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### **California's unemployment rate decreases to 10.9 percent**

**NOTE TO EDITORS:** *This release incorporates revised historical labor force numbers and industry employment data. Each year our labor force and employment data are updated to reflect additional data inputs and estimation techniques. These data are produced in cooperation with the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, based on the same methodology used by all states.*

**SACRAMENTO** – California's unemployment rate decreased to 10.9 percent in January, and nonfarm payroll jobs decreased by 5,200 during the month, for a total gain of 322,400 nonfarm jobs since the recovery began in September 2009, according to data released today by the California Employment Development Department (EDD) from two separate surveys.

The U.S. unemployment rate decreased in January to 8.3 percent.

In December, the state's unemployment rate was 11.2 percent, and in January 2011 the unemployment rate was 12.1 percent. The unemployment rate is derived from a federal survey of 5,500 California households.

Nonfarm jobs in California totaled 14,173,800 in January, a decrease of 5,200 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 (January 2011 to January 2012) shows an increase of 126,100 jobs (up 0.9 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 January was 16,443,000, an increase of 28,000 from December, and up 308,000 from the employment total in January of last year.

The number of people unemployed in California was 2,020,000 – down by 40,000 over the month, and down by 203,000 compared with January 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 14,173,800 in January, a net loss of 5,200 jobs since the December survey. This followed a gain of 38,500 jobs (as revised) in December.

Six categories (mining and logging; construction; manufacturing; trade, transportation and utilities; professional and business services; and leisure and hospitality) added jobs over the month, gaining 35,400 jobs. Trade, transportation and utilities posted the largest increase over the month, adding 14,400 jobs.

Five categories (information; financial activities; educational and health services; other services; and government) reported job declines over the month, down 40,600 jobs. Information posted the largest decrease over the month, down 22,900 jobs.

In a year-over-year comparison (January 2011 to January 2012), nonfarm payroll employment in California increased by 126,100 jobs (up 0.9 percent).

Six categories (mining and logging; manufacturing; trade, transportation and utilities; professional and business services; educational and health services; and leisure and hospitality) posted job gains over the year, adding 181,700 jobs. Professional and business services posted the largest gain on a numerical basis, adding 61,000 jobs (up 2.9 percent). Mining and logging posted the largest gain on a percentage basis, up by 3.6 percent (an increase of 1,000 jobs).

Five categories (construction; information; financial activities; other services; and government) posted job declines over the year, down 55,600 jobs. Government posted the largest decline on both a numerical and percentage basis, down by 41,400 jobs (a decrease of 1.7 percent).

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

In related data, the EDD reported that there were 575,895 people receiving regular unemployment insurance benefits during the January survey week. This compares with 536,442 last month and 603,946 last year. At the same time, new claims for unemployment insurance were 59,344 in January 2012, compared with 80,276 in December and 63,331 in January of last year.

Seasonally adjusted payroll detail follows:

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

Industrial Classification	January 2012 (prelim.)	December 2011 (revised)	January 2011	Change Over 12 Months (Percent)
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Workers . . . . .	14,173.8	14,179.0	14,047.7	0.9
Mining and logging . . . . .	28.8	28.3	27.8	3.6
Construction . . . . .	567.1	558.2	570.4	-0.6
Manufacturing . . . . .	1,244.3	1,242.6	1,242.4	0.2
Trade, transportation and utilities . . . . .	2,701.4	2,687.0	2,646.1	2.1
Information . . . . .	424.2	447.1	429.4	-1.2
Financial activities . . . . .	763.0	764.1	764.4	-0.2
Professional and business services . . . . .	2,172.1	2,164.6	2,111.1	2.9
Educational and health services . . . . .	1,851.7	1,859.0	1,814.6	2.0
Leisure and hospitality . . . . .	1,547.7	1,545.3	1,522.3	1.7
Other services . . . . .	485.0	486.5	489.3	-0.9
Government* . . . . .	2,388.5	2,396.3	2,429.9	-1.7
Agriculture . . . . .	399.3	385.7	388.2	2.9

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

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

	January 2012 (prelim.)	December 2011 (revised)	November 2011	January 2011
Civilian labor force <sup>a</sup> . . . . .	18,462,000	18,475,000	18,456,000	18,358,000
Total civilian employment . . . . .	16,443,000	16,415,000	16,366,000	16,135,000
Unemployment . . . . .	2,020,000	2,060,000	2,090,000	2,223,000
Seasonally adjusted rate % . . . . .	10.9	11.2	11.3	12.1
US seasonally adjusted rate % . . . . .	8.3	8.5	8.7	9.1

