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California's Payroll Employment Up 900 Jobs *Unemployment Rate Unchanged At 5.6 Percent*

SACRAMENTO – California's nonfarm payroll employment increased by 900 jobs over the month, for a total of 15,274,100, according to the state Employment Development Department's (EDD) monthly survey of employers.

A separate survey of households showed the number of Californians holding jobs in November was 17,340,000. This was an increase of 121,000 from October, and up 210,000 from the employment total in November of last year.

California's unemployment rate was 5.6 percent in November, unchanged from 5.6 percent in October, according to EDD. In November 2006, California's unemployment rate was 4.7 percent.

The number of people unemployed in California was 1,038,000 – an increase of 16,000 over the month, and up by 186,000 compared with November of last year.

Of the unemployed, 408,600 were laid off, 74,000 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 302,550 people receiving regular unemployment insurance benefits during the November survey week. This compares with 335,930 last month and 245,064 last year. At the same time, new claims for unemployment insurance were 39,531 in November 2007, compared with 48,157 in October and 40,677 in November 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 15,274,100 in November, a net gain of 900 jobs since the October survey. This followed a loss of 13,500 jobs (as revised) in October.

Six of the categories (**natural resources and mining; information; professional and business services; educational and health services; leisure and hospitality; and other services**) added jobs over the month, gaining 13,900 jobs. Educational and health services showed the largest gain, up by 5,200 jobs. Five categories (**construction; manufacturing; trade, transportation and utilities; financial activities; and government**) reported job declines this month, down 13,000 jobs. Trade, transportation and utilities posted the largest decline over the month, down by 4,200 jobs.

In a year-over-year comparison (November 2006 to November 2007), nonfarm payroll employment in California increased by 85,700 jobs (up 0.6 percent).

Six industry divisions (**trade, transportation and utilities; professional and business services; educational and health services; leisure and hospitality; other services; and government**) posted job gains over the year, adding 155,000 jobs. Educational and health services showed the strongest employment growth on both a numerical and percentage of growth basis, adding 53,600 jobs (a 3.3 percent increase).

Five categories (**natural resources and mining; construction; manufacturing; information; and financial activities**) posted job declines over the year, down 69,300 jobs. Construction employment showed the largest decline on both a numerical and percentage basis, down by 35,400 jobs (a decline of 3.8 percent).

WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT DETAIL (NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)

Over the month, employment in **trade, transportation and utilities** showed the largest non-seasonally adjusted gain, up by 47,400 jobs. The gains were centered in retail trade, which was up by 47,100 jobs. **Construction** recorded the largest non-seasonally adjusted loss, down by 12,800 jobs. The losses were primarily in the specialty trade contractors sector, which was down by 9,800 jobs.

Educational and health services reported the largest non-seasonally adjusted gain over the year, up 54,300 jobs. The gains were divided between health care and social assistance, up by 41,100 jobs, and educational services, up by 13,200 jobs. The largest decrease over the year was in **construction**, which was down by 35,200 jobs. The losses were mainly in specialty trade contractors, down 20,700 jobs, and construction of buildings, down 10,800 jobs.

Seasonally adjusted payroll detail follows:

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

Industrial Classification	November 2007 (prelim.)	October 2007 (revised)	November 2006	Change Over 12 months (Percent)
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Workers	15,274.1	15,273.2	15,188.4	0.6
Natural resources and mining	25.7	25.6	26.0	-1.2
Construction	902.9	904.8	938.3	-3.8
Manufacturing	1,492.1	1,494.8	1,506.5	-1.0
Trade, transportation and utilities	2,891.1	2,895.3	2,890.3	0.0
Information	472.7	470.4	473.7	-0.2
Financial activities	923.3	926.9	941.5	-1.9
Professional and business services	2,276.1	2,274.0	2,255.4	0.9
Educational and health services	1,691.0	1,685.8	1,637.4	3.3
Leisure and hospitality	1,568.7	1,564.7	1,540.7	1.8
Other services	518.3	518.1	511.6	1.3
Government*	2,512.2	2,512.8	2,467.0	1.8
Agriculture	397.4	390.2	391.8	1.4

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

TABLE A
EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT IN CALIFORNIA, SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

