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California's Payroll Employment Up 9,300 Jobs

SACRAMENTO – According to the state Employment Development Department's (EDD) survey of employers, nonfarm payroll employment in California increased by 9,300 jobs over the month, for a total of 15,283,900.

California's unemployment rate was 5.6 percent in September, up from 5.5 percent in August, EDD reported today. A year ago, in September 2006, California's unemployment rate was 4.8 percent.

According to the separate survey of households, the number of Californians holding jobs in September was 17,280,000. This was an increase of 62,000 from August, and up 205,000 from the employment total in September of last year.

The number of people unemployed in California was 1,029,000 – an increase of 33,000 over the month, and up by 162,000 compared with September of last year.

Of the unemployed, 366,900 were laid off, 92,900 left their jobs voluntarily, and the remaining were either new entrants or reentrants into the labor market, or persons who completed temporary jobs.

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE CLAIMS (NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)

In related data, the EDD reported that there were 345,187 people receiving regular unemployment insurance benefits during the September survey week. This compares with 352,725 last month and 296,597 last year. At the same time, new claims for unemployment insurance were 39,993 in September 2007, compared with 39,651 in August and 36,491 in September of last year.

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WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT DETAIL (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)

EDD's report on payroll employment (wage and salary jobs) in the nonfarm industries of California totaled 15,283,900 in September, a net gain of 9,300 jobs since the August survey. This followed a gain of 21,900 jobs (as revised) in August.

Eight of the categories (**natural resources and mining; manufacturing; trade, transportation and utilities; information; educational and health services; leisure and hospitality; other services; and government**) added jobs over the month, gaining 18,400 jobs. Information showed the largest gain, up by 7,900 jobs. Three categories (**construction; financial activities; and professional and business services**) reported job declines this month, down 9,100 jobs. Construction posted the largest decline over the month, down by 5,000 jobs.

In a year-over-year comparison (September 2006 to September 2007), nonfarm payroll employment in California increased by 162,000 jobs (up 1.1 percent).

Seven industry divisions (**trade, transportation and utilities; information; professional and business services; educational and health services; leisure and hospitality; other services; and government**) posted job gains over the year, adding 206,400 jobs. On a numerical basis, government showed the strongest employment growth, adding 53,400 jobs (a 2.2 percent increase). On a percentage of growth basis, educational and health services showed the strongest gain, up 3.0 percent (adding 48,500 jobs).

Four categories (**natural resources and mining; construction; manufacturing; and financial activities**) posted job declines over the year, down 44,400 jobs. Construction employment showed the largest decline on both a numerical and percentage basis, down by 28,600 jobs (a decline of 3.0 percent).

WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT DETAIL (NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)

Over the month, employment in **government** showed the largest non-seasonally adjusted gain, up by 67,600 jobs. The gains were concentrated in local and state government education, which were up by 66,700 and 5,700 jobs, respectively, reflecting the start of the school year. **Leisure and hospitality** recorded the largest non-seasonally adjusted loss, down by 15,600 jobs. The losses were divided between the arts, entertainment, and recreation sector, down 9,400 jobs, and the accommodation and food service sector, down 6,200 jobs.

Government reported the largest non-seasonally gain over the year, up 46,100 jobs. The gains were mainly in local government, up 34,200 jobs, and state government, up 13,700 jobs. The largest decrease over the year was in **construction**, which was down by 28,100 jobs. The losses were recorded in specialty trade contractors, down 13,800 jobs, construction of buildings, down 9,800 jobs, and heavy and civil engineering construction, down 4,500 jobs.

Seasonally adjusted payroll detail follows:

WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT, SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA
(Amounts in thousands)

Industrial Classification	September 2007 (prelim.)	August 2007 (revised)	September 2006	Change Over 12 months (Percent)
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Workers	15,283.9	15,274.6	15,121.9	1.1
Natural resources and mining	25.4	25.3	25.5	-0.4
Construction	912.4	917.4	941.0	-3.0
Manufacturing	1,495.4	1,495.0	1,499.9	-0.3
Trade, transportation and utilities	2,902.6	2,901.6	2,887.2	0.5
Information	478.0	470.1	470.8	1.5
Financial activities	928.7	931.5	939.9	-1.2
Professional and business services	2,268.3	2,269.6	2,238.5	1.3
Educational and health services	1,679.0	1,675.7	1,630.5	3.0
Leisure and hospitality	1,566.7	1,564.1	1,523.9	2.8
Other services	518.2	516.1	508.9	1.8
Government*	2,509.2	2,508.2	2,455.8	2.2
Agriculture	370.7	362.8	382.7	-3.1

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

TABLE A
EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT IN CALIFORNIA, SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

