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California's unemployment rate decreases to 11.1 percent *Nonfarm payroll jobs increase by 10,700*

SACRAMENTO – California's unemployment rate decreased to 11.1 percent in December, and nonfarm payroll jobs increased by 10,700 during the month for a total gain of 240,300 jobs since 2011 began, according to data released today by the California Employment Development Department (EDD) from two separate surveys.

The U.S. unemployment rate decreased in December to 8.5 percent.

In November, the state's unemployment rate was 11.3 percent, and in December 2010, the unemployment rate was 12.5 percent. The unemployment rate is derived from a federal survey of 5,500 California households.

Nonfarm jobs in California totaled 14,199,000 in December, an increase of 10,700 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 (December 2010 to December 2011) shows an increase of 240,300 jobs (up 1.7 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. It estimates the number of Californians holding jobs in December was 16,198,000, an increase of 73,000 from November, and up 320,000 from the employment total in December of last year.

The number of people unemployed in California was 2,021,000 – down by 37,000 over the month, and down by 252,000 compared with December 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 14,199,000 in December, a net gain of 10,700 jobs since the November survey. This followed a gain of 24,700 jobs (as revised) in November.

Five categories (construction; information; professional and business services; educational and health services; and government) added jobs over the month, gaining 23,900 jobs. Professional and business services posted the largest increase over the month, adding 13,400 jobs.

Six categories (mining and logging; manufacturing; trade, transportation and utilities; financial activities; leisure and hospitality; and other services) reported job declines over the month, down 13,200 jobs. Trade, transportation and utilities posted the largest decrease over the month, down 4,200 jobs.

In a year-over-year comparison (December 2010 to December 2011), nonfarm payroll employment in California increased by 240,300 jobs (up 1.7 percent).

Eight categories (mining and logging; construction; trade, transportation and utilities; information; professional and business services; educational and health services; leisure and hospitality; and government) posted job gains over the year, adding 248,200 jobs. Professional and business services posted the largest gain on a numerical basis, adding 63,500 jobs (up 3.0 percent). Information posted the largest gain on a percentage basis, up by 5.3 percent (an increase of 23,300 jobs).

Three categories (manufacturing; financial activities; and other services) posted job declines over the year, down 7,900 jobs. Manufacturing posted the largest decline on both a numerical and percentage basis, down by 4,400 jobs (a decrease of 0.4 percent).

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE CLAIMS (NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)

In related data, the EDD reported that there were 536,442 people receiving regular unemployment insurance benefits during the December survey week. This compares with 536,294 last month and 599,221 last year. At the same time, new claims for unemployment insurance were 80,276 in December 2011, compared with 74,082 in November and 87,289 in December of last year.

Seasonally adjusted payroll detail follows:

PAYROLL EMPLOYMENT, SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA²
(Amounts in thousands)

Industrial Classification	December 2011 (prelim.)	November 2011 (revised)	December 2010	Change Over 12 Months (Percent)
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Workers	14,199.0	14,188.3	13,958.7	1.7
Mining and logging	27.1	27.7	26.4	2.7
Construction	571.6	566.8	550.3	3.9
Manufacturing	1,241.0	1,243.5	1,245.4	-0.4
Trade, transportation and utilities	2,657.6	2,661.8	2,621.3	1.4
Information	465.8	462.2	442.5	5.3
Financial activities	759.3	759.9	761.7	-0.3
Professional and business services	2,169.5	2,156.1	2,106.0	3.0
Educational and health services	1,855.6	1,855.0	1,813.0	2.3
Leisure and hospitality	1,538.1	1,541.5	1,511.1	1.8
Other services	482.4	484.3	483.5	-0.2
Government*	2,431.0	2,429.5	2,397.5	1.4
Agriculture	377.5	384.8	381.6	-1.1

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

TABLE A
EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT IN CALIFORNIA, SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA²

	December 2011 (prelim.)	November 2011 (revised)	October 2011	December 2010
Civilian labor force ^a	18,219,000	18,182,000	18,130,000	18,151,000
Total civilian employment	16,198,000	16,125,000	16,008,000	15,878,000
Unemployment	2,021,000	2,058,000	2,122,000	2,273,000
Seasonally adjusted rate %	11.1	11.3	11.7	12.5
US seasonally adjusted rate %	8.5	8.7	8.9	9.4

