

## 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 12<sup>th</sup> 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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# Current Employment Report

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### Employment Highlights

Total employment on Guam increased significantly in the latest quarter and year. The estimated increase of 860 jobs over the latest year, raised Guam's total payroll employment count from 58,000 to 58,860 jobs.

The number of jobs recorded on the private sector payroll of Guam employers increased by 450 jobs in the latest quarter and 430 over the latest one year period. This quarter, private sector job gains were led by an increase of 290 jobs in the construction industry and 130 jobs in hotels.

Government employment increased in the latest quarter and year as well. Federal employment increased by 90 jobs in the latest quarter and 230 over the year. Government of Guam numbers this quarter reflect the usual seasonal increase in educational institutions for December, but are up by 200 over the year, with the majority of the increase in autonomous agencies.

Private sector average hourly earnings, average weekly hours paid and average weekly earnings were essentially unchanged in the private sector over the latest one year period.

EMPLOYEES ON PAYROLL BY OWNERSHIP AND INDUSTRY						EMPLOYMENT BY SEX		PRODUCTION WORKERS, WAGES, HOURS AND EARNINGS <sup>1</sup>			
	December <sup>r</sup> 2005	March <sup>r</sup> 2006	June <sup>r</sup> 2006	September <sup>r</sup> 2006	December <sup>p</sup> 2006	December 2006 Male	December 2006 Female	Production Workers	Average Hourly Earnings	Average Weekly Hours Paid	Average Weekly Earnings
<b><u>PRIVATE SECTOR</u></b>											
AGRICULTURE	<u>170</u>	<u>280</u>	<u>290</u>	<u>280</u>	<u>290</u>	<u>260</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>250</u>	<u>\$7.95</u>	<u>41.6</u>	<u>\$331.28</u>
CONSTRUCTION	<u>4,460</u>	<u>4,510</u>	<u>4,130</u>	<u>4,090</u>	<u>4,380</u>	<u>4,110</u>	<u>270</u>	<u>3,400</u>	<u>13.48</u>	<u>42.1</u>	<u>568.05</u>
General building contractors	3,010	3,290	3,020	3,060	3,300	3,090	210	2,530	12.90	39.9	515.33
Heavy construction, ex. building	610	610	630	590	600	570	30	530	15.04	48.5	729.96
Special trade contractors	840	610	480	440	480	450	30	340	13.38	44.6	596.98
MANUFACTURING	<u>1,660</u>	<u>1,570</u>	<u>1,550</u>	<u>1,620</u>	<u>1,640</u>	<u>1,300</u>	<u>340</u>	<u>1,040</u>	<u>14.54</u>	<u>39.6</u>	<u>576.77</u>
Food and kindred products	470	460	460	470	470	330	140	250	9.01	36.2	326.19
Printing and publishing	330	350	350	360	340	190	150	120	10.40	37.5	390.07
All other manufacturing	860	760	740	790	830	780	50	670	17.01	41.3	703.11
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	<u>4,970</u>	<u>4,900</u>	<u>5,040</u>	<u>4,980</u>	<u>5,000</u>	<u>2,930</u>	<u>2,070</u>	<u>4,180</u>	<u>13.49</u>	<u>38.8</u>	<u>523.89</u>
WHOLESALE TRADE	<u>1,880</u>	<u>2,010</u>	<u>2,060</u>	<u>2,100</u>	<u>2,070</u>	<u>1,410</u>	<u>660</u>	<u>1,630</u>	<u>8.98</u>	<u>39.0</u>	<u>350.24</u>
RETAIL TRADE	<u>12,360</u>	<u>12,020</u>	<u>11,650</u>	<u>11,950</u>	<u>12,010</u>	<u>5,830</u>	<u>6,180</u>	<u>10,230</u>	<u>10.33</u>	<u>31.4</u>	<u>324.27</u>
FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE	<u>2,540</u>	<u>2,390</u>	<u>2,430</u>	<u>2,440</u>	<u>2,450</u>	<u>760</u>	<u>1,690</u>	<u>1,780</u>	<u>12.03</u>	<u>38.6</u>	<u>464.28</u>
SERVICES	<u>15,190</u>	<u>15,900</u>	<u>15,830</u>	<u>15,750</u>	<u>15,820</u>	<u>8,540</u>	<u>7,280</u>	<u>13,560</u>	<u>9.01</u>	<u>35.6</u>	<u>320.84</u>
Hotels and other lodging places	5,380	5,570	5,490	5,300	5,430	2,700	2,730	4,490	6.89	36.8	253.56
All other services	9,810	10,330	10,340	10,450	10,390	5,840	4,550	9,070	10.97	34.5	379.05
TOTAL PRIVATE SECTOR	<u>43,230</u>	<u>43,580</u>	<u>42,980</u>	<u>43,210</u>	<u>43,660</u>	<u>25,140</u>	<u>18,520</u>	<u>36,070</u>	<u>10.84</u>	<u>36.0</u>	<u>390.62</u>
<b><u>PUBLIC SECTOR</u></b>											
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT	<u>3,230</u>	<u>3,350</u>	<u>3,290</u>	<u>3,370</u>	<u>3,460</u>	<u>1,600</u>	<u>1,860</u>				
GOVERNMENT OF GUAM	<u>11,540</u>	<u>11,800</u>	<u>10,540</u>	<u>11,380</u>	<u>11,740</u>	<u>5,740</u>	<u>6,000</u>		17.75	40.6	721.14
Executive branch	7,490	7,450	6,440	7,170	7,540						
All others including autonomous	4,050	4,350	4,100	4,210	4,200						
TOTAL PUBLIC SECTOR	<u>14,770</u>	<u>15,150</u>	<u>13,830</u>	<u>14,750</u>	<u>15,200</u>	<u>7,340</u>	<u>7,860</u>				
<b><u>TOTAL PAYROLL EMPLOYMENT</u></b>	<u>58,000</u>	<u>58,730</u>	<u>56,810</u>	<u>57,960</u>	<u>58,860</u>	<u>32,480</u>	<u>26,380</u>				

<sup>1</sup> 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.

<sup>2</sup> Government figures include all employees and are not directly comparable to private sector production worker estimates.

<sup>p</sup> Figures are preliminary

<sup>r</sup> Revised estimates

<sup>up</sup> Updated preliminary figures