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### **California's unemployment rate decreases to 11.9 percent**

**SACRAMENTO** – California's unemployment rate decreased to 11.9 percent in April, and nonfarm payroll jobs increased by 8,900 during the month, according to data released today by the California Employment Development Department (EDD) from two separate surveys.

The U.S. unemployment rate increased in April to 9.0 percent.

In March, the state's unemployment rate was 12.0 percent, and in April 2010, the unemployment rate was 12.4 percent. The unemployment rate is derived from a federal survey of 5,500 California households.

Nonfarm jobs in California totaled 14,054,900 in April, an increase of 8,900 jobs 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 (April 2010 to April 2011) shows an increase of 144,400 jobs (up 1.0 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 April was 15,939,000, an increase of 37,000 from March, but down 21,000 from the employment total in April of last year.

The number of people unemployed in California was 2,143,000 – down by 33,000 over the month, and down by 111,000 compared with April 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 14,054,900 in April, a net gain of 8,900 jobs since the March survey. This followed a loss of 14,900 jobs (as revised) in March.

Six categories (mining and logging; manufacturing; trade, transportation and utilities; educational and health services; leisure and hospitality; and other services) added jobs over the month, gaining 31,400 jobs. Leisure and hospitality posted the largest increase over the month, adding 12,400 jobs. Five categories (construction; information; financial activities; professional and business services; and government) reported job declines over the month, down 22,500 jobs. Government posted the largest decrease over the month, down 11,200 jobs.

In a year-over-year comparison (April 2010 to April 2011), nonfarm payroll employment in California increased by 144,400 jobs (up 1.0 percent).

Eight industry divisions (mining and logging; construction; manufacturing; trade, transportation and utilities; information; professional and business services; educational and health services; and leisure and hospitality) posted job gains over the year, adding 210,300 jobs. Professional and business services posted the largest gain on a numerical basis, adding 58,800 jobs (up 2.9 percent). Information posted the largest gain on a percentage basis, up by 7.0 percent (an increase of 29,200 jobs).

Three categories (financial activities; other services; and government) posted job declines over the year, down 65,900 jobs. Government posted the largest decline on both a numerical and percentage basis, down by 59,200 jobs (a decrease of 2.4 percent).

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

In related data, the EDD reported that there were 584,141 people receiving regular unemployment insurance benefits during the April survey week. This compares with 630,829 last month and 729,211 last year. At the same time, new claims for unemployment insurance were 63,739 in April 2011, compared with 61,076 in March and 83,896 in April of last year.

***NOTE TO EDITORS:*** EDD encourages those who are filing for Unemployment Insurance benefits to do so online through our Web site at [www.edd.ca.gov](http://www.edd.ca.gov). Online claim filing is the fastest, most convenient way to apply for benefits, and is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Seasonally adjusted payroll detail follows:

**PAYROLL EMPLOYMENT, SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA<sup>2</sup>**  
(Amounts in thousands)

Industrial Classification	April 2011 (prelim.)	March 2011 (revised)	April 2010	Change Over 12 Months (Percent)
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Workers . . . . .	14,054.9	14,046.0	13,910.5	1.0
Mining and logging . . . . .	27.4	27.2	26.6	3.0
Construction . . . . .	569.5	572.4	568.1	0.2
Manufacturing . . . . .	1,254.0	1,250.2	1,245.4	0.7
Trade, transportation and utilities . . . . .	2,652.8	2,645.0	2,621.1	1.2
Information . . . . .	449.3	450.6	420.1	7.0
Financial activities . . . . .	754.9	756.5	759.4	-0.6
Professional and business services . . . . .	2,120.7	2,126.2	2,061.9	2.9
Educational and health services . . . . .	1,827.2	1,821.6	1,780.9	2.6
Leisure and hospitality . . . . .	1,529.6	1,517.2	1,496.1	2.2
Other services . . . . .	483.2	481.6	485.4	-0.5
Government* . . . . .	2,386.3	2,397.5	2,445.5	-2.4
Agriculture . . . . .	374.2	381.5	379.2	-1.3

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

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

	April 2011 (prelim.)	March 2011 (revised)	February 2011	April 2010
Civilian labor force <sup>a</sup> . . . . .	18,081,000	18,078,000	18,117,000	18,214,000
Total civilian employment . . . . .	15,939,000	15,902,000	15,916,000	15,960,000
Unemployment . . . . .	2,143,000	2,176,000	2,201,000	2,254,000
Seasonally adjusted rate % . . . . .	11.9	12.0	12.1	12.4
US seasonally adjusted rate % . . . . .	9.0	8.8	8.9	9.8