TABLE B
EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT IN CALIFORNIA, UNADJUSTED DATA

	December 2011 (prelim.)	November 2011 (revised)	October 2011	December 2010
Civilian labor force ^a	18,172,000	18,186,000	18,219,000	18,098,000
Total civilian employment	16,185,000	16,208,000	16,172,000	15,871,000
Unemployment	1,987,000	1,978,000	2,048,000	2,227,000
Unadjusted rate %	10.9	10.9	11.2	12.3

^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
December 2011 (Preliminary); 2010 BENCHMARK
NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

COUNTY	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYMENT	UNEMPLOYMENT	RATE*
STATE TOTAL	18,172,200	16,185,100	1,987,100	10.9%
ALAMEDA	750,400	680,400	69,900	9.3%
ALPINE	460	390	70	15.9%
AMADOR	16,200	14,140	2,070	12.7%
BUTTE	103,100	90,200	13,000	12.6%
CALAVERAS	19,210	16,490	2,710	14.1%
COLUSA	11,410	8,750	2,660	23.3%
CONTRA COSTA	519,400	470,900	48,500	9.3%
DEL NORTE	11,370	9,870	1,500	13.2%
EL DORADO	89,700	79,800	9,900	11.1%
FRESNO	431,400	361,600	69,700	16.2%
GLENN	12,590	10,640	1,960	15.5%
HUMBOLDT	59,900	53,600	6,300	10.6%
IMPERIAL	75,300	55,100	20,200	26.8%
INYO	9,350	8,490	860	9.2%
KERN	371,600	317,800	53,700	14.5%
KINGS	61,200	51,800	9,400	15.3%
LAKE	23,710	19,660	4,060	17.1%
LASSEN	13,080	11,400	1,680	12.8%
LOS ANGELES	4,865,300	4,301,600	563,700	11.6%
MADERA	65,200	55,600	9,600	14.7%
MARIN	133,200	124,500	8,700	6.5%
MARIPOSA	9,490	8,300	1,180	12.5%
MENDOCINO	41,830	37,560	4,270	10.2%
MERCED	103,700	84,300	19,400	18.7%
MODOC	3,860	3,310	560	14.4%
MONO	8,670	7,880	790	9.1%
MONTEREY	206,000	175,300	30,700	14.9%
NAPA	72,800	66,300	6,600	9.0%
NEVADA	49,940	45,080	4,870	9.7%
ORANGE	1,597,200	1,473,300	123,900	7.8%
PLACER	174,200	157,600	16,600	9.5%
PLUMAS	9,210	7,710	1,500	16.2%
RIVERSIDE	918,800	804,100	114,700	12.5%
SACRAMENTO	664,200	591,800	72,400	10.9%
SAN BENITO	26,400	22,200	4,200	16.0%
SAN BERNARDINO	859,600	756,900	102,600	11.9%
SAN DIEGO	1,586,000	1,445,100	141,000	8.9%
SAN FRANCISCO	463,300	428,000	35,200	7.6%
SAN JOAQUIN	298,000	250,500	47,500	15.9%
SAN LUIS OBISPO	133,500	121,700	11,800	8.8%
SAN MATEO	377,800	350,400	27,300	7.2%
SANTA BARBARA	217,500	198,600	18,900	8.7%
SANTA CLARA	889,500	812,200	77,400	8.7%
SANTA CRUZ	149,500	131,200	18,300	12.2%
SHASTA	84,000	72,700	11,300	13.4%
SIERRA	1,470	1,260	210	14.2%
SISKIYOU	17,900	14,620	3,280	18.3%
SOLANO	213,200	190,700	22,500	10.5%
SONOMA	250,700	228,400	22,300	8.9%
STANISLAUS	234,000	196,300	37,800	16.1%
SUTTER	42,600	34,400	8,200	19.3%
TEHAMA	24,150	20,620	3,530	14.6%
TRINITY	4,780	3,930	850	17.8%
TULARE	211,400	177,300	34,200	16.2%
TUOLUMNE	25,030	21,820	3,210	12.8%
VENTURA	432,400	391,900	40,500	9.4%
YOLO	98,900	85,800	13,100	13.2%
YUBA	27,700	23,100	4,600	16.4%

*Not seasonally adjusted.

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