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California's Unemployment Rate Unchanged at 12.3 Percent

SACRAMENTO – California's unemployment rate was unchanged at 12.3 percent in July, and nonfarm payroll jobs decreased by 9,400 during the month, according to data released today by the California Employment Development Department (EDD) from two separate surveys. Job losses were primarily in government employment, mostly temporary federal Census jobs, while private nonfarm payrolls grew by 13,700 jobs.

The U.S. unemployment rate was also unchanged in July at 9.5 percent.

In June, the state's unemployment rate was 12.3 percent, and in July 2009, the unemployment rate was 11.8 percent. The unemployment rate is derived from a federal survey of 5,500 California households.

Nonfarm jobs in California totaled 13,874,900 in July, a decrease of 9,400 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 (July 2009 to July 2010) shows a decrease of 103,800 jobs (down 0.7 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 July was 16,018,000, a decrease of 51,000 from June, and down 83,000 from the employment total in July of last year.

The number of people unemployed in California was 2,251,000 – up by 7,000 over the month, and up by 100,000 compared with July 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 13,874,900 in July, a net loss of 9,400 jobs since the June survey. This followed a loss of 24,000 jobs (as revised) in June.

Five categories (construction; trade, transportation and utilities; information; educational and health services; and other services) added jobs over the month, gaining 21,000 jobs. Educational and health services posted the largest increase over the month, adding 11,600 jobs. Five categories (mining and logging; manufacturing; professional and business services; leisure and hospitality; and government) reported job declines this month, down 30,400 jobs. Government posted the largest decline over the month, down by 23,100 jobs. One sector, financial activities, reported no change over the month.

In a year-over-year comparison (July 2009 to July 2010), nonfarm payroll employment in California decreased by 103,800 jobs (down 0.7 percent).

Five industry divisions (mining and logging; information; professional and business services; educational and health services; and other services) posted job gains over the year, adding 65,400 jobs. Educational and health services recorded the largest increase over the year on both a numerical and percentage basis, up 35,500 jobs (a 2.0 percent increase).

Six categories (construction; manufacturing; trade, transportation and utilities; financial activities; leisure and hospitality; and government) posted job declines over the year, down 169,200 jobs. Construction employment showed the largest decline over the year on both a numerical and percentage basis, down by 54,300 jobs (a decline of 9.1 percent).

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE CLAIMS (NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)

In related data, the EDD reported that there were 666,502 people receiving regular unemployment insurance benefits during the July survey week. This compares with 643,428 last month and 812,165 last year. At the same time, new claims for unemployment insurance were 73,817 in July 2010, compared with 75,866 in June and 80,048 in July of last year.

NOTE TO EDITORS: EDD encourages those who are filing for Unemployment Insurance (UI) benefits to do so online through our Web site at www.edd.ca.gov. Online 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 DATA²
(Amounts in thousands)

Industrial Classification	July 2010 (prelim.)	June 2010 (revised)	July 2009	Change Over 12 Months (Percent)
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Workers	13,874.9	13,884.3	13,978.7	-0.7
Mining and logging	25.3	25.5	25.1	0.8
Construction	545.5	544.1	599.8	-9.1
Manufacturing	1,242.7	1,244.7	1,263.7	-1.7
Trade, transportation and utilities	2,580.3	2,578.9	2,617.5	-1.4
Information	448.6	447.9	442.4	1.4
Financial activities	780.7	780.7	792.8	-1.5
Professional and business services	2,047.8	2,050.8	2,025.0	1.1
Educational and health services	1,772.9	1,761.3	1,737.4	2.0
Leisure and hospitality	1,480.8	1,482.9	1,492.8	-0.8
Other services	484.0	478.1	483.3	0.1
Government*	2,466.3	2,489.4	2,498.9	-1.3
Agriculture	370.1	364.6	374.8	-1.3

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

TABLE A
EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT IN CALIFORNIA, SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA²

	July 2010 (prelim.)	June 2010 (revised)	May 2010	July 2009
Civilian labor force ^a	18,269,000	18,313,000	18,338,000	18,252,000
Total civilian employment	16,018,000	16,069,000	16,062,000	16,101,000
Unemployment	2,251,000	2,244,000	2,275,000	2,151,000
Seasonally adjusted rate %	12.3	12.3	12.4	11.8
US seasonally adjusted rate %	9.5	9.5	9.7	9.4

