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California unemployment rate holds at 4.1 percent in November
Employers add 30,700 nonfarm payroll jobs

SACRAMENTO – California’s unemployment rate held at 4.1 percent in November while the state’s employers added 30,700 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 3,078,100 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 155,000 nonfarm payroll jobs.

In November 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 17,267,700 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 2017 to November 2018, shows an increase of 299,800 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 November was 18,710,500, an increase of 73,200 from October, and up 184,700 from the employment total in November of last year.

The number of unemployed Californians was 806,600 in November – an increase of 2,300 over the month, and down by 58,200 compared with November of last year.

PAYROLL EMPLOYMENT DETAIL (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)

EDD’s payroll employment report (wage and salary jobs) in the nonfarm industries of California totaled 17,267,700 in November, a net gain of 30,700 jobs from October. This followed a revised gain of 36,800 jobs in October.

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Month-over Job Gains

Nine of California's eleven industry sectors added a total of 35,400 jobs in November. Leisure and hospitality reported the largest increase with a gain of 12,400 jobs, followed by professional and business services (up 7,600 jobs), construction (up 3,300 jobs) and educational and health services (up 3,300 jobs). Other sectors adding jobs over the month were government, other services, manufacturing, financial activities, and trade, transportation, and utilities.

Month-over Job Losses

Two of California industries reported job losses over the month. Information reported the largest decrease with a loss of 4,500 jobs, followed by mining and logging which lost 200 jobs.

Year-over Job Gains

In a year-over-year comparison (November 2017 to November 2018), nonfarm payroll employment in California increased by 299,800 jobs (a 1.8 percent increase).

Nine of California's eleven industry sectors added a total of 301,500 jobs over the year. The largest job gains were in professional and business services, up 91,100 (a 3.5 percent increase), educational and health services, up 63,300 jobs (a 2.4 percent increase) and leisure and hospitality, up 50,600 (a 2.6 percent increase). Other sectors adding jobs over the year were government, construction, trade, transportation and utilities, information, manufacturing and financial activities.

Year-over Job Losses

Industries that posted job declines over the year included other services with a job loss of 1,300 and mining and logging, with a 400 job loss.

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE CLAIMS (NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)

In related data, the EDD reported that there were 261,022 people receiving regular Unemployment Insurance benefits during the November survey week. This compares with 272,542 in October and 256,961 in November of last year. At the same time, new claims for Unemployment Insurance were 34,207 in November, compared with 40,032 in October and 36,177 in November of last year. Seasonally adjusted payroll detail follows:

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PAYROLL EMPLOYMENT, SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA²
(Amounts in thousands)

Industrial Classification	November 2017	October 2018 (revised)	November 2018 (prelim.)	Change Over 12 Months (percent)
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Workers	16,967.9	17,237.0	17,267.7	1.8
Mining and logging	22.3	22.1	21.9	-1.8
Construction	831.5	857.8	861.1	3.6
Manufacturing	1,314.6	1,318.2	1,319.8	0.4
Trade, transportation and utilities	3,062.1	3,079.6	3,080.2	0.6
Information	534.7	547.0	542.5	1.5
Financial activities	834.0	837.2	838.3	0.5
Professional and business services	2,582.3	2,665.8	2,673.4	3.5
Educational and health services	2,671.3	2,731.3	2,734.6	2.4
Leisure and hospitality	1,974.5	2,012.7	2,025.1	2.6
Other services	566.0	561.9	564.7	-0.2
Government*	2,574.6	2,603.4	2,606.1	1.2
Agriculture	430.7	435.1	445.8	3.5

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

TABLE A
EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT IN CALIFORNIA, SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA²

	November 2017	September 2018	October 2018 (revised)	November 2018 (prelim.)
Civilian labor force ^a	19,391,000	19,385,000	19,442,000	19,517,000
Total civilian employment	18,526,000	18,582,000	18,637,000	18,711,000
Unemployment	865,000	803,000	804,000	807,000
Seasonally adjusted rate %	4.5	4.1	4.1	4.1
US seasonally adjusted rate %	4.1	3.7	3.7	3.7

