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### **California's Unemployment Rate Decreases to 12.4 Percent Nonfarm Payroll Jobs Increase by 28,300**

**SACRAMENTO** – California's unemployment rate decreased to 12.4 percent in May, and nonfarm payroll jobs increased by 28,300 during the month, according to data released today by the California Employment Development Department (EDD) from two separate surveys.

The U.S. unemployment rate also decreased in May to 9.7 percent.

In April, the state's unemployment rate was a revised 12.5 percent, and in May 2009, the unemployment rate was 11.3 percent. The unemployment rate is derived from a federal survey of 5,500 California households.

California has gained jobs in each of the first five months of 2010, with gains over the period totaling 95,900 jobs. Nonfarm jobs in California totaled 13,905,500 in May, an increase of 28,300 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 (May 2009 to May 2010) shows a decrease of 244,700 jobs (down 1.7 percent).

#### **EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT IN CALIFORNIA**

The federal survey of households, done with a smaller sample than the survey of employers, shows an increase in the number of employed people during the month. It estimates the number of Californians holding jobs in May was 16,062,000, an increase of 48,000 from April, but down 182,000 from the employment total in May of last year.

The number of people unemployed in California was 2,277,000 – down by 21,000 over the month, but up by 212,000 compared with May 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 13,905,500 in May, a net gain of 28,300 jobs since the April survey. This followed a gain of 25,400 jobs (as revised) in April.

Six categories (manufacturing; information; professional and business services; leisure and hospitality; other services; and government) added jobs over the month, gaining 46,200 jobs. Government posted the largest increase over the month, adding 30,000 jobs, all in federal government. Four categories (construction; trade, transportation and utilities; financial activities; and educational and health services) reported job declines this month, down 17,900 jobs. Trade, transportation and utilities posted the largest decline over the month, down by 9,600 jobs. One sector, mining and logging, recorded no change over the month.

In a year-over-year comparison (May 2009 to May 2010), nonfarm payroll employment in California decreased by 244,700 jobs (down 1.7 percent).

Three industry divisions (information; educational and health services; and government) posted job gains over the year, adding 37,000 jobs. Educational and health services recorded the largest increase over the year on a numerical percentage basis, up 24,500 jobs (a 1.4 percent increase). Information posted the largest increase over the year on a percentage basis, up 2.0 percent (a gain of 8,900 jobs).

Eight categories (mining and logging; construction; manufacturing; trade, transportation and utilities; financial activities; professional and business services; leisure and hospitality; and other services) posted job declines over the year, down 281,700 jobs. Trade, transportation and utilities employment showed the largest decline over the year on a numerical basis, down by 82,300 jobs (a decline of 3.1 percent). Construction employment showed the largest decline over the year on a percentage basis, down 12.8 percent (down 80,800 jobs).

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

In related data, the EDD reported that there were 675,201 people receiving regular unemployment insurance benefits during the May survey week. (When federal UI extensions are included, the total is 1,461,349 people receiving benefits.) This compares with 729,211 last month and 839,960 last year. At the same time, new claims for unemployment insurance were 70,439 in May 2010, compared with 83,896 in April and 67,579 in May 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](http://www.edd.ca.gov). On-line claim filing is the fastest, most convenient way to apply for UI benefits, and is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. EDD's UI phone 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 DATA<sup>2</sup>**  
(Amounts in thousands)

