

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 moderately over the latest quarter and year. The job total from the payroll survey increased by 1,050 from 58,730 jobs in March 2006 to 59,780 jobs in March 2007.

The number of jobs recorded on the private sector payroll of Guam employers increased by 230 jobs in the latest quarter and 810 over the latest one year period. Construction industry jobs accounted for most of the private sector increase with 410 jobs added in the latest quarter and 640 in the latest year. The Retail Trade division lost 240 jobs and the Hotel sector lost 130 jobs over the latest year.

Federal Government employment declined slightly by 40 jobs in the latest quarter but was up 70 over the year. Government of Guam numbers show an increase of 170 jobs over the comparable period of one year ago in March 2006.

Average hourly earnings and average weekly earnings in the private sector were up about two percent in the latest year. Average hourly earnings increased from \$10.99 to \$11.10 while average weekly earnings increased from \$395.13 to \$400.10. The industry composition with higher employment in construction increased the 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				
	March ^r 2006	June ^r 2006	September ^r 2006	December ^r 2006	March ^p 2007	March 2007 Male	Female	Production Workers	Average Hourly Earnings	Average Weekly Hours Paid	Average Weekly Earnings
PRIVATE SECTOR											
AGRICULTURE	<u>280</u>	<u>290</u>	<u>280</u>	<u>290</u>	<u>280</u>	<u>250</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>240</u>	<u>\$8.14</u>	<u>41.9</u>	<u>\$340.79</u>
CONSTRUCTION	<u>4,510</u>	<u>4,130</u>	<u>4,090</u>	<u>4,740</u>	<u>5,150</u>	<u>4,870</u>	<u>280</u>	<u>4,190</u>	<u>13.09</u>	<u>41.9</u>	<u>548.54</u>
General building contractors	3,290	3,020	3,060	3,660	3,910	3,700	210	3,190	12.46	42.0	523.07
Heavy construction, ex. building	610	630	590	600	470	440	30	390	16.54	44.1	729.49
Special trade contractors	610	480	440	480	770	730	40	610	12.73	37.3	475.17
MANUFACTURING	<u>1,570</u>	<u>1,550</u>	<u>1,620</u>	<u>1,640</u>	<u>1,700</u>	<u>1,350</u>	<u>350</u>	<u>1,090</u>	<u>15.65</u>	<u>39.6</u>	<u>619.34</u>
Food and kindred products	460	460	470	470	470	330	140	250	9.00	36.0	324.38
Printing and publishing	350	350	360	340	350	200	150	120	10.61	32.4	344.38
All other manufacturing	760	740	790	830	880	820	60	720	18.29	41.9	765.78
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	<u>4,900</u>	<u>5,040</u>	<u>4,980</u>	<u>5,010</u>	<u>4,970</u>	<u>2,960</u>	<u>2,010</u>	<u>4,160</u>	<u>14.65</u>	<u>38.4</u>	<u>562.28</u>
WHOLESALE TRADE	<u>2,010</u>	<u>2,060</u>	<u>2,100</u>	<u>2,070</u>	<u>2,040</u>	<u>1,380</u>	<u>660</u>	<u>1,590</u>	<u>9.00</u>	<u>37.8</u>	<u>340.33</u>
RETAIL TRADE	<u>12,020</u>	<u>11,650</u>	<u>11,950</u>	<u>12,050</u>	<u>11,780</u>	<u>5,650</u>	<u>6,130</u>	<u>9,960</u>	<u>9.88</u>	<u>32.0</u>	<u>316.02</u>
FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE	<u>2,390</u>	<u>2,430</u>	<u>2,440</u>	<u>2,520</u>	<u>2,550</u>	<u>800</u>	<u>1,750</u>	<u>1,840</u>	<u>12.21</u>	<u>37.6</u>	<u>459.49</u>
SERVICES	<u>15,900</u>	<u>15,830</u>	<u>15,750</u>	<u>15,840</u>	<u>15,920</u>	<u>8,680</u>	<u>7,240</u>	<u>13,610</u>	<u>9.26</u>	<u>35.4</u>	<u>328.30</u>
Hotels and other lodging places	5,570	5,490	5,300	5,450	5,440	2,730	2,710	4,470	6.78	36.6	248.34
All other services	10,330	10,340	10,450	10,390	10,480	5,950	4,530	9,140	11.52	34.4	396.84
TOTAL PRIVATE SECTOR	<u>43,580</u>	<u>42,980</u>	<u>43,210</u>	<u>44,160</u>	<u>44,390</u>	<u>25,940</u>	<u>18,450</u>	<u>36,680</u>	<u>11.10</u>	<u>36.0</u>	<u>400.10</u>
PUBLIC SECTOR											
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT	<u>3,350</u>	<u>3,290</u>	<u>3,370</u>	<u>3,460</u>	<u>3,420</u>	<u>1,670</u>	<u>1,750</u>				
GOVERNMENT OF GUAM	<u>11,800</u>	<u>10,540</u>	<u>11,380</u>	<u>11,740</u>	<u>11,970</u>	<u>5,710</u>	<u>6,260</u>		17.52	40.0	700.68
Executive branch (Includes G.P.S.S.)	7,450	6,440	7,170	7,540	7,640						
All others including autonomous	4,350	4,100	4,210	4,200	4,330						
TOTAL PUBLIC SECTOR	<u>15,150</u>	<u>13,830</u>	<u>14,750</u>	<u>15,200</u>	<u>15,390</u>	<u>7,380</u>	<u>8,010</u>				
TOTAL PAYROLL EMPLOYMENT	<u>58,730</u>	<u>56,810</u>	<u>57,960</u>	<u>59,360</u>	<u>59,780</u>	<u>33,320</u>	<u>26,460</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