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

	April 2011 (prelim.)	March 2011 (revised)	February 2011	April 2010
Civilian labor force <sup>a</sup> . . . . .	18,030,000	18,022,000	18,044,000	18,183,000
Total civilian employment . . . . .	15,926,000	15,803,000	15,833,000	15,972,000
Unemployment . . . . .	2,105,000	2,220,000	2,210,000	2,212,000
Unadjusted rate % . . . . .	11.7	12.3	12.2	12.2

<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**  
**April 2011 (Preliminary); 2010 BENCHMARK**  
**NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED**

COUNTY	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYMENT	UNEMPLOYMENT	RATE*
<b>STATE TOTAL</b>	18,030,400	15,925,800	2,104,500	11.7%
ALAMEDA	741,000	664,300	76,700	10.3%
ALPINE	490	430	70	13.2%
AMADOR	16,920	14,760	2,160	12.7%
BUTTE	104,900	91,000	13,900	13.2%
CALAVERAS	19,320	16,400	2,920	15.1%
COLUSA	11,650	9,190	2,460	21.1%
CONTRA COSTA	513,500	459,800	53,800	10.5%
DEL NORTE	11,580	10,060	1,520	13.2%
EL DORADO	88,900	77,900	11,000	12.4%
FRESNO	437,400	363,100	74,300	17.0%
GLENN	12,410	10,360	2,050	16.5%
HUMBOLDT	60,200	53,500	6,700	11.2%
IMPERIAL	75,100	54,200	20,900	27.9%
INYO	9,490	8,550	940	9.9%
KERN	361,200	303,300	57,900	16.0%
KINGS	61,200	51,000	10,200	16.6%
LAKE	24,270	19,870	4,410	18.2%
LASSEN	13,300	11,430	1,870	14.0%
LOS ANGELES	4,898,500	4,322,800	575,700	11.8%
MADERA	64,700	54,100	10,600	16.3%
MARIN	129,700	119,800	9,900	7.6%
MARIPOSA	9,100	7,930	1,170	12.9%
MENDOCINO	41,720	36,870	4,850	11.6%
MERCED	106,700	85,900	20,800	19.5%
MODOC	4,020	3,420	600	14.9%
MONO	8,760	8,060	700	8.0%
MONTEREY	215,000	187,800	27,200	12.6%
NAPA	72,800	65,800	7,000	9.6%
NEVADA	49,130	43,730	5,400	11.0%
ORANGE	1,570,900	1,435,600	135,300	8.6%
PLACER	172,800	153,900	18,900	10.9%
PLUMAS	9,890	8,160	1,730	17.5%
RIVERSIDE	894,600	773,600	121,000	13.5%
SACRAMENTO	657,300	577,800	79,600	12.1%
SAN BENITO	26,100	21,400	4,600	17.7%
SAN BERNARDINO	839,500	728,200	111,300	13.3%
SAN DIEGO	1,551,000	1,399,500	151,500	9.8%
SAN FRANCISCO	450,200	411,800	38,400	8.5%
SAN JOAQUIN	293,600	242,900	50,700	17.3%
SAN LUIS OBISPO	134,900	122,200	12,600	9.4%
SAN MATEO	367,100	337,200	30,000	8.2%
SANTA BARBARA	222,700	203,700	19,000	8.5%
SANTA CLARA	869,900	784,200	85,700	9.9%
SANTA CRUZ	148,600	129,100	19,400	13.1%
SHASTA	82,400	69,500	12,800	15.6%
SIERRA	1,520	1,260	260	17.3%
SISKIYOU	18,720	15,380	3,340	17.8%
SOLANO	210,300	185,900	24,400	11.6%
SONOMA	252,200	227,400	24,800	9.8%
STANISLAUS	234,400	193,400	41,000	17.5%
SUTTER	41,900	33,000	9,000	21.4%
TEHAMA	24,340	20,450	3,890	16.0%
TRINITY	5,090	4,110	980	19.2%
TULARE	210,400	175,900	34,500	16.4%
TUOLUMNE	24,850	21,430	3,420	13.8%
VENTURA	429,200	387,600	41,600	9.7%
YOLO	96,100	83,800	12,300	12.8%
YUBA	27,200	22,200	5,000	18.5%

\*Not seasonally adjusted.

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