| Industrial Classification                            | May 2010<br>(prelim.) | April 2010<br>(revised) | May 2009 | Change Over<br>12 Months<br>(Percent) |
|--|-----------------------|-------------------------|----------|---------------------------------------|
| Nonagricultural Wage and<br>Salary Workers . . . . . | 13,905.5              | 13,877.2                | 14,150.2 | -1.7                                  |
| Mining and logging . . . . .                         | 24.7                  | 24.7                    | 25.7     | -3.9                                  |
| Construction . . . . .                               | 552.0                 | 554.2                   | 632.8    | -12.8                                 |
| Manufacturing . . . . .                              | 1,238.4               | 1,237.1                 | 1,291.6  | -4.1                                  |
| Trade, transportation and<br>utilities . . . . .     | 2,572.9               | 2,582.5                 | 2,655.2  | -3.1                                  |
| Information . . . . .                                | 450.5                 | 445.8                   | 441.6    | 2.0                                   |
| Financial activities . . . . .                       | 779.8                 | 780.8                   | 799.5    | -2.5                                  |
| Professional and business<br>services . . . . .      | 2,042.9               | 2,038.7                 | 2,057.3  | -0.7                                  |
| Educational and health<br>services . . . . .         | 1,761.5               | 1,766.6                 | 1,737.0  | 1.4                                   |
| Leisure and hospitality . . . . .                    | 1,489.2               | 1,485.6                 | 1,509.7  | -1.4                                  |
| Other services . . . . .                             | 479.5                 | 477.1                   | 489.3    | -2.0                                  |
| Government* . . . . .                                | 2,514.1               | 2,484.1                 | 2,510.5  | 0.1                                   |
| Agriculture . . . . .                                | 362.0                 | 375.4                   | 383.2    | -5.5                                  |

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

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

|   | May 2010<br>(prelim.) | April 2010<br>(revised) | March 2010 | May 2009   |
|---|-----------------------|-------------------------|------------|------------|
| Civilian labor force <sup>a</sup> . . . . . | 18,340,000            | 18,313,000              | 18,246,000 | 18,309,000 |
| Total civilian employment . . . . .         | 16,062,000            | 16,014,000              | 15,939,000 | 16,244,000 |
| Unemployment . . . . .                      | 2,277,000             | 2,298,000               | 2,307,000  | 2,065,000  |
| Seasonally adjusted rate % . . . . .        | 12.4                  | 12.5                    | 12.6       | 11.3       |
| US seasonally adjusted rate % . . . . .     | 9.7                   | 9.9                     | 9.7        | 9.4        |

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

|   | May 2010<br>(prelim.) | April 2010<br>(revised) | March 2010 | May 2009   |
|---|-----------------------|-------------------------|------------|------------|
| Civilian labor force <sup>a</sup> . . . . . | 18,231,000            | 18,252,000              | 18,316,000 | 18,244,000 |
| Total civilian employment . . . . .         | 16,059,000            | 16,019,000              | 15,936,000 | 16,246,000 |
| Unemployment . . . . .                      | 2,172,000             | 2,233,000               | 2,380,000  | 1,998,000  |
| Unadjusted rate % . . . . .                 | 11.9                  | 12.2                    | 13.0       | 11.0       |

<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**  
**May 2010 (Preliminary); 2009 BENCHMARK**  
**NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED**

