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Note: EDD's Unemployment Insurance (UI) telephone lines are open Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. for claim filing and assistance. For convenience, select EDD Workforce Services offices also are open Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. to provide access to computers and phones for claim filing and assistance. Check EDD's Web site (www.edd.ca.gov) for a list of these offices.

California's Unemployment Rate Increases To 11.9 Percent

SACRAMENTO – California's unemployment rate was 11.9 percent in July, and nonfarm payroll jobs declined by 35,800 during the month, according to data released today by the California Employment Development Department (EDD) from two separate surveys.

The U.S. unemployment rate decreased in July, falling to 9.4 percent.

In June, the state's unemployment rate was 11.6 percent, and in July 2008, the unemployment rate was 7.3 percent. The unemployment rate is derived from a federal survey of 5,500 California households.

Nonfarm jobs in California totaled 14,249,600 in July, a decrease of 35,800 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 (July 2008 to July 2009) shows a decrease of 760,200 jobs (down 5.1 percent).

EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT IN CALIFORNIA

The federal survey of households, done with a smaller sample than the survey of employers, shows a decrease in the number of employed people. It estimates the number of Californians holding jobs in July was 16,260,000, a decrease of 87,000 from June, and down 798,000 from the employment total in July of last year.

The number of people unemployed in California was 2,187,000 – up by 33,000 over the month, and up by 840,000 compared with July of last year.

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PAYROLL EMPLOYMENT DETAIL (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED²)

EDD's report on payroll employment (wage and salary jobs) in the nonfarm industries of California totaled 14,249,600 in July, a net loss of 35,800 jobs since the June survey. This followed a loss of 66,100 jobs (as revised) in June.

Two categories (**professional and business services** and **leisure and hospitality**) added jobs over the month, gaining 2,900 jobs. Eight categories (**construction; manufacturing; trade, transportation and utilities; information; financial activities; educational and health services; other services; and government**) reported job declines this month, down 38,700 jobs. Trade, transportation and utilities posted the largest decline over the month, down by 15,900 jobs. One category, **natural resources and mining**, reported no change.

In a year-over-year comparison (July 2008 to July 2009), nonfarm payroll employment in California decreased by 760,200 jobs (down 5.1 percent).

One industry division, **educational and health services**, posted job gains over the year, adding 17,900 jobs (a 1.0 percent increase).

Ten categories (**natural resources and mining; construction; manufacturing; trade, transportation and utilities; information; financial activities; professional and business services; leisure and hospitality; other services; and government**) posted job declines over the year, down 778,100 jobs. Trade, transportation and utilities employment showed the largest decline on a numerical basis, down by 196,600 jobs (a decline of 6.9 percent). Construction posted the largest decline on a percentage basis, down by 18.6 percent (a decrease of 144,500 jobs).

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE CLAIMS (NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)

In related data, the EDD reported that there were 812,165 people receiving regular unemployment insurance benefits during the July survey week. This compares with 820,387 last month and 480,226 last year. At the same time, new claims for unemployment insurance were 80,048 in July 2009, compared with 86,016 in June and 58,131 in July of last year.

NOTE TO EDITORS: EDD encourages those who are filing for Unemployment Insurance benefits to do so on-line through our Web site at www.edd.ca.gov. On-line claim filing is the fastest, most convenient way to apply for unemployment benefits, and is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Seasonally adjusted payroll detail follows:

PAYROLL EMPLOYMENT, SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA²
(Amounts in thousands)

Industrial Classification	July 2009 (prelim.)	June 2009 (revised)	July 2008	Change Over 12 Months (Percent)
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Workers	14,249.6	14,285.4	15,009.8	-5.1
Natural resources and mining	27.0	27.0	28.7	-5.9
Construction	633.1	643.8	777.6	-18.6
Manufacturing	1,304.3	1,306.8	1,428.7	-8.7
Trade, transportation and utilities	2,666.9	2,682.8	2,863.5	-6.9
Information	443.2	445.3	473.4	-6.4
Financial activities	802.1	802.4	846.4	-5.2
Professional and business services	2,117.5	2,117.0	2,249.5	-5.9
Educational and health services	1,740.2	1,743.5	1,722.3	1.0
Leisure and hospitality	1,516.0	1,513.6	1,578.1	-3.9
Other services	499.0	501.4	517.6	-3.6
Government*	2,500.3	2,501.8	2,524.0	-0.9
Agriculture	391.0	396.9	389.2	0.5

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

TABLE A
EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT IN CALIFORNIA, SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA²

