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Federal government shutdown will delay California report on September employment data

NOTE TO EDITORS: The federal government shutdown will delay the release of the California Employment Development Department's (EDD) report on the California unemployment rate and other jobs data for September.

The monthly report had been scheduled for release on Friday, October 18. A new release date will be scheduled once the federal shutdown ends and employees of the federal Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) return to work. Because of the shutdown, the BLS was unable to release its national Employment Situation Report for September as scheduled on Friday, October 4.

This is the first time that a federal government shutdown has delayed the release of California's monthly jobs data. The current shutdown has impacted California and other states, including Texas, Oregon and Virginia, by limiting access to BLS employment data and programs, which are used to produce monthly unemployment rate and employment information.

EDD will post a new release date for the September data on the labor market information section of its website (www.labormarketinfo.edd.ca.gov) and advise the media as soon as the information is available. Depending on the length of the federal shutdown, previously announced release dates for other months may also be revised. EDD will post that information on its website and advise the media as soon as that information becomes available.

The EDD's Labor Market Information Division (LMID) and the BLS work closely together to gather, analyze and publish a wide range of California labor market data for release each month. Data through August is available on the LMID website at www.labormarketinfo.edd.ca.gov.

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