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California's unemployment rate decreases to 7.2 percent
Nonfarm payroll jobs increase by 90,100

SACRAMENTO – California's unemployment rate decreased to 7.2 percent in November, and nonfarm payroll jobs increased by 90,100 during the month for a total gain of 1,529,500 jobs since the recovery began in February 2010, according to data released today by the California Employment Development Department (EDD) from two separate surveys.

The U.S. unemployment rate was unchanged in November at 5.8 percent.

In October, the state's unemployment rate was 7.3 percent, and in November 2013, the unemployment rate was 8.4 percent. The unemployment rate is derived from a federal survey of 5,500 California households.

Nonfarm jobs in California totaled 15,650,500 in November, an increase of 90,100 jobs over the month, according to a survey of businesses that is larger and less variable statistically. The survey of 58,000 California businesses measures jobs in the economy. The year-over-year change, November 2013 to November 2014, shows an increase of 344,100 jobs (up 2.2 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. It estimates the number of Californians holding jobs in November was 17,467,000, an increase of 71,000 from October 2014, and up 474,000 from the employment total in November of last year.

The number of people unemployed in California was 1,355,000 – down by 6,000 over the month, and down by 209,000 compared with November 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 15,650,500 in November, a net gain of 90,100 jobs since the October survey. This followed a gain of 34,300 jobs (as revised) in October.

Eleven categories (mining and logging; construction; manufacturing; trade, transportation and utilities; information; financial activities; professional and business services; educational and health services; leisure and hospitality; other services; and government) added jobs over the month, gaining 90,100 jobs. Trade, transportation and utilities posted the largest increase over the month, adding 19,000 jobs.

No categories reported job declines over the month.

In a year-over-year comparison (November 2013 to November 2014), nonfarm payroll employment in California increased by 344,100 jobs (up 2.2 percent).

Nine categories (mining and logging; construction; manufacturing; trade, transportation and utilities; information; financial activities; professional and business services; educational and health services; and leisure and hospitality) posted job gains over the year, adding 348,100 jobs. Professional and business services posted the largest gains on a numerical basis, adding 119,400 jobs (up 5.1 percent). Construction posted the largest gains on a percentage basis, up 6.3 percent (adding 40,800 jobs).

Two categories (other services and government) posted job declines over the year, down 4,000 jobs. Government posted the largest decline on a numerical basis, down 3,400 jobs (a 0.1 percent decrease).

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE CLAIMS (NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)

In related data, the EDD reported that there were 392,610 people receiving regular Unemployment Insurance benefits during the November 2014 survey week. This compares with 392,093 last month and 465,581 last year. At the same time, new claims for Unemployment Insurance were 60,211 in November 2014, compared with 52,788 in October and 72,642 in November of last year.

Seasonally adjusted payroll detail follows:

PAYROLL EMPLOYMENT, SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA²
(Amounts in thousands)

Industrial Classification	November 2014 (prelim.)	October 2014 (revised)	November 2013	Change Over 12 Months (percent)
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Workers	15,650.5	15,560.4	15,306.4	2.2
Mining and logging	31.7	31.5	30.3	4.6
Construction	692.4	679.5	651.6	6.3
Manufacturing	1,255.0	1,248.2	1,254.7	0.0
Trade, transportation and utilities	2,879.1	2,860.1	2,841.1	1.3
Information	478.5	476.7	465.2	2.9
Financial activities	780.8	776.6	778.9	0.2
Professional and business services	2,483.5	2,465.3	2,364.1	5.1
Educational and health services	2,409.8	2,402.2	2,332.8	3.3
Leisure and hospitality	1,745.2	1,729.6	1,689.2	3.3
Other services	519.1	517.9	519.7	-0.1
Government*	2,375.4	2,372.8	2,378.8	-0.1
Agriculture	409.8	404.3	400.6	2.3

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

TABLE A
EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT IN CALIFORNIA, SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA²

	November 2014 (prelim.)	October 2014 (revised)	September 2014	November 2013
Civilian labor force ^a	18,822,000	18,757,000	18,669,000	18,557,000
Total civilian employment	17,467,000	17,396,000	17,307,000	16,993,000
Unemployment	1,355,000	1,361,000	1,362,000	1,564,000
Seasonally adjusted rate %	7.2	7.3	7.3	8.4
US seasonally adjusted rate %	5.8	5.8	5.9	7.0

