

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

Estimates in this release are based on the Current Employment Statistics (CES) survey conducted quarterly by the Guam Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor's Employment and Training Administration.

### Employment Concepts

Employment data, except those for the Federal Government, refer to persons on establishment payrolls who received pay for any part of the pay period, which includes the 12<sup>th</sup> of the month. For Federal Government establishments, employment figures represent the number of persons who occupied positions on the last day of the calendar month. Intermittent workers are counted if they performed any service during the month.

The data excludes proprietors, the self-employed, unpaid volunteer or family workers. And domestic workers in households. Salaried officers of corporations are included. Government employment covers only civilian employees; military personnel are excluded.

Persons on establishment payrolls who are on sick leave (when pay is received directly from the firm), on paid holiday or paid vacation, or who work during a part of the pay period and are unemployed or on strike during the rest of the period, are counted as employed. The CES survey counts a person employed by two or more establishments at each place of employment. Not counted as employed are persons who are laid off, on leave without pay, or on strike for the entire period or who are hired but have not been paid during the period.

### Industrial Classification

Establishments reporting on Form BLS-CES 3 are classified into industries on the basis of their principal product or activity determined from information on annual sales volume. This information is collected on a supplement to the quarterly shuttle questionnaire. For an establishment making more than one product or engaged in more than one activity, the entire employment is included under the industry indicated by the most important product or activity. Employment series are classified in accordance with the Standard Industrial Classification Manual, U.S. Office of Management and Budget. The 1972 Classification was used for the CES until March 1989 when a change to the 1987 edition was made.

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# Current Employment Report

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### Employment Highlights

The March 2016 preliminary statistics show the total number of private sector jobs are up by 520, or 1.1 percent, from the comparable period of one year ago. The count has, however, decreased by 380 in the latest quarter. Total employment over the year increased by 450 jobs.

By sector, employment gains were realized in the latest quarter in Transportation and Public Utilities and Hotels. Construction employment dipped by 340 jobs this quarter accounting for the decline of 310 over the year.

Federal employment and Government of Guam employment was virtually unchanged over the latest quarter and year.

In comparison to the previous quarter, private average hourly earnings, average weekly hours and average weekly earnings figures were virtually unchanged, however, all three measures declined slightly over the year. Average hourly earnings went from \$13.55 in March 2015 to \$13.27 in March 2016. Average hours worked similarly declined from 36.7 to 36.4 and average weekly earnings fell from \$499.29 to \$483.83 over the same period.

