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California's Unemployment Rate Increases to 12.4 Percent

SACRAMENTO – California's unemployment rate increased to 12.4 percent in August, and nonfarm payroll jobs decreased by 33,500 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 increased in August to 9.6 percent.

In July, the state's unemployment rate was 12.3 percent, and in August 2009, the unemployment rate was 12.0 percent. The unemployment rate is derived from a federal survey of 5,500 California households.

Nonfarm jobs in California totaled 13,827,900 in August, a decrease of 33,500 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 (August 2009 to August 2010) shows a decrease of 113,100 jobs (down 0.8 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 August was 15,968,000, a decrease of 49,000 from July, and down 71,000 from the employment total in August of last year.

The number of people unemployed in California was 2,261,000 – up by 11,000 over the month, and up by 81,000 compared with August 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 13,827,900 in August, a net loss of 33,500 jobs since the July survey. This followed a loss of 22,900 jobs (as revised) in July.

Two categories (mining and logging; and professional and business services) added jobs over the month, gaining 500 jobs. Professional and business services posted the largest increase over the month, adding 300 jobs. Nine categories (construction; manufacturing; trade, transportation and utilities; information; financial activities; educational and health services; leisure and hospitality; other services; and government) reported job declines this month, down 34,000 jobs. Government posted the largest decline over the month, down by 9,200 jobs, which includes the loss of 7,700 temporary federal Census jobs.

In a year-over-year comparison (August 2009 to August 2010), nonfarm payroll employment in California decreased by 113,100 jobs (down 0.8 percent).

Three industry divisions (mining and logging; professional and business services; and educational and health services) posted job gains over the year, adding 61,500 jobs. Professional and business services recorded the largest increase over the year on a numerical basis, up 38,700 jobs (a 1.9 percent increase). Mining and logging recorded the largest increase over the year on a percentage basis, up 2.4 percent (up 600 jobs).

Six categories (construction; manufacturing; trade, transportation and utilities; financial activities; leisure and hospitality; other services; and government) posted job declines over the year, down 174,600 jobs. Government employment showed the largest decline over the year on a numerical basis, down by 47,700 jobs (a decline of 1.9 percent). Construction showed the largest decline over the year on a percentage basis, down by 7.6 percent (down 44,700 jobs). One sector, information, reported no change over the month.

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE CLAIMS (NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)

In related data, the EDD reported that there were 620,844 people receiving regular unemployment insurance benefits during the August survey week. This compares with 666,502 last month and 790,099 last year. At the same time, new claims for unemployment insurance were 65,261 in August 2010, compared with 73,817 in July and 69,488 in August 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	August 2010 (prelim.)	July 2010 (revised)	August 2009	Change Over 12 Months (Percent)
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Workers	13,827.9	13,861.4	13,941.0	-0.8
Mining and logging	25.6	25.4	25.0	2.4
Construction	543.0	546.9	587.7	-7.6
Manufacturing	1,234.2	1,238.0	1,255.6	-1.7
Trade, transportation and utilities	2,569.9	2,578.5	2,609.4	-1.5
Information	444.6	447.4	444.6	0.0
Financial activities	776.0	779.7	789.2	-1.7
Professional and business services	2,054.4	2,054.1	2,015.7	1.9
Educational and health services	1,761.3	1,762.7	1,739.1	1.3
Leisure and hospitality	1,481.0	1,481.1	1,487.2	-0.4
Other services	480.3	480.8	482.2	-0.4
Government*	2,457.6	2,466.8	2,505.3	-1.9
Agriculture	367.5	370.1	375.8	-2.2

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

TABLE A
EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT IN CALIFORNIA, SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA²

	August 2010 (prelim.)	July 2010 (revised)	June 2010	August 2009
Civilian labor force ^a	18,229,000	18,267,000	18,313,000	18,220,000
Total civilian employment	15,968,000	16,017,000	16,069,000	16,039,000
Unemployment	2,261,000	2,250,000	2,244,000	2,180,000
Seasonally adjusted rate %	12.4	12.3	12.3	12.0
US seasonally adjusted rate %	9.6	9.5	9.5	9.7

TABLE B
EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT IN CALIFORNIA, UNADJUSTED DATA

