

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 increased in the September 2007 survey period. The increase this quarter was largely reflecting resumption of seasonal employment in both private sector businesses in retail and services serving educational institutions as well as private and public educational institutions themselves. Total employment increased by 1,590 jobs or 2.7 percent over the comparable period one year ago in September 2006.

Construction industry jobs accounted for most of the employment gains over the year, construction payrolls were up 1,450 jobs or 35 percent above that of one year ago. Over the year, Federal Government employment increased by 170 jobs while Government of Guam employment was virtually unchanged.

In comparison to the private sector figures, one year ago in September, average hourly earnings increased by three percent, average weekly hours paid, unchanged, and average weekly earnings up three percent. Higher weekly earnings combined with a three percent increase in the number of private sector workers, combined to increase private sector payroll totals by about seven percent. The industry composition with higher employment in construction contributed to the increase in private sector average hourly and weekly earnings figures.

EMPLOYEES ON PAYROLL BY OWNERSHIP AND INDUSTRY						EMPLOYMENT BY SEX		PRODUCTION WORKERS, WAGES, HOURS AND EARNINGS ¹			
	September ^r 2006	December ^r 2006	March ^r 2007	June ^r 2007	September ^p 2007	September 2007 Male	September 2007 Female	Production Workers	Average Hourly Earnings	Average Weekly Hours Paid	Average Weekly Earnings
PRIVATE SECTOR											
AGRICULTURE	<u>280</u>	<u>290</u>	<u>340</u>	<u>370</u>	<u>360</u>	<u>320</u>	<u>40</u>	<u>280</u>	<u>\$7.59</u>	<u>37.3</u>	<u>\$283.35</u>
CONSTRUCTION	<u>4,090</u>	<u>4,740</u>	<u>5,360</u>	<u>5,470</u>	<u>5,540</u>	<u>5,270</u>	<u>270</u>	<u>4,550</u>	<u>12.78</u>	<u>40.5</u>	<u>518.23</u>
General building contractors	3,060	3,660	4,040	4,370	4,550	4,340	210	3,840	12.41	39.5	490.83
Heavy construction, ex. building	590	600	460	380	390	370	20	300	14.92	51.4	767.11
Special trade contractors	440	480	860	720	600	560	40	410	13.41	33.4	448.05
MANUFACTURING	<u>1,620</u>	<u>1,640</u>	<u>1,680</u>	<u>1,610</u>	<u>1,610</u>	<u>1,260</u>	<u>350</u>	<u>990</u>	<u>12.39</u>	<u>38.2</u>	<u>473.64</u>
Food and kindred products	470	470	460	450	460	320	140	230	9.62	35.6	342.54
Printing and publishing	360	340	340	330	330	180	150	110	12.94	30.1	390.01
All other manufacturing	790	830	880	830	820	760	60	650	13.28	40.4	536.41
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	<u>4,980</u>	<u>5,010</u>	<u>4,810</u>	<u>4,820</u>	<u>4,830</u>	<u>2,910</u>	<u>1,920</u>	<u>4,020</u>	<u>14.27</u>	<u>39.9</u>	<u>569.88</u>
WHOLESALE TRADE	<u>2,100</u>	<u>2,070</u>	<u>2,030</u>	<u>2,070</u>	<u>2,110</u>	<u>1,420</u>	<u>690</u>	<u>1,660</u>	<u>9.60</u>	<u>37.6</u>	<u>360.85</u>
RETAIL TRADE	<u>11,950</u>	<u>12,050</u>	<u>11,630</u>	<u>11,260</u>	<u>11,570</u>	<u>5,480</u>	<u>6,090</u>	<u>9,840</u>	<u>10.47</u>	<u>31.8</u>	<u>333.61</u>
FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE	<u>2,440</u>	<u>2,520</u>	<u>2,440</u>	<u>2,470</u>	<u>2,450</u>	<u>770</u>	<u>1,680</u>	<u>1,770</u>	<u>12.12</u>	<u>37.8</u>	<u>457.95</u>
SERVICES	<u>15,750</u>	<u>15,840</u>	<u>16,160</u>	<u>15,780</u>	<u>16,180</u>	<u>8,830</u>	<u>7,350</u>	<u>13,950</u>	<u>9.63</u>	<u>34.9</u>	<u>335.98</u>
Hotels and other lodging places	5,300	5,450	5,320	5,380	5,420	2,660	2,760	4,540	7.54	35.0	264.29
All other services	10,450	10,390	10,840	10,400	10,760	6,170	4,590	9,410	11.46	34.7	398.29
TOTAL PRIVATE SECTOR	<u>43,210</u>	<u>44,160</u>	<u>44,450</u>	<u>43,850</u>	<u>44,650</u>	<u>26,260</u>	<u>18,390</u>	<u>37,060</u>	<u>11.15</u>	<u>35.9</u>	<u>399.94</u>
PUBLIC SECTOR											
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT	<u>3,370</u>	<u>3,460</u>	<u>3,420</u>	<u>3,410</u>	<u>3,540</u>	<u>1,780</u>	<u>1,760</u>				
GOVERNMENT OF GUAM	<u>11,380</u>	<u>11,740</u>	<u>11,970</u>	<u>10,790</u>	<u>11,360</u>	<u>5,390</u>	<u>5,970</u>		18.41 ²	41.7 ²	768.34 ²
Executive branch (Includes G.P.S.S.)	7,170	7,540	7,640	6,580	7,180						
All others including autonomous	4,210	4,200	4,330	4,210	4,180						
TOTAL PUBLIC SECTOR	<u>14,750</u>	<u>15,200</u>	<u>15,390</u>	<u>14,200</u>	<u>14,900</u>	<u>7,170</u>	<u>7,730</u>				
TOTAL PAYROLL EMPLOYMENT	<u>57,960</u>	<u>59,360</u>	<u>59,840</u>	<u>58,050</u>	<u>59,550</u>	<u>33,430</u>	<u>26,120</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