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California's Unemployment Rate Unchanged at 12.4 Percent

SACRAMENTO – California's unemployment rate was unchanged at 12.4 percent in September, and nonfarm payroll jobs decreased by 63,600 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 was unchanged in September at 9.6 percent.

In August, the state's nonfarm payroll jobs were revised upwards 44,200 for a total gain of 10,700 jobs, with the unemployment rate at 12.4 percent. In September 2009, the unemployment rate was 12.1 percent. The unemployment rate is derived from a federal survey of 5,500 California households.

Nonfarm jobs in California totaled 13,808,500 in September, a decrease of 63,600 over the month, according to a survey of businesses that is larger and less variable statistically. This followed a gain of 10,700 jobs (as revised) in August. The survey of 42,000 California businesses measures jobs in the economy. The year-over-year change (September 2009 to September 2010) shows a decrease of 43,700 jobs (down 0.3 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 September was 15,975,000, an increase of 7,000 from August, but down 11,000 from the employment total in September of last year.

The number of people unemployed in California was 2,270,000 – up by 10,000 over the month, and up by 69,000 compared with September 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 13,808,500 in September, a net loss of 63,600 jobs since the August survey. This followed a gain of 10,700 jobs (as revised) in August.

Four categories (trade, transportation and utilities; financial activities; professional and business services; and leisure and hospitality) added jobs over the month, gaining 20,700 jobs. Leisure and hospitality posted the largest increase over the month, adding 7,400 jobs. Seven categories (mining and logging; construction; manufacturing; information; educational and health services; other services; and government) reported job declines this month, down 84,300 jobs. Government posted the largest decline over the month, down by 37,300 jobs.

In a year-over-year comparison (September 2009 to September 2010), nonfarm payroll employment in California decreased by 43,700 jobs (down 0.3 percent).

Four industry divisions (mining and logging; professional and business services; educational and health services; and leisure and hospitality) posted job gains over the year, adding 82,800 jobs. Professional and business services recorded the largest increase over the year on both a numerical and percentage basis, up 58,500 jobs (a 2.9 percent increase).

Seven categories (construction; manufacturing; trade, transportation and utilities; financial activities; other services; and government) posted job declines over the year, down 126,500 jobs. Construction employment showed the largest decline over the year on both a numerical and percentage basis, down by 50,700 jobs (a decline of 8.8 percent).

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE CLAIMS (NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)

In related data, the EDD reported that there were 595,996 people receiving regular unemployment insurance benefits during the September survey week. This compares with 620,844 last month and 744,924 last year. At the same time, new claims for unemployment insurance were 75,316 in September 2010, compared with 65,261 in August and 69,160 in September 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.

Seasonally adjusted payroll detail follows:

PAYROLL EMPLOYMENT, SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA²
(Amounts in thousands)

Industrial Classification	September 2010 (prelim.)	August 2010 (revised)	September 2009	Change Over 12 Months (Percent)
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Workers	13,808.5	13,872.1	13,852.2	-0.3
Mining and logging	25.4	25.6	24.8	2.4
Construction	528.0	541.3	578.7	-8.8
Manufacturing	1,235.8	1,237.8	1,247.9	-1.0
Trade, transportation and utilities	2,578.5	2,574.3	2,606.5	-1.1
Information	441.7	453.0	445.6	-0.9
Financial activities	781.9	776.4	785.7	-0.5
Professional and business services	2,060.6	2,057.0	2,002.1	2.9
Educational and health services	1,750.3	1,763.9	1,735.1	0.9
Leisure and hospitality	1,492.9	1,485.5	1,484.4	0.6
Other services	472.9	479.5	477.9	-1.0
Government*	2,440.5	2,477.8	2,463.5	-0.9
Agriculture	364.6	367.5	376.7	-3.2

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

TABLE A
EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT IN CALIFORNIA, SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA²

	September 2010 (prelim.)	August 2010 (revised)	July 2010	September 2009
Civilian labor force ^a	18,245,000	18,228,000	18,267,000	18,187,000
Total civilian employment	15,975,000	15,968,000	16,017,000	15,986,000
Unemployment	2,270,000	2,260,000	2,250,000	2,201,000
Seasonally adjusted rate %	12.4	12.4	12.3	12.1
US seasonally adjusted rate %	9.6	9.6	9.5	9.8