TABLE B
EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT IN CALIFORNIA, UNADJUSTED DATA

	November 2014 (prelim.)	October 2014 (revised)	September 2014	November 2013
Civilian labor force ^a	18,847,000	18,843,000	18,760,000	18,573,000
Total civilian employment	17,502,000	17,529,000	17,458,000	17,044,000
Unemployment	1,345,000	1,314,000	1,302,000	1,529,000
Unadjusted rate %	7.1	7.0	6.9	8.2

^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
November 2014 (Preliminary); 2013 BENCHMARK
NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

COUNTY	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYMENT	UNEMPLOYMENT	RATE*
STATE TOTAL	18,847,400	17,502,300	1,345,100	7.1%
ALAMEDA	798,500	753,400	45,100	5.6%
ALPINE	490	460	40	7.7%
AMADOR	15,890	14,700	1,200	7.5%
BUTTE	104,200	96,100	8,100	7.7%
CALAVERAS	19,240	17,730	1,520	7.9%
COLUSA	11,040	9,170	1,870	16.9%
CONTRA COSTA	549,700	518,600	31,100	5.7%
DEL NORTE	10,980	9,960	1,020	9.3%
EL DORADO	90,000	84,100	5,900	6.5%
FRESNO	442,700	393,100	49,600	11.2%
GLENN	13,280	12,110	1,170	8.8%
HUMBOLDT	57,900	53,900	4,000	6.9%
IMPERIAL	81,600	63,200	18,400	22.6%
INYO	8,890	8,290	600	6.8%
KERN	396,000	358,200	37,800	9.6%
KINGS	58,900	52,000	6,900	11.7%
LAKE	26,550	23,960	2,590	9.7%
LASSEN	12,300	11,220	1,070	8.7%
LOS ANGELES	5,023,800	4,624,900	398,900	7.9%
MADERA	66,600	59,500	7,100	10.7%
MARIN	147,000	141,300	5,700	3.9%
MARIPOSA	9,120	8,440	680	7.5%
MENDOCINO	43,280	40,570	2,710	6.3%
MERCED	113,900	100,000	14,000	12.3%
MODOC	3,560	3,230	330	9.2%
MONO	9,160	8,570	600	6.5%
MONTEREY	223,900	204,900	19,000	8.5%
NAPA	79,000	74,800	4,200	5.3%
NEVADA	49,360	46,350	3,010	6.1%
ORANGE	1,638,600	1,556,200	82,300	5.0%
PLACER	181,100	170,400	10,700	5.9%
PLUMAS	9,410	8,550	860	9.1%
RIVERSIDE	966,800	887,200	79,600	8.2%
SACRAMENTO	684,600	638,400	46,200	6.8%
SAN BENITO	27,200	24,800	2,400	8.7%
SAN BERNARDINO	874,700	807,100	67,600	7.7%
SAN DIEGO	1,620,100	1,526,100	94,000	5.8%
SAN FRANCISCO	503,700	481,700	22,000	4.4%
SAN JOAQUIN	294,900	263,400	31,600	10.7%
SAN LUIS OBISPO	143,000	135,200	7,800	5.4%
SAN MATEO	417,400	400,300	17,100	4.1%
SANTA BARBARA	228,200	215,100	13,100	5.7%
SANTA CLARA	951,800	903,200	48,600	5.1%
SANTA CRUZ	152,000	140,400	11,600	7.6%
SHASTA	81,100	74,500	6,600	8.1%
SIERRA	1,430	1,300	120	8.6%
SISKIYOU	18,590	16,720	1,870	10.1%
SOLANO	220,600	206,400	14,300	6.5%
SONOMA	267,600	254,000	13,600	5.1%
STANISLAUS	236,800	211,400	25,400	10.7%
SUTTER	41,500	36,100	5,400	13.0%
TEHAMA	25,430	23,240	2,200	8.6%
TRINITY	4,990	4,540	460	9.2%
TULARE	200,200	175,500	24,700	12.3%
TUOLUMNE	24,160	22,410	1,750	7.2%
VENTURA	438,700	410,300	28,400	6.5%
YOLO	99,400	91,500	7,900	8.0%
YUBA	26,500	23,700	2,700	10.4%

*Not seasonally adjusted.

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