TABLE B
EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT IN CALIFORNIA, UNADJUSTED DATA

	July 2010 (prelim.)	June 2010 (revised)	May 2010	July 2009
Civilian labor force ^a	18,370,000	18,277,000	18,227,000	18,393,000
Total civilian employment	16,026,000	16,050,000	16,059,000	16,177,000
Unemployment	2,344,000	2,227,000	2,168,000	2,215,000
Unadjusted rate %	12.8	12.2	11.9	12.0

^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 COUNTIES
July 2010 (Preliminary); 2009 BENCHMARK
NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

COUNTY	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYMENT	UNEMPLOYMENT	RATE*
STATE TOTAL	18,370,300	16,026,100	2,344,200	12.8%
ALAMEDA	760,500	670,200	90,400	11.9%
ALPINE	420	350	80	17.8%
AMADOR	17,800	15,470	2,340	13.1%
BUTTE	105,900	90,800	15,100	14.2%
CALAVERAS	20,070	16,920	3,150	15.7%
COLUSA	12,010	9,930	2,080	17.3%
CONTRA COSTA	525,200	464,000	61,200	11.7%
DEL NORTE	11,650	10,050	1,600	13.7%
EL DORADO	92,000	80,700	11,200	12.2%
FRESNO	451,100	377,900	73,200	16.2%
GLENN	12,570	10,490	2,090	16.6%
HUMBOLDT	60,800	53,900	6,900	11.4%
IMPERIAL	76,700	53,400	23,200	30.3%
INYO	9,780	8,850	930	9.5%
KERN	368,200	309,400	58,800	16.0%
KINGS	63,500	53,500	9,900	15.6%
LAKE	26,010	21,500	4,510	17.3%
LASSEN	13,620	11,690	1,940	14.2%
LOS ANGELES	4,906,300	4,251,200	655,100	13.4%
MADERA	68,500	58,000	10,500	15.3%
MARIN	131,400	120,200	11,300	8.6%
MARIPOSA	10,770	9,690	1,080	10.0%
MENDOCINO	42,870	38,000	4,870	11.4%
MERCED	107,000	86,800	20,200	18.9%
MODOC	3,770	3,230	550	14.4%
MONO	8,530	7,630	900	10.6%
MONTEREY	226,900	202,300	24,600	10.8%
NAPA	76,300	69,100	7,200	9.4%
NEVADA	51,090	45,110	5,970	11.7%
ORANGE	1,619,100	1,460,000	159,200	9.8%
PLACER	179,400	158,600	20,900	11.6%
PLUMAS	9,380	7,870	1,510	16.1%
RIVERSIDE	914,300	774,000	140,300	15.3%
SACRAMENTO	694,900	604,000	90,900	13.1%
SAN BENITO	25,600	21,600	4,000	15.6%
SAN BERNARDINO	864,200	736,400	127,900	14.8%
SAN DIEGO	1,580,400	1,408,900	171,400	10.8%
SAN FRANCISCO	457,600	413,100	44,500	9.7%
SAN JOAQUIN	304,200	251,200	53,000	17.4%
SAN LUIS OBISPO	136,400	122,000	14,400	10.5%
SAN MATEO	372,900	337,900	35,000	9.4%
SANTA BARBARA	224,500	203,900	20,600	9.2%
SANTA CLARA	886,300	785,300	101,000	11.4%
SANTA CRUZ	152,700	135,400	17,300	11.4%
SHASTA	85,400	72,100	13,300	15.6%
SIERRA	1,700	1,480	220	12.9%
SISKIYOU	19,610	16,500	3,110	15.9%
SOLANO	216,600	189,800	26,800	12.4%
SONOMA	252,900	225,500	27,400	10.8%
STANISLAUS	241,700	199,300	42,500	17.6%
SUTTER	42,600	34,600	7,900	18.7%
TEHAMA	25,590	21,550	4,040	15.8%
TRINITY	4,840	3,950	890	18.4%
TULARE	209,500	174,200	35,300	16.9%
TUOLUMNE	26,320	22,770	3,550	13.5%
VENTURA	432,100	383,200	49,000	11.3%
YOLO	99,100	87,200	11,900	12.0%
YUBA	29,200	23,500	5,700	19.6%

*Not seasonally adjusted.

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