

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 12th 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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Employment Highlights

The March 2011 preliminary statistics show the number of Guam jobs decreased slightly, 270 over the latest year, down 700 jobs over the quarter or 1.1 percent.

Nearly all of the reduction occurred in the private sector with construction experiencing the greatest decline of 300 in the latest quarter, followed by retail trade with a loss of 190 jobs. Over the year, the reductions in construction and retail trade were off-set by significant gains in services including Hotels.

Federal employment was unchanged this quarter, but was up by 120 jobs from the prior year's figures. Government of Guam employment was essentially unchanged in the latest quarter but decreased by 250 jobs over the year in the Executive branch. About half of the reduction was due to the completion of the 2010 decennial population Census which employed 130 in March last year.

Private average hours worked and weekly earnings declined slightly in the latest quarter but remained up from a year ago by 1.4 and 2.8 percent respectively. These March 2011 statistics are largely unaffected by the Great East Japan Earthquake and tsunami which occurred March 11, one day before the March 12th reference date of the payroll survey.

EMPLOYEES ON PAYROLL BY OWNERSHIP AND INDUSTRY						EMPLOYMENT BY SEX		PRODUCTION WORKERS, WAGES, HOURS AND EARNINGS ¹			
	March ^r 2010	June ^r 2010	September ^r 2010	December ^r 2010	March ^p 2011	March 2011 Male	March 2011 Female	Production Workers	Average Hourly Earnings	Average Weekly Hours Paid	Average Weekly Earnings
<u>PRIVATE SECTOR</u>											
AGRICULTURE	<u>310</u>	<u>330</u>	<u>330</u>	<u>320</u>	<u>270</u>	<u>240</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>240</u>	<u>\$8.59</u>	<u>38.6</u>	<u>\$331.53</u>
CONSTRUCTION	<u>6,830</u>	<u>7,030</u>	<u>6,770</u>	<u>6,660</u>	<u>6,360</u>	<u>5,870</u>	<u>490</u>	<u>4,850</u>	<u>14.37</u>	<u>39.3</u>	<u>565.22</u>
General building contractors	5,240	5,470	5,250	5,110	4,660	4,370	290	3,710	13.92	37.8	526.19
Heavy construction, ex. building	590	690	690	700	840	790	50	730	16.13	44.8	723.41
Special trade contractors	1,000	870	830	850	860	710	150	410	11.37	39.4	447.50
MANUFACTURING	<u>1,700</u>	<u>1,680</u>	<u>1,790</u>	<u>1,790</u>	<u>1,680</u>	<u>1,330</u>	<u>350</u>	<u>1,010</u>	<u>14.32</u>	<u>37.7</u>	<u>540.60</u>
Food and kindred products	460	460	470	480	480	340	140	230	9.86	35.4	349.51
Printing and publishing	320	310	330	330	330	170	160	100	11.91	33.4	398.04
All other manufacturing	920	910	990	980	870	820	50	680	15.99	39.1	624.89
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	<u>4,550</u>	<u>4,600</u>	<u>4,520</u>	<u>4,500</u>	<u>4,420</u>	<u>2,730</u>	<u>1,690</u>	<u>3,670</u>	<u>16.81</u>	<u>39.4</u>	<u>663.11</u>
WHOLESALE TRADE	<u>2,060</u>	<u>2,110</u>	<u>2,090</u>	<u>2,100</u>	<u>2,100</u>	<u>1,420</u>	<u>680</u>	<u>1,680</u>	<u>10.80</u>	<u>38.5</u>	<u>415.78</u>
RETAIL TRADE	<u>11,690</u>	<u>11,420</u>	<u>11,500</u>	<u>11,610</u>	<u>11,420</u>	<u>5,380</u>	<u>6,040</u>	<u>9,840</u>	<u>10.73</u>	<u>30.0</u>	<u>321.99</u>
FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE	<u>2,590</u>	<u>2,630</u>	<u>2,590</u>	<u>2,650</u>	<u>2,650</u>	<u>830</u>	<u>1,820</u>	<u>1,840</u>	<u>13.11</u>	<u>37.9</u>	<u>496.98</u>
SERVICES	<u>16,590</u>	<u>16,640</u>	<u>16,840</u>	<u>17,160</u>	<u>17,190</u>	<u>9,340</u>	<u>7,850</u>	<u>15,010</u>	<u>11.03</u>	<u>36.6</u>	<u>403.60</u>
Hotels and other lodging places	5,170	5,210	5,330	5,440	5,480	2,800	2,680	4,560	8.29	37.6	311.63
All other services	11,420	11,430	11,510	11,720	11,710	6,540	5,170	10,450	14.06	35.5	499.25
TOTAL PRIVATE SECTOR	<u>46,320</u>	<u>46,440</u>	<u>46,430</u>	<u>46,790</u>	<u>46,090</u>	<u>27,140</u>	<u>18,950</u>	<u>38,140</u>	<u>12.45</u>	<u>35.9</u>	<u>447.42</u>
<u>PUBLIC SECTOR</u>											
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT	<u>3,820</u>	<u>3,830</u>	<u>3,870</u>	<u>3,940</u>	<u>3,940</u>	<u>1,970</u>	<u>1,970</u>				
GOVERNMENT OF GUAM	<u>12,060</u>	<u>11,240</u>	<u>11,880</u>	<u>11,870</u>	<u>11,900</u>	<u>5,590</u>	<u>6,310</u>		19.94 ²	40.4 ²	804.68
Executive branch (Includes D.O.E.)	7,410	6,880	7,240	7,140	7,160						
All others including autonomous	4,650	4,360	4,640	4,730	4,740						
TOTAL PUBLIC SECTOR	<u>15,880</u>	<u>15,070</u>	<u>15,750</u>	<u>15,810</u>	<u>15,840</u>	<u>7,560</u>	<u>8,280</u>				
<u>TOTAL PAYROLL EMPLOYMENT</u>	<u>62,200</u>	<u>61,510</u>	<u>62,180</u>	<u>62,600</u>	<u>61,930</u>	<u>34,700</u>	<u>27,230</u>				

¹ 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.

² Government figures include all employees and are not directly comparable to private sector production worker estimates. March & June 2010 Executive Branch figures include federally funded U.S. Census employees, 130 in March and 450 in June.

^p Figures are preliminary ^r Revised estimates ^{up} Updated preliminary figures