	September 2007	August 2007	July 2007	September 2006
Civilian labor force ^a	18,309,000	18,214,000	18,198,000	17,942,000
Total civilian employment	17,280,000	17,218,000	17,238,000	17,075,000
Unemployment	1,029,000	996,000	960,000	867,000
Seasonally adjusted rate %	5.6	5.5	5.3	4.8
US seasonally adjusted rate %	4.7	4.6	4.6	4.6

TABLE B
EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT IN CALIFORNIA, UNADJUSTED DATA

	September 2007	August 2007	July 2007	September 2006
Civilian labor force ^a	18,297,000	18,331,000	18,344,000	17,926,000
Total civilian employment	17,310,000	17,337,000	17,329,000	17,107,000
Unemployment	987,000	994,000	1,015,000	819,000
Unadjusted rate %	5.4	5.4	5.5	4.6

^aLabor force by place of residence including workers involved in trade disputes.

**MONTHLY LABOR FORCE DATA FOR COUNTIES
SEPTEMBER 2007; 2006 BENCHMARK
NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED**

COUNTY	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYMENT	UNEMPLOYMENT	RATE
STATE TOTAL	18,297,300	17,310,500	986,800	5.4%
ALAMEDA	756,800	719,600	37,200	4.9%
ALPINE	470	420	50	10.9%
AMADOR	17,930	16,880	1,050	5.9%
BUTTE	105,100	98,700	6,400	6.1%
CALAVERAS	21,800	20,460	1,340	6.2%
COLUSA	9,950	9,170	780	7.9%
CONTRA COSTA	527,000	501,100	25,900	4.9%
DEL NORTE	11,320	10,490	830	7.4%
EL DORADO	95,100	90,400	4,700	5.0%
FRESNO	429,100	396,800	32,300	7.5%
GLENN	12,050	11,150	900	7.4%
HUMBOLDT	61,700	58,400	3,300	5.4%
IMPERIAL	69,400	55,000	14,400	20.8%
INYO	9,040	8,580	460	5.0%
KERN	352,200	325,900	26,300	7.5%
KINGS	58,100	53,800	4,300	7.3%
LAKE	28,010	26,050	1,960	7.0%
LASSEN	12,860	12,000	860	6.7%
LOS ANGELES	4,974,500	4,717,200	257,300	5.2%
MADERA	68,700	64,500	4,200	6.1%
MARIN	135,200	130,000	5,200	3.8%
MARIPOSA	9,790	9,310	480	4.9%
MENDOCINO	43,990	41,790	2,200	5.0%
MERCED	102,600	94,000	8,600	8.4%
MODOC	4,180	3,910	270	6.4%
MONO	8,030	7,660	370	4.7%
MONTEREY	206,800	195,600	11,200	5.4%
NAPA	75,300	72,300	3,000	4.0%
NEVADA	51,120	48,670	2,450	4.8%
ORANGE	1,636,600	1,568,000	68,600	4.2%
PLACER	172,500	163,900	8,600	5.0%
PLUMAS	10,900	10,260	640	5.9%
RIVERSIDE	924,700	864,700	60,000	6.5%
SACRAMENTO	697,500	658,600	38,900	5.6%
SAN BENITO	25,000	23,600	1,400	5.6%
SAN BERNARDINO	916,800	865,000	51,800	5.6%
SAN DIEGO	1,540,400	1,466,000	74,400	4.8%
SAN FRANCISCO	430,400	411,300	19,100	4.4%
SAN JOAQUIN	292,800	269,900	22,900	7.8%
SAN LUIS OBISPO	133,800	127,800	6,000	4.5%
SAN MATEO	376,200	361,300	14,900	4.0%
SANTA BARBARA	213,700	204,300	9,400	4.4%
SANTA CLARA	850,200	808,100	42,100	5.0%
SANTA CRUZ	148,200	141,200	7,000	4.7%
SHASTA	86,100	80,200	5,900	6.9%
SIERRA	1,710	1,620	90	5.4%
SISKIYOU	19,560	18,190	1,370	7.0%
SOLANO	218,300	206,600	11,700	5.3%
SONOMA	265,600	253,800	11,800	4.5%
STANISLAUS	233,200	214,600	18,600	8.0%
SUTTER	41,600	38,400	3,200	7.8%
TEHAMA	25,620	23,910	1,710	6.7%
TRINITY	5,250	4,820	430	8.2%
TULARE	195,000	179,000	16,000	8.2%
TUOLUMNE	26,440	24,880	1,560	5.9%
VENTURA	428,000	405,200	22,800	5.3%
YOLO	96,000	91,000	5,000	5.2%
YUBA	27,200	24,800	2,400	8.9%