| EMPLOYEES ON PAYROLL BY OWNERSHIP AND INDUSTRY |                            |                           |                                |                               | EMPLOYMENT BY SEX          |                                | PRODUCTION WORKERS, WAGES, HOURS AND EARNINGS <sup>1</sup> |                       |                               |                                 |                               |
|--|----------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------|--|-----------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|
|  | March <sup>r</sup><br>2015 | June <sup>r</sup><br>2015 | September <sup>r</sup><br>2015 | December <sup>r</sup><br>2015 | March <sup>p</sup><br>2016 | March 2016<br>Male      Female |  | Production<br>Workers | Average<br>Hourly<br>Earnings | Average<br>Weekly<br>Hours Paid | Average<br>Weekly<br>Earnings |
| <b><u>PRIVATE SECTOR</u></b>                   |                            |                           |                                |                               |                            |                                |  |                       |                               |                                 |                               |
| AGRICULTURE                                    | <u>280</u>                 | <u>280</u>                | <u>270</u>                     | <u>280</u>                    | <u>250</u>                 | <u>230</u>                     | <u>20</u>  | <u>220</u>            | <u>\$12.26</u>                | <u>36.5</u>                     | <u>\$447.77</u>               |
| CONSTRUCTION                                   | <u>6,740</u>               | <u>6,940</u>              | <u>6,980</u>                   | <u>6,770</u>                  | <u>6,430</u>               | <u>5,930</u>                   | <u>500</u>   | <u>4,720</u>          | <u>14.71</u>                  | <u>37.7</u>                     | <u>555.31</u>                 |
| General building contractors                   | 5,120                      | 5,250                     | 5,340                          | 5,070                         | 4,760                      | 4,440                          | 320  | 3,760                 | 14.57                         | 37.3                            | 542.93                        |
| Heavy construction, ex. building               | 280                        | 280                       | 270                            | 270                           | 270                        | 250                            | 20   | 190                   | 16.92                         | 49.6                            | 840.10                        |
| Special trade contractors                      | 1,340                      | 1,410                     | 1,370                          | 1,430                         | 1,400                      | 1,240                          | 160  | 770                   | 14.20                         | 33.2                            | 471.36                        |
| MANUFACTURING                                  | <u>1,590</u>               | <u>1,590</u>              | <u>1,610</u>                   | <u>1,600</u>                  | <u>1,600</u>               | <u>1,240</u>                   | <u>360</u>   | <u>1,010</u>          | <u>15.11</u>                  | <u>37.9</u>                     | <u>572.29</u>                 |
| Food and kindred products                      | 390                        | 410                       | 410                            | 420                           | 440                        | 290                            | 150  | 200                   | 10.34                         | 35.7                            | 369.31                        |
| Printing and publishing                        | 270                        | 270                       | 280                            | 270                           | 260                        | 130                            | 130  | 90                    | 13.69                         | 37.5                            | 513.36                        |
| All other manufacturing                        | 930                        | 910                       | 920                            | 910                           | 900                        | 820                            | 80   | 720                   | 16.54                         | 38.5                            | 637.67                        |
| TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES              | <u>4,550</u>               | <u>4,590</u>              | <u>4,530</u>                   | <u>4,500</u>                  | <u>4,710</u>               | <u>2,860</u>                   | <u>1,850</u>   | <u>4,090</u>          | <u>18.70</u>                  | <u>40.9</u>                     | <u>765.50</u>                 |
| WHOLESALE TRADE                                | <u>2,450</u>               | <u>2,460</u>              | <u>2,480</u>                   | <u>2,490</u>                  | <u>2,430</u>               | <u>1,660</u>                   | <u>770</u>   | <u>2,000</u>          | <u>10.81</u>                  | <u>39.9</u>                     | <u>430.96</u>                 |
| RETAIL TRADE                                   | <u>11,470</u>              | <u>11,260</u>             | <u>11,430</u>                  | <u>11,550</u>                 | <u>11,490</u>              | <u>5,440</u>                   | <u>6,050</u>   | <u>10,130</u>         | <u>11.71</u>                  | <u>32.2</u>                     | <u>377.62</u>                 |
| FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE               | <u>2,460</u>               | <u>2,470</u>              | <u>2,450</u>                   | <u>2,490</u>                  | <u>2,430</u>               | <u>710</u>                     | <u>1,720</u>   | <u>1,550</u>          | <u>13.95</u>                  | <u>38.6</u>                     | <u>538.33</u>                 |
| SERVICES                                       | <u>17,390</u>              | <u>17,630</u>             | <u>17,820</u>                  | <u>18,150</u>                 | <u>18,110</u>              | <u>9,560</u>                   | <u>8,550</u>   | <u>15,080</u>         | <u>11.68</u>                  | <u>36.3</u>                     | <u>424.25</u>                 |
| Hotels and other lodging places                | 6,030                      | 6,270                     | 6,330                          | 6,480                         | 6,580                      | 3,240                          | 3,340  | 5,530                 | 9.31                          | 36.1                            | 335.91                        |
| All other services                             | 11,360                     | 11,360                    | 11,490                         | 11,670                        | 11,530                     | 6,320                          | 5,210  | 9,550                 | 14.90                         | 36.6                            | 545.75                        |
| TOTAL PRIVATE SECTOR                           | <u>46,930</u>              | <u>47,220</u>             | <u>47,570</u>                  | <u>47,830</u>                 | <u>47,450</u>              | <u>27,630</u>                  | <u>19,820</u>  | <u>38,800</u>         | <u>\$13.27</u>                | <u>36.4</u>                     | <u>\$483.83</u>               |
| <b><u>PUBLIC SECTOR</u></b>                    |                            |                           |                                |                               |                            |                                |  |                       |                               |                                 |                               |
| FEDERAL GOVERNMENT                             | <u>4,040</u>               | <u>4,020</u>              | <u>4,030</u>                   | <u>4,030</u>                  | <u>3,940</u>               | <u>1,800</u>                   | <u>2,140</u>   |                       |                               |                                 |                               |
| GOVERNMENT OF GUAM                             | <u>11,760</u>              | <u>10,950</u>             | <u>12,040</u>                  | <u>11,890</u>                 | <u>11,790</u>              | <u>5,480</u>                   | <u>6,310</u>   |                       | <u>\$22.06</u> <sup>2</sup>   | <u>40.7</u>                     | <u>\$898.80</u>               |
| Executive branch (Includes D.O.E.)             | 7,080                      | 6,540                     | 7,270                          | 7,350                         | 7,170 <sup>3</sup>         |                                |  |                       |                               |                                 |                               |
| All others including autonomous                | 4,680                      | 4,410                     | 4,770                          | 4,540                         | 4,620                      |                                |  |                       |                               |                                 |                               |
| TOTAL PUBLIC SECTOR                            | <u>15,800</u>              | <u>14,970</u>             | <u>16,070</u>                  | <u>15,920</u>                 | <u>15,730</u>              | <u>7,280</u>                   | <u>8,450</u>   |                       |                               |                                 |                               |
| <b><u>TOTAL PAYROLL EMPLOYMENT</u></b>         | <u>62,730</u>              | <u>62,190</u>             | <u>63,640</u>                  | <u>63,750</u>                 | <u>63,180</u>              | <u>34,910</u>                  | <u>28,270</u>  |                       |                               |                                 |                               |

<sup>1</sup> Wages, Hours, and Earnings information is reported for production (nonsupervisory) workers only. Earnings are "gross", they reflect not only changes in basic hourly wage rates, but also such factors as premium pay for overtime work and shift differentials. Average weekly hours information is different from standard or scheduled hours because of such factors as absenteeism, labor turnover, part-time, overtime work, and stoppages. Due to the rounding of the Earnings and Hours Paid figures, their multiple may differ from the average weekly earnings rate shown.

<sup>2</sup> Government figures include all employees and are not directly comparable to private sector production worker estimates.

<sup>3</sup> Figures includes Department of Labor National Dislocated Worker Grant employees, 80 in September, 180 in December 2015, and 102 in March 2016.

<sup>p</sup> Figures are preliminary

<sup>r</sup> Revised estimates

<sup>up</sup> Updated preliminary figures