| COUNTY             | LABOR FORCE       | EMPLOYMENT        | UNEMPLOYMENT     | RATE*        |
|--------------------|-------------------|-------------------|------------------|--------------|
| <b>STATE TOTAL</b> | <b>18,231,400</b> | <b>16,059,400</b> | <b>2,172,000</b> | <b>11.9%</b> |
| ALAMEDA            | 754,500           | 670,600           | 83,900           | 11.1%        |
| ALPINE             | 400               | 330               | 70               | 17.6%        |
| AMADOR             | 18,040            | 15,770            | 2,270            | 12.6%        |
| BUTTE              | 105,200           | 91,200            | 14,000           | 13.3%        |
| CALAVERAS          | 20,440            | 17,390            | 3,060            | 14.9%        |
| COLUSA             | 12,230            | 10,030            | 2,200            | 18.0%        |
| CONTRA COSTA       | 521,300           | 464,300           | 57,100           | 10.9%        |
| DEL NORTE          | 11,550            | 10,050            | 1,500            | 13.0%        |
| EL DORADO          | 92,400            | 80,500            | 11,900           | 12.8%        |
| FRESNO             | 449,600           | 377,900           | 71,600           | 15.9%        |
| GLENN              | 13,130            | 11,170            | 1,970            | 15.0%        |
| HUMBOLDT           | 61,700            | 55,100            | 6,600            | 10.7%        |
| IMPERIAL           | 76,100            | 55,200            | 21,000           | 27.5%        |
| INYO               | 9,770             | 8,890             | 880              | 9.0%         |
| KERN               | 367,800           | 310,100           | 57,700           | 15.7%        |
| KINGS              | 63,200            | 53,500            | 9,700            | 15.3%        |
| LAKE               | 25,800            | 21,400            | 4,400            | 17.1%        |
| LASSEN             | 13,420            | 11,540            | 1,880            | 14.0%        |
| LOS ANGELES        | 4,841,900         | 4,253,900         | 588,000          | 12.1%        |
| MADERA             | 68,700            | 58,400            | 10,300           | 15.0%        |
| MARIN              | 130,300           | 120,100           | 10,300           | 7.9%         |
| MARIPOSA           | 9,770             | 8,720             | 1,050            | 10.8%        |
| MENDOCINO          | 43,660            | 38,940            | 4,720            | 10.8%        |
| MERCED             | 108,200           | 88,600            | 19,600           | 18.1%        |
| MODOC              | 3,830             | 3,280             | 550              | 14.4%        |
| MONO               | 8,550             | 7,560             | 990              | 11.6%        |
| MONTEREY           | 222,200           | 197,700           | 24,500           | 11.0%        |
| NAPA               | 75,600            | 68,800            | 6,800            | 9.0%         |
| NEVADA             | 50,770            | 44,890            | 5,880            | 11.6%        |
| ORANGE             | 1,602,000         | 1,455,300         | 146,700          | 9.2%         |
| PLACER             | 178,100           | 158,200           | 19,900           | 11.2%        |
| PLUMAS             | 9,370             | 7,730             | 1,640            | 17.5%        |
| RIVERSIDE          | 909,400           | 782,400           | 127,100          | 14.0%        |
| SACRAMENTO         | 685,300           | 602,500           | 82,900           | 12.1%        |
| SAN BENITO         | 25,900            | 21,300            | 4,600            | 17.6%        |
| SAN BERNARDINO     | 863,000           | 744,400           | 118,700          | 13.8%        |
| SAN DIEGO          | 1,566,300         | 1,409,300         | 157,000          | 10.0%        |
| SAN FRANCISCO      | 454,300           | 412,700           | 41,600           | 9.2%         |
| SAN JOAQUIN        | 308,500           | 258,600           | 49,800           | 16.2%        |
| SAN LUIS OBISPO    | 137,000           | 124,000           | 13,000           | 9.5%         |
| SAN MATEO          | 370,300           | 337,600           | 32,700           | 8.8%         |
| SANTA BARBARA      | 224,300           | 205,700           | 18,600           | 8.3%         |
| SANTA CLARA        | 873,000           | 777,000           | 96,000           | 11.0%        |
| SANTA CRUZ         | 150,600           | 133,200           | 17,400           | 11.5%        |
| SHASTA             | 85,500            | 72,300            | 13,200           | 15.4%        |
| SIERRA             | 1,680             | 1,430             | 250              | 14.7%        |
| SISKIYOU           | 20,250            | 17,090            | 3,160            | 15.6%        |
| SOLANO             | 213,900           | 188,700           | 25,200           | 11.8%        |
| SONOMA             | 256,300           | 230,700           | 25,600           | 10.0%        |
| STANISLAUS         | 239,800           | 198,400           | 41,400           | 17.3%        |
| SUTTER             | 43,200            | 34,600            | 8,600            | 20.0%        |
| TEHAMA             | 25,740            | 21,840            | 3,900            | 15.1%        |
| TRINITY            | 5,100             | 4,190             | 910              | 17.8%        |
| TULARE             | 213,600           | 180,400           | 33,200           | 15.5%        |
| TUOLUMNE           | 26,380            | 22,830            | 3,560            | 13.5%        |
| VENTURA            | 435,100           | 390,700           | 44,400           | 10.2%        |
| YOLO               | 98,500            | 87,000            | 11,500           | 11.7%        |
| YUBA               | 28,700            | 23,500            | 5,200            | 18.2%        |

\*Not seasonally adjusted.

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