	August 2010 (prelim.)	July 2010 (revised)	June 2010	August 2009
Civilian labor force ^a	18,326,000	18,366,000	18,277,000	18,323,000
Total civilian employment	16,052,000	16,026,000	16,050,000	16,131,000
Unemployment	2,274,000	2,341,000	2,227,000	2,191,000
Unadjusted rate %	12.4	12.7	12.2	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
August 2010 (Preliminary); 2009 BENCHMARK
NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

COUNTY	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYMENT	UNEMPLOYMENT	RATE*
STATE TOTAL	18,325,600	16,051,800	2,273,900	12.4%
ALAMEDA	759,100	670,400	88,600	11.7%
ALPINE	410	350	60	15.6%
AMADOR	17,850	15,580	2,270	12.7%
BUTTE	103,700	89,400	14,300	13.8%
CALAVERAS	19,940	16,870	3,080	15.4%
COLUSA	11,880	9,960	1,920	16.2%
CONTRA COSTA	523,400	464,200	59,200	11.3%
DEL NORTE	11,680	10,100	1,590	13.6%
EL DORADO	90,900	80,100	10,800	11.9%
FRESNO	451,000	381,500	69,500	15.4%
GLENN	12,890	10,700	2,190	17.0%
HUMBOLDT	61,300	54,600	6,700	11.0%
IMPERIAL	77,600	54,100	23,600	30.4%
INYO	9,690	8,780	910	9.4%
KERN	363,700	308,100	55,600	15.3%
KINGS	62,800	53,500	9,300	14.8%
LAKE	26,360	21,930	4,430	16.8%
LASSEN	13,310	11,500	1,810	13.6%
LOS ANGELES	4,908,700	4,271,700	636,900	13.0%
MADERA	68,900	59,000	9,900	14.3%
MARIN	131,100	120,000	11,100	8.4%
MARIPOSA	10,720	9,680	1,040	9.7%
MENDOCINO	44,010	39,270	4,740	10.8%
MERCED	109,100	90,100	18,900	17.4%
MODOC	3,860	3,330	530	13.7%
MONO	8,470	7,600	870	10.2%
MONTEREY	225,600	202,000	23,600	10.5%
NAPA	75,700	68,600	7,100	9.4%
NEVADA	51,220	45,430	5,790	11.3%
ORANGE	1,611,000	1,456,100	154,900	9.6%
PLACER	177,700	157,300	20,400	11.5%
PLUMAS	9,130	7,690	1,430	15.7%
RIVERSIDE	913,900	774,200	139,700	15.3%
SACRAMENTO	687,600	599,200	88,300	12.8%
SAN BENITO	25,300	21,600	3,800	14.8%
SAN BERNARDINO	858,700	736,600	122,100	14.2%
SAN DIEGO	1,574,400	1,407,200	167,200	10.6%
SAN FRANCISCO	456,900	412,600	44,400	9.7%
SAN JOAQUIN	304,200	253,800	50,400	16.6%
SAN LUIS OBISPO	134,100	120,300	13,800	10.3%
SAN MATEO	371,200	337,500	33,700	9.1%
SANTA BARBARA	224,000	204,100	19,900	8.9%
SANTA CLARA	884,300	785,800	98,500	11.1%
SANTA CRUZ	150,700	134,200	16,600	11.0%
SHASTA	85,500	72,700	12,800	15.0%
SIERRA	1,690	1,470	210	12.6%
SISKIYOU	19,710	16,690	3,030	15.4%
SOLANO	215,900	189,900	25,900	12.0%
SONOMA	255,900	229,100	26,800	10.5%
STANISLAUS	243,100	203,200	39,900	16.4%
SUTTER	42,500	35,400	7,100	16.7%
TEHAMA	25,610	21,710	3,900	15.2%
TRINITY	4,940	4,110	840	16.9%
TULARE	208,400	175,200	33,200	15.9%
TUOLUMNE	26,360	22,870	3,490	13.2%
VENTURA	430,500	382,300	48,200	11.2%
YOLO	97,800	86,500	11,300	11.6%
YUBA	29,600	24,000	5,600	18.9%

*Not seasonally adjusted.

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