	July 2009 (prelim.)	June 2009 (revised)	May 2009	July 2008
Civilian labor force ^a	18,447,000	18,501,000	18,541,000	18,405,000
Total civilian employment	16,260,000	16,347,000	16,388,000	17,058,000
Unemployment	2,187,000	2,154,000	2,153,000	1,347,000
Seasonally adjusted rate %	11.9	11.6	11.6	7.3
US seasonally adjusted rate %	9.4	9.5	9.4	5.8

TABLE B
EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT IN CALIFORNIA, UNADJUSTED DATA

	July 2009 (prelim.)	June 2009 (revised)	May 2009	July 2008
Civilian labor force ^a	18,590,000	18,537,000	18,458,000	18,523,000
Total civilian employment	16,347,000	16,378,000	16,376,000	17,116,000
Unemployment	2,244,000	2,159,000	2,082,000	1,406,000
Unadjusted rate %	12.1	11.6	11.3	7.6

^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
July 2009 (Preliminary); 2008 BENCHMARK
NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

COUNTY	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYMENT	UNEMPLOYMENT	RATE*
STATE TOTAL	18,590,300	16,346,600	2,243,700	12.1%
ALAMEDA	779,300	689,300	90,000	11.5%
ALPINE	440	370	70	16.5%
AMADOR	18,360	16,140	2,230	12.1%
BUTTE	106,600	92,500	14,100	13.2%
CALAVERAS	21,450	18,390	3,050	14.2%
COLUSA	11,390	9,530	1,860	16.4%
CONTRA COSTA	534,900	475,800	59,000	11.0%
DEL NORTE	11,880	10,360	1,520	12.8%
EL DORADO	93,100	82,200	11,000	11.8%
FRESNO	451,200	383,600	67,600	15.0%
GLENN	12,340	10,370	1,970	15.9%
HUMBOLDT	59,900	53,200	6,800	11.3%
IMPERIAL	76,800	53,600	23,200	30.2%
INYO	9,130	8,250	890	9.7%
KERN	381,800	326,900	54,900	14.4%
KINGS	61,300	52,400	8,900	14.5%
LAKE	25,540	21,590	3,950	15.4%
LASSEN	13,770	12,090	1,680	12.2%
LOS ANGELES	4,992,900	4,370,000	622,900	12.5%
MADERA	68,700	59,200	9,500	13.9%
MARIN	136,700	125,600	11,100	8.2%
MARIPOSA	9,680	8,720	960	9.9%
MENDOCINO	43,640	39,000	4,640	10.6%
MERCED	105,300	86,800	18,500	17.6%
MODOC	4,140	3,690	460	11.0%
MONO	7,980	7,130	850	10.6%
MONTEREY	224,100	201,200	22,900	10.2%
NAPA	76,400	69,700	6,700	8.8%
NEVADA	50,550	44,820	5,730	11.3%
ORANGE	1,646,100	1,489,900	156,200	9.5%
PLACER	177,700	157,500	20,200	11.4%
PLUMAS	10,490	8,950	1,540	14.7%
RIVERSIDE	925,400	789,100	136,400	14.7%
SACRAMENTO	696,700	612,800	83,800	12.0%
SAN BENITO	25,200	22,000	3,200	12.7%
SAN BERNARDINO	879,600	757,600	122,000	13.9%
SAN DIEGO	1,581,200	1,418,800	162,400	10.3%
SAN FRANCISCO	454,100	409,300	44,800	9.9%
SAN JOAQUIN	304,300	255,700	48,600	16.0%
SAN LUIS OBISPO	139,700	126,500	13,200	9.5%
SAN MATEO	386,100	351,200	34,900	9.0%
SANTA BARBARA	225,200	206,300	18,900	8.4%
SANTA CLARA	899,700	794,000	105,700	11.7%
SANTA CRUZ	151,100	134,800	16,300	10.8%
SHASTA	83,800	70,700	13,100	15.6%
SIERRA	1,630	1,390	240	15.0%
SISKIYOU	19,610	16,860	2,750	14.0%
SOLANO	216,700	191,700	25,000	11.5%
SONOMA	261,800	234,800	27,000	10.3%
STANISLAUS	244,100	204,300	39,800	16.3%
SUTTER	42,700	35,700	7,000	16.4%
TEHAMA	26,360	22,590	3,770	14.3%
TRINITY	4,690	3,870	820	17.5%
TULARE	209,300	177,300	32,100	15.3%
TUOLUMNE	26,490	23,130	3,360	12.7%
VENTURA	432,600	385,600	47,000	10.9%
YOLO	99,300	88,200	11,200	11.2%
YUBA	29,300	23,900	5,400	18.4%

*Not seasonally adjusted.