TABLE B
EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT IN CALIFORNIA, UNADJUSTED DATA

	November 2017	September 2018	October 2018 (revised)	November 2018 (prelim.)
Civilian labor force ^a	19,384,000	19,549,000	19,630,000	19,716,000
Total civilian employment	18,571,000	18,782,000	18,850,000	18,938,000
Unemployment	813,000	768,000	780,000	777,000
Unadjusted rate %	4.2	3.9	4.0	3.9

^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
November 2018 (Preliminary); 2017 BENCHMARK
NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

COUNTY	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYMENT	UNEMPLOYMENT	RATE*
STATE TOTAL	19,715,600	18,938,100	777,500	3.9%
ALAMEDA	870,400	846,000	24,400	2.8%
ALPINE	600	580	20	3.8%
AMADOR	14,850	14,320	530	3.6%
BUTTE	106,300	101,700	4,600	4.3%
CALAVERAS	21,840	21,050	780	3.6%
COLUSA	10,810	9,510	1,310	12.1%
CONTRA COSTA	578,700	561,800	16,900	2.9%
DEL NORTE	9,950	9,410	540	5.5%
EL DORADO	92,200	89,100	3,100	3.4%
FRESNO	454,500	423,200	31,400	6.9%
GLENN	12,910	12,200	710	5.5%
HUMBOLDT	64,400	62,300	2,100	3.3%
IMPERIAL	76,000	62,200	13,800	18.1%
INYO	8,860	8,520	330	3.8%
KERN	388,300	362,500	25,700	6.6%
KINGS	57,500	53,500	4,000	7.0%
LAKE	29,840	28,390	1,450	4.8%
LASSEN	9,980	9,570	410	4.1%
LOS ANGELES	5,201,300	4,961,300	240,000	4.6%
MADERA	60,700	56,900	3,800	6.2%
MARIN	145,600	142,400	3,200	2.2%
MARIPOSA	7,290	6,940	360	4.9%
MENDOCINO	40,110	38,640	1,470	3.7%
MERCED	119,100	111,100	8,000	6.7%
MODOC	3,150	2,950	200	6.3%
MONO	8,690	8,340	350	4.0%
MONTEREY	220,500	209,600	10,900	4.9%
NAPA	72,900	70,900	2,000	2.7%
NEVADA	49,180	47,570	1,610	3.3%
ORANGE	1,643,800	1,598,400	45,400	2.8%
PLACER	186,600	181,000	5,600	3.0%
PLUMAS	7,680	7,190	490	6.4%
RIVERSIDE	1,110,500	1,064,700	45,800	4.1%
SACRAMENTO	716,900	691,400	25,400	3.5%
SAN BENITO	31,200	29,800	1,400	4.4%
SAN BERNARDINO	984,500	947,700	36,800	3.7%
SAN DIEGO	1,623,300	1,572,000	51,300	3.2%
SAN FRANCISCO	583,700	571,000	12,700	2.2%
SAN JOAQUIN	332,300	314,100	18,300	5.5%
SAN LUIS OBISPO	145,700	141,800	3,900	2.7%
SAN MATEO	464,800	455,400	9,500	2.0%
SANTA BARBARA	219,900	212,400	7,500	3.4%
SANTA CLARA	1,084,000	1,058,400	25,600	2.4%
SANTA CRUZ	146,000	140,000	6,000	4.1%
SHASTA	76,100	72,700	3,300	4.4%
SIERRA	1,320	1,260	60	4.8%
SISKIYOU	18,020	17,010	1,010	5.6%
SOLANO	212,700	205,100	7,700	3.6%
SONOMA	268,100	261,500	6,700	2.5%
STANISLAUS	245,900	231,800	14,000	5.7%
SUTTER	45,300	42,300	3,000	6.7%
TEHAMA	26,390	25,130	1,270	4.8%
TRINITY	4,980	4,750	230	4.6%
TULARE	206,600	188,800	17,800	8.6%
TUOLUMNE	21,860	20,960	890	4.1%
VENTURA	433,200	417,200	15,900	3.7%
YOLO	108,700	104,500	4,200	3.9%
YUBA	28,900	27,200	1,700	5.9%

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