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

	January 2012 (prelim.)	December 2011 (revised)	November 2011	January 2011
Civilian labor force <sup>a</sup> . . . . .	18,366,000	18,432,000	18,430,000	18,300,000
Total civilian employment . . . . .	16,284,000	16,414,000	16,415,000	15,984,000
Unemployment . . . . .	2,082,000	2,018,000	2,014,000	2,315,000
Unadjusted rate % . . . . .	11.3	10.9	10.9	12.7

<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**  
**January 2012 (Preliminary); 2011 BENCHMARK**  
**NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED**

COUNTY	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYMENT	UNEMPLOYMENT	RATE*
<b>STATE TOTAL</b>	18,365,900	16,283,500	2,082,400	11.3%
ALAMEDA	762,900	690,100	72,800	9.5%
ALPINE	540	460	80	14.1%
AMADOR	16,540	14,350	2,190	13.2%
BUTTE	100,500	86,800	13,800	13.7%
CALAVERAS	19,600	16,770	2,820	14.4%
COLUSA	11,420	8,340	3,080	27.0%
CONTRA COSTA	525,800	475,200	50,700	9.6%
DEL NORTE	11,330	9,760	1,570	13.9%
EL DORADO	90,800	80,300	10,500	11.5%
FRESNO	442,200	367,400	74,800	16.9%
GLENN	12,670	10,530	2,130	16.8%
HUMBOLDT	60,500	53,700	6,800	11.2%
IMPERIAL	76,800	56,500	20,200	26.4%
INYO	9,420	8,480	940	10.0%
KERN	384,000	326,400	57,600	15.0%
KINGS	61,800	51,300	10,500	16.9%
LAKE	25,680	21,430	4,250	16.5%
LASSEN	13,640	11,740	1,900	13.9%
LOS ANGELES	4,891,700	4,302,000	589,700	12.1%
MADERA	67,200	57,100	10,200	15.1%
MARIN	136,000	127,100	8,900	6.6%
MARIPOSA	9,470	8,190	1,280	13.5%
MENDOCINO	42,510	37,950	4,550	10.7%
MERCED	110,200	88,700	21,500	19.5%
MODOC	3,790	3,190	610	16.0%
MONO	8,910	8,110	800	9.0%
MONTEREY	217,200	183,700	33,500	15.4%
NAPA	75,100	68,300	6,900	9.2%
NEVADA	51,710	46,620	5,090	9.8%
ORANGE	1,602,600	1,475,100	127,500	8.0%
PLACER	173,800	156,300	17,500	10.1%
PLUMAS	9,530	7,810	1,730	18.1%
RIVERSIDE	944,200	826,100	118,100	12.5%
SACRAMENTO	669,600	594,500	75,200	11.2%
SAN BENITO	27,500	22,600	4,800	17.6%
SAN BERNARDINO	868,300	761,400	106,800	12.3%
SAN DIEGO	1,586,200	1,438,700	147,500	9.3%
SAN FRANCISCO	466,100	428,500	37,600	8.1%
SAN JOAQUIN	299,600	249,800	49,800	16.6%
SAN LUIS OBISPO	135,200	123,300	11,900	8.8%
SAN MATEO	382,700	355,000	27,700	7.2%
SANTA BARBARA	223,000	203,000	20,000	9.0%
SANTA CLARA	902,200	822,700	79,500	8.8%
SANTA CRUZ	149,600	129,400	20,100	13.5%
SHASTA	83,700	71,700	12,000	14.3%
SIERRA	1,670	1,420	250	14.9%
SISKIYOU	19,600	15,940	3,650	18.6%
SOLANO	218,100	194,500	23,600	10.8%
SONOMA	255,200	231,600	23,600	9.2%
STANISLAUS	234,200	194,700	39,500	16.9%
SUTTER	43,900	35,400	8,500	19.4%
TEHAMA	25,450	21,650	3,800	14.9%
TRINITY	5,010	4,050	970	19.3%
TULARE	210,300	174,000	36,400	17.3%
TUOLUMNE	26,040	22,590	3,450	13.2%
VENTURA	434,600	392,300	42,300	9.7%
YOLO	99,800	85,700	14,100	14.1%
YUBA	28,100	23,100	5,000	17.9%

\*Not seasonally adjusted.

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