

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

Total employment on Guam dipped slightly in March 2008 in the preliminary figures. While the job count declined in the latest quarter, the total remains slightly above what it was one year ago.

In the latest quarter, employment in Retail Trade declined by 140 jobs from the December holiday period. Several other industries showed slight declines this quarter including Construction, Manufacturing and Finance, Insurance & Real Estate. Over the year, Construction and Services were up somewhat bringing the private employment total up by 490 jobs.

Federal employment dropped 90 jobs in the latest quarter but remained up by 90 over the year. Government of Guam employment increased seasonally in March but declined by 310 jobs over the comparable period of one year ago.

In comparison to private sector figures, one quarter ago in March, average hourly earnings, average weekly hours paid and average weekly earnings were down slightly; they are virtually unchanged from the comparable period of one year ago.

EMPLOYEES ON PAYROLL BY OWNERSHIP AND INDUSTRY					EMPLOYMENT BY SEX		PRODUCTION WORKERS, WAGES, HOURS AND EARNINGS ¹				
	March ^r 2007	June ^r 2007	September ^r 2007	December ^r 2007	March ^p 2008	March 2008 Male	Female	Production Workers	Average Hourly Earnings	Average Weekly Hours Paid	Average Weekly Earnings
PRIVATE SECTOR											
AGRICULTURE	<u>340</u>	<u>370</u>	<u>360</u>	<u>350</u>	<u>360</u>	<u>320</u>	<u>40</u>	<u>280</u>	<u>\$8.39</u>	<u>38.2</u>	<u>\$320.15</u>
CONSTRUCTION	<u>5,360</u>	<u>5,470</u>	<u>5,540</u>	<u>5,620</u>	<u>5,530</u>	<u>5,230</u>	<u>300</u>	<u>4,510</u>	<u>12.74</u>	<u>40.3</u>	<u>513.38</u>
General building contractors	4,040	4,370	4,550	4,620	4,650	4,420	230	3,850	12.40	40.1	497.05
Heavy construction, ex. building	460	380	390	400	310	290	20	260	14.72	44.0	647.50
Special trade contractors	860	720	600	600	570	520	50	400	15.31	36.8	563.50
MANUFACTURING	<u>1,680</u>	<u>1,610</u>	<u>1,610</u>	<u>1,660</u>	<u>1,580</u>	<u>1,220</u>	<u>360</u>	<u>980</u>	<u>12.19</u>	<u>36.6</u>	<u>446.76</u>
Food and kindred products	460	450	460	450	450	310	140	230	9.76	33.7	329.52
Printing and publishing	340	330	330	340	340	180	160	120	11.09	33.7	374.35
All other manufacturing	880	830	820	870	790	730	60	630	13.18	38.2	504.29
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	<u>4,810</u>	<u>4,820</u>	<u>4,830</u>	<u>4,810</u>	<u>4,800</u>	<u>2,890</u>	<u>1,910</u>	<u>3,980</u>	<u>14.79</u>	<u>39.2</u>	<u>582.09</u>
WHOLESALE TRADE	<u>2,030</u>	<u>2,070</u>	<u>2,110</u>	<u>2,110</u>	<u>2,100</u>	<u>1,440</u>	<u>660</u>	<u>1,660</u>	<u>10.41</u>	<u>39.0</u>	<u>406.54</u>
RETAIL TRADE	<u>11,630</u>	<u>11,260</u>	<u>11,570</u>	<u>12,050</u>	<u>11,910</u>	<u>5,520</u>	<u>6,390</u>	<u>10,210</u>	<u>9.81</u>	<u>31.7</u>	<u>310.71</u>
FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE	<u>2,440</u>	<u>2,470</u>	<u>2,450</u>	<u>2,450</u>	<u>2,390</u>	<u>740</u>	<u>1,650</u>	<u>1,740</u>	<u>12.15</u>	<u>38.1</u>	<u>462.72</u>
SERVICES	<u>16,160</u>	<u>15,780</u>	<u>16,180</u>	<u>16,270</u>	<u>16,270</u>	<u>8,860</u>	<u>7,410</u>	<u>13,970</u>	<u>9.80</u>	<u>36.1</u>	<u>354.00</u>
Hotels and other lodging places	5,320	5,380	5,420	5,530	5,510	2,830	2,680	4,580	7.53	37.1	279.55
All other services	10,840	10,400	10,760	10,740	10,760	6,030	4,730	9,390	12.36	35.1	433.80
TOTAL PRIVATE SECTOR	<u>44,450</u>	<u>43,850</u>	<u>44,650</u>	<u>45,320</u>	<u>44,940</u>	<u>26,220</u>	<u>18,720</u>	<u>37,330</u>	<u>11.16</u>	<u>36.2</u>	<u>404.28</u>
PUBLIC SECTOR											
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT	<u>3,420</u>	<u>3,410</u>	<u>3,540</u>	<u>3,600</u>	<u>3,510</u>	<u>1,760</u>	<u>1,750</u>				
GOVERNMENT OF GUAM	<u>11,970</u>	<u>10,790</u>	<u>11,380</u>	<u>11,430</u>	<u>11,660</u>	<u>5,450</u>	<u>6,210</u>		18.50 ²	40.2 ²	742.97
Executive branch (Includes G.P.S.S.)	7,640	6,580	7,180	7,220	7,210						
All others including autonomous	4,330	4,210	4,200	4,210	4,450						
TOTAL PUBLIC SECTOR	<u>15,390</u>	<u>14,200</u>	<u>14,920</u>	<u>15,030</u>	<u>15,170</u>	<u>7,210</u>	<u>7,960</u>				
TOTAL PAYROLL EMPLOYMENT	<u>59,840</u>	<u>58,050</u>	<u>59,570</u>	<u>60,350</u>	<u>60,110</u>	<u>33,430</u>	<u>26,680</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.

^p Figures are preliminary

^r Revised estimates

^{up} Updated preliminary figures