TABLE B
EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT IN CALIFORNIA, UNADJUSTED DATA

	September 2010 (prelim.)	August 2010 (revised)	July 2010	September 2009
Civilian labor force ^a	18,299,000	18,323,000	18,366,000	18,179,000
Total civilian employment	16,059,000	16,052,000	16,026,000	16,028,000
Unemployment	2,240,000	2,270,000	2,341,000	2,151,000
Unadjusted rate %	12.2	12.4	12.7	11.8

^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
September 2010 (Preliminary); 2009 BENCHMARK
NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

COUNTY	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYMENT	UNEMPLOYMENT	RATE*
STATE TOTAL	18,299,300	16,059,200	2,240,200	12.2%
ALAMEDA	756,000	668,300	87,600	11.6%
ALPINE	380	310	70	18.5%
AMADOR	17,820	15,530	2,300	12.9%
BUTTE	105,200	91,400	13,800	13.1%
CALAVERAS	19,890	16,840	3,050	15.3%
COLUSA	12,000	10,120	1,890	15.7%
CONTRA COSTA	521,800	462,700	59,100	11.3%
DEL NORTE	11,930	10,410	1,520	12.7%
EL DORADO	90,300	79,500	10,800	12.0%
FRESNO	454,500	385,600	69,000	15.2%
GLENN	12,960	11,060	1,900	14.7%
HUMBOLDT	61,100	54,600	6,500	10.6%
IMPERIAL	77,700	54,100	23,600	30.4%
INYO	9,590	8,690	900	9.4%
KERN	364,700	309,700	55,000	15.1%
KINGS	63,100	53,800	9,300	14.7%
LAKE	26,030	21,600	4,430	17.0%
LASSEN	13,400	11,630	1,770	13.2%
LOS ANGELES	4,911,100	4,298,500	612,600	12.5%
MADERA	70,300	60,700	9,600	13.6%
MARIN	130,900	119,900	11,000	8.4%
MARIPOSA	10,310	9,260	1,050	10.2%
MENDOCINO	43,490	38,820	4,670	10.7%
MERCED	109,400	91,200	18,200	16.6%
MODOC	3,880	3,360	520	13.3%
MONO	8,280	7,360	920	11.1%
MONTEREY	223,000	199,700	23,400	10.5%
NAPA	76,100	69,000	7,100	9.3%
NEVADA	50,250	44,560	5,690	11.3%
ORANGE	1,608,000	1,454,000	154,000	9.6%
PLACER	176,300	156,100	20,200	11.5%
PLUMAS	8,960	7,550	1,410	15.7%
RIVERSIDE	911,500	772,200	139,400	15.3%
SACRAMENTO	683,100	594,400	88,700	13.0%
SAN BENITO	25,300	21,600	3,700	14.7%
SAN BERNARDINO	856,700	734,700	122,000	14.2%
SAN DIEGO	1,569,000	1,401,900	167,100	10.6%
SAN FRANCISCO	456,300	412,200	44,100	9.7%
SAN JOAQUIN	303,800	253,400	50,400	16.6%
SAN LUIS OBISPO	136,400	122,800	13,600	10.0%
SAN MATEO	371,000	337,200	33,800	9.1%
SANTA BARBARA	221,800	201,700	20,000	9.0%
SANTA CLARA	884,400	786,500	97,900	11.1%
SANTA CRUZ	148,900	132,700	16,200	10.9%
SHASTA	84,600	71,700	12,900	15.2%
SIERRA	1,660	1,430	220	13.5%
SISKIYOU	19,690	16,670	3,020	15.4%
SOLANO	214,700	188,700	26,000	12.1%
SONOMA	258,200	231,900	26,300	10.2%
STANISLAUS	241,000	201,900	39,100	16.2%
SUTTER	41,600	34,500	7,200	17.2%
TEHAMA	25,370	21,540	3,820	15.1%
TRINITY	4,940	4,090	850	17.2%
TULARE	208,200	175,200	33,100	15.9%
TUOLUMNE	26,250	22,810	3,440	13.1%
VENTURA	430,100	382,200	47,900	11.1%
YOLO	97,100	85,800	11,200	11.6%
YUBA	28,900	23,400	5,500	19.0%

*Not seasonally adjusted.

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