

## 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 remained nearly constant over the latest year, increasing by 280 from 57,710 jobs in September 2005 to 57,990 jobs in September 2006.

The number of jobs recorded on the private sector payroll of Guam employers increased by 260 jobs in the latest quarter and 120 over the latest one year period. The Retail Trade industry division gained 310 jobs this quarter but is 360 below that of a year ago. Hotel employment dipped by 190 jobs in the latest quarter but was largely offset by the 130 job increase in other services. Construction declined by 180 jobs, but Wholesale Trade increased by 220 jobs over the year.

Federal Government employment increased slightly by 80 jobs in the latest quarter and 150 over the year. Government of Guam numbers this quarter reflect the usual seasonal increase in educational institutions for September and is virtually unchanged over the year. Average hourly earnings were essentially unchanged in the private sector. Government of Guam average hourly earnings increased by five percent from \$16.86 over the latest one year period to \$17.73 in September 2006 with the implementation of a pay schedule adjustment for Guam Public School System teachers.

EMPLOYEES ON PAYROLL BY OWNERSHIP AND INDUSTRY						EMPLOYMENT BY SEX		PRODUCTION WORKERS, WAGES, HOURS AND EARNINGS <sup>1</sup>			
	September <sup>r</sup> 2005	December <sup>r</sup> 2005	March <sup>r</sup> 2006	June <sup>r</sup> 2006	September <sup>p</sup> 2006	September 2006 Male	September 2006 Female	Production Workers	Average Hourly Earnings	Average Weekly Hours Paid	Average Weekly Earnings
<b>PRIVATE SECTOR</b>											
AGRICULTURE	<u>230</u>	<u>170</u>	<u>280</u>	<u>290</u>	<u>280</u>	<u>240</u>	<u>40</u>	<u>240</u>	<u>\$7.84</u>	<u>38.3</u>	<u>\$300.49</u>
CONSTRUCTION	<u>4,270</u>	<u>4,460</u>	<u>4,510</u>	<u>4,130</u>	<u>4,090</u>	<u>3,820</u>	<u>270</u>	<u>3,130</u>	<u>13.14</u>	<u>40.4</u>	<u>531.86</u>
General building contractors	3,020	3,010	3,290	3,020	3,070	2,870	200	2,340	12.60	40.3	507.54
Heavy construction, ex. building	630	610	610	630	580	550	30	510	14.96	41.9	626.52
Special trade contractors	620	840	610	480	440	400	40	280	11.69	35.9	419.29
MANUFACTURING	<u>1,660</u>	<u>1,660</u>	<u>1,570</u>	<u>1,550</u>	<u>1,620</u>	<u>1,270</u>	<u>350</u>	<u>1,000</u>	<u>14.88</u>	<u>40.0</u>	<u>594.59</u>
Food and kindred products	460	470	460	460	470	330	140	250	9.40	35.0	328.88
Printing and publishing	330	330	350	350	360	200	160	120	9.93	34.8	345.81
All other manufacturing	870	860	760	740	790	740	50	630	17.41	42.9	746.90
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	<u>4,890</u>	<u>4,970</u>	<u>4,900</u>	<u>5,040</u>	<u>4,980</u>	<u>2,970</u>	<u>2,010</u>	<u>4,150</u>	<u>13.60</u>	<u>39.0</u>	<u>530.05</u>
WHOLESALE TRADE	<u>1,880</u>	<u>1,880</u>	<u>2,010</u>	<u>2,060</u>	<u>2,100</u>	<u>1,440</u>	<u>660</u>	<u>1,640</u>	<u>9.11</u>	<u>39.6</u>	<u>361.23</u>
RETAIL TRADE	<u>12,320</u>	<u>12,360</u>	<u>12,020</u>	<u>11,650</u>	<u>11,960</u>	<u>5,800</u>	<u>6,160</u>	<u>10,060</u>	<u>9.96</u>	<u>32.1</u>	<u>320.31</u>
FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE	<u>2,500</u>	<u>2,540</u>	<u>2,390</u>	<u>2,430</u>	<u>2,440</u>	<u>740</u>	<u>1,700</u>	<u>1,760</u>	<u>11.93</u>	<u>38.5</u>	<u>459.11</u>
SERVICES	<u>15,370</u>	<u>15,190</u>	<u>15,900</u>	<u>15,830</u>	<u>15,770</u>	<u>8,520</u>	<u>7,250</u>	<u>13,630</u>	<u>9.17</u>	<u>34.6</u>	<u>317.48</u>
Hotels and other lodging places	5,280	5,380	5,570	5,490	5,300	2,640	2,660	4,410	6.87	35.2	242.12
All other services	10,090	9,810	10,330	10,340	10,470	5,880	4,590	9,220	11.15	34.1	380.56
TOTAL PRIVATE SECTOR	<u>43,120</u>	<u>43,230</u>	<u>43,580</u>	<u>42,980</u>	<u>43,240</u>	<u>24,800</u>	<u>18,440</u>	<u>35,610</u>	<u>10.81</u>	<u>35.7</u>	<u>386.35</u>
<b>PUBLIC SECTOR</b>											
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT	<u>3,220</u>	<u>3,230</u>	<u>3,350</u>	<u>3,290</u>	<u>3,370</u>	<u>1,670</u>	<u>1,700</u>				
GOVERNMENT OF GUAM	<u>11,370</u>	<u>11,540</u>	<u>11,800</u>	<u>10,540</u>	<u>11,380</u>	<u>5,530</u>	<u>5,850</u>		17.73	42.2	748.95
Executive branch	7,250	7,490	7,450	6,440	7,170						
All others including autonomous	4,120	4,050	4,350	4,100	4,210						
TOTAL PUBLIC SECTOR	<u>14,590</u>	<u>14,770</u>	<u>15,150</u>	<u>13,830</u>	<u>14,750</u>	<u>7,200</u>	<u>7,550</u>				
<b>TOTAL PAYROLL EMPLOYMENT</b>	<u>57,710</u>	<u>58,000</u>	<u>58,730</u>	<u>56,810</u>	<u>57,990</u>	<u>32,000</u>	<u>25,990</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