	112,800	7,400	6.1%
MODOC	3,240	3,070	170	5.3%
MONO	8,600	8,240	360	4.2%
MONTEREY	225,500	216,100	9,400	4.2%
NAPA	74,900	72,900	2,000	2.6%
NEVADA	48,960	47,370	1,590	3.3%
ORANGE	1,640,100	1,593,000	47,100	2.9%
PLACER	185,000	179,300	5,700	3.1%
PLUMAS	7,970	7,560	410	5.2%
RIVERSIDE	1,099,700	1,051,600	48,100	4.4%
SACRAMENTO	711,200	685,100	26,000	3.7%
SAN BENITO	31,000	29,700	1,300	4.2%
SAN BERNARDINO	973,700	935,800	37,900	3.9%
SAN DIEGO	1,611,500	1,559,000	52,500	3.3%
SAN FRANCISCO	578,900	565,700	13,200	2.3%
SAN JOAQUIN	333,000	315,600	17,400	5.2%
SAN LUIS OBISPO	144,600	140,500	4,000	2.8%
SAN MATEO	461,000	451,200	9,800	2.1%
SANTA BARBARA	219,900	212,600	7,400	3.4%
SANTA CLARA	1,074,000	1,047,500	26,500	2.5%
SANTA CRUZ	147,300	142,100	5,200	3.6%
SHASTA	76,700	73,400	3,300	4.3%
SIERRA	1,360	1,300	70	4.8%
SISKIYOU	18,520	17,580	950	5.1%
SOLANO	211,300	203,600	7,700	3.6%
SONOMA	271,100	264,300	6,800	2.5%
STANISLAUS	244,000	230,700	13,400	5.5%
SUTTER	45,700	43,000	2,700	5.8%
TEHAMA	26,900	25,640	1,250	4.7%
TRINITY	5,070	4,850	220	4.3%
TULARE	205,000	187,900	17,100	8.3%
TUOLUMNE	21,790	20,910	880	4.0%
VENTURA	430,800	415,000	15,800	3.7%
YOLO	108,000	104,100	3,900	3.6%
YUBA	28,900	27,300	1,600	5.6%

*Not seasonally adjusted.

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