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California's Nonfarm Payroll Jobs Increase by 32,500

NOTE TO EDITORS: *This release incorporates revised labor force and unemployment numbers from 1976 to 2009. Each year, our labor force and unemployment data are updated to reflect additional data inputs and estimation techniques. These data are produced in cooperation with the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, based on the same methodology used by all states. Because the update of historical data uses slightly different methods than the current month estimates, users should be cautious about comparing current year labor force and unemployment estimates to those for prior years.*

SACRAMENTO – California non-farm payroll jobs increased by 32,500 in January, with eight of 11 industry sectors showing gains, according to data released today by the California Employment Development Department (EDD) from two separate surveys. The unemployment rate was 12.5 percent, following an annual revision of monthly employment estimates.

The U.S. unemployment rate decreased in January, to 9.7 percent.

In December, the state's unemployment rate was a revised 12.3 percent, and in January 2009, the unemployment rate was 9.7 percent. The unemployment rate is derived from a federal survey of 5,500 California households.

Nonfarm jobs in California totaled 13,842,100 in January, an increase of 32,500 over the month, according to a survey of businesses that is larger and less variable statistically. The survey of 42,000 California businesses measures jobs in the economy. The year-over-year change (January 2009 to January 2010) shows a decrease of 701,700 jobs (down 4.8 percent).

EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT IN CALIFORNIA

The federal survey of households, done with a smaller sample than the survey of employers, shows a decrease in the number of employed people. It estimates the number of Californians holding jobs in January was 15,850,000, a decrease of 18,000 from December, and down 735,000 from the employment total in January of last year.

The number of people unemployed in California was 2,266,000 – up by 32,000 over the month, and up by 488,000 compared with January of last year.

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PAYROLL EMPLOYMENT DETAIL (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)

EDD's report on payroll employment (wage and salary jobs) in the nonfarm industries of California totaled 13,842,100 in January, a net gain of 32,500 jobs since the December survey. This followed a loss of 41,200 jobs (as revised) in December.

Eight categories (mining and logging; construction; manufacturing; trade, transportation and utilities; educational and health services; leisure and hospitality; other services; and government) added jobs over the month, gaining 45,900 jobs. Construction posted the largest increase over the month, adding 16,200 jobs. Three categories (information; financial activities; and professional and business services) reported job declines this month, down 13,400 jobs. Information posted the largest decline over the month, down by 12,100 jobs.

In a year-over-year comparison (January 2009 to January 2010), nonfarm payroll employment in California decreased by 701,700 jobs (down 4.8 percent).

One industry division, educational and health services, posted job gains over the year, adding 12,400 jobs (a 0.7 percent increase).

Ten categories (mining and logging; construction; manufacturing; trade, transportation and utilities; information; financial activities; professional and business services; leisure and hospitality; other services; and government) posted job declines over the year, down 714,100 jobs. Trade, transportation and utilities employment showed the largest decline on a numerical basis, down by 148,900 jobs (a decline of 5.5 percent). Construction posted the largest decline on a percentage basis, down by 18.0 percent (a decrease of 128,700 jobs).

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE CLAIMS (NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)

In related data, the EDD reported that there were 717,070 people receiving regular unemployment insurance benefits during the January survey week. This compares with 792,764 last month and 717,525 last year. At the same time, new claims for unemployment insurance were 92,738 in January 2010, compared with 80,873 in December and 75,514 in January of last year.

NOTE TO EDITORS: EDD encourages those who are filing for Unemployment Insurance (UI) benefits to do so on-line through our Web site at www.edd.ca.gov. On-line claim filing is the fastest, most convenient way to apply for unemployment benefits, and is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. EDD's UI telephone lines also are open Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. for claim filing and assistance.

Seasonally adjusted payroll detail follows:

PAYROLL EMPLOYMENT, SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA²
(Amounts in thousands)

Industrial Classification	January 2010 (prelim.)	December 2009 (revised)	January 2009	Change Over 12 Months (Percent)
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Workers	13,842.1	13,809.6	14,543.8	-4.8
Mining and logging	24.6	24.1	28.2	-12.8
Construction	584.7	568.5	713.4	-18.0
Manufacturing	1,240.1	1,231.2	1,359.4	-8.8
Trade, transportation and utilities	2,579.0	2,573.5	2,727.6	-5.5
Information	437.4	449.5	450.2	-2.8
Financial activities	782.1	782.5	821.2	-4.8
Professional and business services	2,017.9	2,018.8	2,153.6	-6.3
Educational and health services	1,754.3	1,747.2	1,741.9	0.7
Leisure and hospitality	1,478.2	1,476.2	1,537.4	-3.9
Other services	468.5	467.3	498.5	-6.0
Government*	2,475.3	2,470.8	2,512.1	-1.5
Agriculture	379.4	370.4	385.0	-1.5

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

TABLE A
EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT IN CALIFORNIA, SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA²

	January 2010 (prelim.)	December 2009 (revised)	November 2009	January 2009
Civilian labor force ^a	18,117,000	18,102,000	18,126,000	18,362,000
Total civilian employment	15,850,000	15,868,000	15,899,000	16,585,000
Unemployment	2,266,000	2,234,000	2,227,000	1,778,000
Seasonally adjusted rate %	12.5	12.3	12.3	9.7
US seasonally adjusted rate %	9.7	10.0	10.0	7.7

TABLE B
EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT IN CALIFORNIA, UNADJUSTED DATA

	January 2010 (prelim.)	December 2009 (revised)	November 2009	January 2009
Civilian labor force ^a	18,125,000	18,035,000	18,137,000	18,296,000
Total civilian employment	15,733,000	15,839,000	15,960,000	16,410,000
Unemployment	2,393,000	2,195,000	2,178,000	1,886,000
Unadjusted rate %	13.2	12.2	12.0	10.3

^a Labor force by place of residence including workers involved in trade disputes.

² 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 CALIFORNIA AND LOS ANGELES COUNTY
JANUARY 2010 (Preliminary); 2009 BENCHMARK
NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED**

COUNTY	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYMENT	UNEMPLOYMENT	RATE*
STATE TOTAL	18,125,000	15,733,000	2,393,000	13.2%
LOS ANGELES	4,834,000	4,197,000	637,000	13.2%

*Not seasonally adjusted.

NOTE TO EDITORS: State and Los Angeles County data are being released today. (Because of the size of its labor force, Los Angeles County is treated as if it were a state by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. Data for the remainder of the counties is estimated through a different process.)

EDD's Labor Market Information Division (LMID) plans to release industry and labor force data for all other Metropolitan Statistical Areas, counties and cities on Wednesday, March 10, 2010. EDD will distribute this revised localized data next week and it will be available on our Web site at:

<http://www.labormarketinfo.edd.ca.gov/>.

EDD derives its industry jobs and labor force data using nationally mandated statistical models. These models rely on several data inputs which are updated during our annual benchmark. Nationwide, processing of these inputs has proved to be more time consuming than expected, resulting in a later release of local area information.

We appreciate your patience and understanding. If you have any additional questions, please contact your nearest LMID Labor Market Consultant. An on-line staff directory is available at:

<http://www.calmis.ca.gov/file/resource/LMIConsultants.pdf>

More information on the annual benchmark process is available at:

<http://www.labormarketinfo.edd.ca.gov/article.asp?ARTICLEID=123>

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