

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 total number of jobs on Guam held essentially steady, for the second consecutive quarter ending March 2009. The total job count went from 60,970 in September to 60,840 in December 2008 to 60,950 in March 2009's preliminary statistics.

The Construction industry gained 140 jobs, in the latest quarter, while the Hotel and Transportation and Public Utilities industries lost 120 and 90 jobs, respectively.

Federal employment decreased by 70 jobs compared to the previous quarter, but was up 180 from the prior year's figures. Government of Guam employment increased seasonally by 280 for the quarter but decreased by 30 jobs over the comparable period of one year ago.

Average hourly earnings for private sector employees were up forty-seven cents per hour and \$18.22 per week, or a little over four percent each, since March 2008 one year ago. The increased Construction and Manufacturing share of employment, over the year, contributed to increased average hourly and average weekly earnings.

Average hourly earnings and average weekly earnings for Government of Guam employees increased a little over two percent over the year.

EMPLOYEES ON PAYROLL BY OWNERSHIP AND INDUSTRY					EMPLOYMENT BY SEX		PRODUCTION WORKERS, WAGES, HOURS AND EARNINGS ¹				
	March ^r 2008	June ^r 2008	September ^r 2008	December ^r 2008	March ^p 2009	March 2009 Male	Female	Production Workers	Average Hourly Earnings	Average Weekly Hours Paid	Average Weekly Earnings
PRIVATE SECTOR											
AGRICULTURE	<u>340</u>	<u>360</u>	<u>370</u>	<u>350</u>	<u>370</u>	<u>340</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>320</u>	<u>\$8.54</u>	<u>40.7</u>	<u>\$347.74</u>
CONSTRUCTION	<u>6,540</u>	<u>6,640</u>	<u>6,440</u>	<u>6,460</u>	<u>6,600</u>	<u>6,220</u>	<u>380</u>	<u>5,350</u>	<u>13.60</u>	<u>41.5</u>	<u>564.44</u>
General building contractors	4,980	4,960	4,830	4,770	4,650	4,400	250	3,800	13.06	40.1	523.81
Heavy construction, ex. building	480	540	550	580	580	540	40	480	15.94	49.1	783.30
Special trade contractors	1,080	1,140	1,060	1,110	1,370	1,280	90	1,070	14.68	44.3	651.37
MANUFACTURING	<u>1,660</u>	<u>1,680</u>	<u>1,730</u>	<u>1,700</u>	<u>1,720</u>	<u>1,370</u>	<u>350</u>	<u>1,080</u>	<u>15.42</u>	<u>42.4</u>	<u>654.35</u>
Food and kindred products	460	470	480	480	460	320	140	220	9.79	35.7	349.76
Printing and publishing	340	340	330	330	310	160	150	100	11.49	32.6	375.18
All other manufacturing	860	870	920	890	950	890	60	760	17.15	45.7	784.45
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	<u>4,880</u>	<u>4,780</u>	<u>4,760</u>	<u>4,820</u>	<u>4,730</u>	<u>2,870</u>	<u>1,860</u>	<u>3,940</u>	<u>14.74</u>	<u>38.2</u>	<u>563.53</u>
WHOLESALE TRADE	<u>2,080</u>	<u>2,030</u>	<u>2,060</u>	<u>2,060</u>	<u>2,050</u>	<u>1,400</u>	<u>650</u>	<u>1,580</u>	<u>10.13</u>	<u>39.6</u>	<u>401.05</u>
RETAIL TRADE	<u>12,060</u>	<u>11,520</u>	<u>11,580</u>	<u>11,540</u>	<u>11,500</u>	<u>5,390</u>	<u>6,110</u>	<u>9,750</u>	<u>10.10</u>	<u>31.7</u>	<u>320.47</u>
FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE	<u>2,510</u>	<u>2,520</u>	<u>2,530</u>	<u>2,560</u>	<u>2,600</u>	<u>840</u>	<u>1,760</u>	<u>1,860</u>	<u>12.09</u>	<u>37.8</u>	<u>457.28</u>
SERVICES	<u>16,610</u>	<u>16,050</u>	<u>16,520</u>	<u>16,240</u>	<u>16,060</u>	<u>8,620</u>	<u>7,440</u>	<u>13,810</u>	<u>10.21</u>	<u>35.6</u>	<u>363.64</u>
Hotels and other lodging places	5,410	5,260	5,340	5,260	5,140	2,500	2,640	4,250	7.98	36.1	288.07
All other services	11,200	10,790	11,180	10,980	10,920	6,120	4,800	9,560	12.56	35.1	441.17
TOTAL PRIVATE SECTOR	<u>46,680</u>	<u>45,580</u>	<u>45,990</u>	<u>45,730</u>	<u>45,630</u>	<u>27,050</u>	<u>18,580</u>	<u>37,690</u>	<u>11.63</u>	<u>36.3</u>	<u>422.50</u>
PUBLIC SECTOR											
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT	<u>3,510</u>	<u>3,630</u>	<u>3,670</u>	<u>3,760</u>	<u>3,690</u>	<u>1,840</u>	<u>1,850</u>				
GOVERNMENT OF GUAM	<u>11,660</u>	<u>10,720</u>	<u>11,310</u>	<u>11,350</u>	<u>11,630</u>	<u>5,440</u>	<u>6,190</u>		18.94 ²	40.3 ²	762.47
Executive branch (Includes G.P.S.S.)	7,210	6,440	6,910	7,000	7,090						
All others including autonomous	4,450	4,280	4,400	4,350	4,540						
TOTAL PUBLIC SECTOR	<u>15,170</u>	<u>14,350</u>	<u>14,980</u>	<u>15,110</u>	<u>15,320</u>	<u>7,280</u>	<u>8,040</u>				
TOTAL PAYROLL EMPLOYMENT	<u>61,850</u>	<u>59,930</u>	<u>60,970</u>	<u>60,840</u>	<u>60,950</u>	<u>34,330</u>	<u>26,620</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. June 2008 Executive Branch figures include 145 Summer Trainees under the Agency for Human Resources Development (AHRD)

^p Figures are preliminary

^r Revised estimates

^{up} Updated preliminary figures