	November 2007	October 2007	September 2007	November 2006
Civilian labor force ^a	18,378,000	18,241,000	18,309,000	17,982,000
Total civilian employment	17,340,000	17,219,000	17,280,000	17,130,000
Unemployment	1,038,000	1,022,000	1,029,000	852,000
Seasonally adjusted rate %	5.6	5.6	5.6	4.7
US seasonally adjusted rate %	4.7	4.7	4.7	4.5

TABLE B
EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT IN CALIFORNIA, UNADJUSTED DATA

	November 2007	October 2007	September 2007	November 2006
Civilian labor force ^a	18,374,000	18,269,000	18,297,000	18,003,000
Total civilian employment	17,353,000	17,287,000	17,310,000	17,166,000
Unemployment	1,021,000	982,000	987,000	837,000
Unadjusted rate %	5.6	5.4	5.4	4.6

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

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

COUNTY	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYMENT	UNEMPLOYMENT	RATE
STATE TOTAL	18,374,200	17,353,500	1,020,700	5.6%
ALAMEDA	758,500	721,400	37,100	4.9%
ALPINE	520	480	40	8.4%
AMADOR	17,740	16,640	1,100	6.2%
BUTTE	104,500	97,700	6,800	6.5%
CALAVERAS	21,480	20,070	1,410	6.6%
COLUSA	9,360	8,020	1,340	14.4%
CONTRA COSTA	528,400	502,300	26,100	4.9%
DEL NORTE	11,150	10,220	930	8.4%
EL DORADO	95,300	90,200	5,100	5.4%
FRESNO	423,600	385,300	38,300	9.0%
GLENN	11,800	10,800	1,000	8.5%
HUMBOLDT	62,200	58,500	3,700	6.0%
IMPERIAL	69,600	56,300	13,300	19.1%
INYO	9,200	8,720	480	5.2%
KERN	352,800	323,000	29,800	8.4%
KINGS	57,700	52,500	5,200	9.0%
LAKE	26,940	24,730	2,210	8.2%
LASSEN	13,000	11,990	1,010	7.8%
LOS ANGELES	5,050,600	4,790,100	260,500	5.2%
MADERA	64,900	59,900	5,000	7.7%
MARIN	135,700	130,500	5,200	3.8%
MARIPOSA	8,950	8,370	580	6.4%
MENDOCINO	43,650	41,250	2,400	5.5%
MERCED	101,100	90,700	10,400	10.3%
MODOC	4,000	3,700	300	7.5%
MONO	7,950	7,530	420	5.3%
MONTEREY	203,600	189,900	13,700	6.7%
NAPA	74,300	70,800	3,500	4.7%
NEVADA	50,360	47,750	2,610	5.2%
ORANGE	1,637,100	1,568,900	68,200	4.2%
PLACER	172,300	163,500	8,800	5.1%
PLUMAS	10,470	9,640	830	7.9%
RIVERSIDE	927,300	868,400	58,900	6.4%
SACRAMENTO	696,000	656,800	39,200	5.6%
SAN BENITO	25,500	23,700	1,800	7.0%
SAN BERNARDINO	921,000	868,700	52,300	5.7%
SAN DIEGO	1,545,300	1,470,700	74,600	4.8%
SAN FRANCISCO	431,800	413,000	18,800	4.4%
SAN JOAQUIN	290,900	265,300	25,600	8.8%
SAN LUIS OBISPO	134,900	128,800	6,100	4.5%
SAN MATEO	377,700	362,800	14,900	4.0%
SANTA BARBARA	215,600	205,600	10,000	4.6%
SANTA CLARA	854,400	812,600	41,800	4.9%
SANTA CRUZ	148,100	140,000	8,100	5.5%
SHASTA	86,600	80,200	6,400	7.4%
SIERRA	1,640	1,520	120	7.4%
SISKIYOU	18,800	17,230	1,570	8.4%
SOLANO	218,400	206,600	11,800	5.4%
SONOMA	263,100	251,200	11,900	4.5%
STANISLAUS	229,800	209,000	20,800	9.1%
SUTTER	41,600	37,400	4,200	10.1%
TEHAMA	25,690	23,880	1,810	7.1%
TRINITY	5,080	4,580	500	9.8%
TULARE	194,600	176,300	18,300	9.4%
TUOLUMNE	26,310	24,600	1,710	6.5%
VENTURA	431,400	408,200	23,200	5.4%
YOLO	96,900	90,700	6,200	6.4%
YUBA	26,600	24,200	2,400	9.1%