

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

The number of jobs recorded on the payrolls of Guam employers increased by 330 jobs in the latest quarter and 590 over the latest one year period. The payroll total increased over the year from 57,740 jobs to 58,330 according to the March 2006 preliminary figures.

Hotel employment increased by 180 jobs in the latest quarter bringing the industry total to 5,560. The cumulative increase of 480 hotel jobs over the latest year represented a 9.4 percent increase. Retail Trade employment dipped slightly from the December holiday period but remained 160 jobs above the period of one year ago. Construction employment fell modestly in the latest quarter and year's figures. Private sector employment overall was virtually unchanged over the quarter but up over the year.

Federal and Government of Guam employment increased slightly over the quarter and year. Government of Guam autonomous agency increases this quarter are due to seasonal increases in postsecondary faculty and work study positions in March which were not reflected in the December survey period. Autonomous agency increases over the latest year were primarily in the hospital and utilities.

EMPLOYEES ON PAYROLL BY OWNERSHIP AND INDUSTRY					EMPLOYMENT BY SEX		PRODUCTION WORKERS, WAGES, HOURS AND EARNINGS ¹				
	March ^f 2005	June ^f 2005	September ^f 2005	December ^f 2005	March ^p 2006	March 2006 Male	March 2006 Female	Production Workers	Average Hourly Earnings	Average Weekly Hours Paid	Average Weekly Earnings
<u>PRIVATE SECTOR</u>											
AGRICULTURE	<u>240</u>	<u>220</u>	<u>230</u>	<u>170</u>	<u>180</u>	<u>160</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>150</u>	<u>\$8.69</u>	<u>38.4</u>	<u>\$333.68</u>
CONSTRUCTION	<u>4,570</u>	<u>4,700</u>	<u>4,270</u>	<u>4,460</u>	<u>4,310</u>	<u>4,070</u>	<u>240</u>	<u>3,410</u>	<u>13.18</u>	<u>42.0</u>	<u>554.29</u>
General building contractors	3,280	3,370	3,020	3,010	2,990	2,810	180	2,420	13.27	42.2	560.01
Heavy construction, ex. building	590	610	630	610	610	590	20	520	13.16	41.5	546.65
Special trade contractors	700	720	620	840	710	670	40	470	12.19	42.4	517.43
MANUFACTURING	<u>1,690</u>	<u>1,600</u>	<u>1,660</u>	<u>1,660</u>	<u>1,700</u>	<u>1,360</u>	<u>340</u>	<u>1,090</u>	<u>14.54</u>	<u>38.5</u>	<u>560.20</u>
Food and kindred products	470	460	460	470	470	330	140	240	10.40	33.5	348.18
Printing and publishing	330	330	330	330	330	190	140	120	8.83	35.4	312.64
All other manufacturing	890	810	870	860	900	840	60	730	16.76	41.1	689.53
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	<u>4,810</u>	<u>4,780</u>	<u>4,890</u>	<u>4,970</u>	<u>4,990</u>	<u>3,020</u>	<u>1,970</u>	<u>4,150</u>	<u>14.36</u>	<u>40.5</u>	<u>582.12</u>
WHOLESALE TRADE	<u>1,870</u>	<u>1,850</u>	<u>1,880</u>	<u>1,880</u>	<u>1,860</u>	<u>1,280</u>	<u>580</u>	<u>1,460</u>	<u>9.11</u>	<u>37.9</u>	<u>345.48</u>
RETAIL TRADE	<u>12,050</u>	<u>12,200</u>	<u>12,320</u>	<u>12,360</u>	<u>12,210</u>	<u>5,940</u>	<u>6,270</u>	<u>10,090</u>	<u>10.37</u>	<u>31.1</u>	<u>322.05</u>
FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE	<u>2,460</u>	<u>2,550</u>	<u>2,500</u>	<u>2,540</u>	<u>2,530</u>	<u>760</u>	<u>1,770</u>	<u>1,810</u>	<u>11.45</u>	<u>38.4</u>	<u>439.62</u>
SERVICES	<u>15,100</u>	<u>15,060</u>	<u>15,370</u>	<u>15,190</u>	<u>15,400</u>	<u>8,230</u>	<u>7,170</u>	<u>13,240</u>	<u>9.09</u>	<u>35.0</u>	<u>318.51</u>
Hotels and other lodging places	5,080	5,110	5,280	5,380	5,560	2,790	2,770	4,550	7.01	35.8	250.74
All other services	10,020	9,950	10,090	9,810	9,840	5,440	4,400	8,690	10.95	34.4	376.73
TOTAL PRIVATE SECTOR	<u>42,790</u>	<u>42,960</u>	<u>43,120</u>	<u>43,230</u>	<u>43,180</u>	<u>24,820</u>	<u>18,360</u>	<u>35,400</u>	<u>10.99</u>	<u>35.9</u>	<u>395.13</u>
<u>PUBLIC SECTOR</u>											
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT	<u>3,300</u>	<u>3,270</u>	<u>3,220</u>	<u>3,230</u>	<u>3,350</u>	<u>1,720</u>	<u>1,630</u>				
GOVERNMENT OF GUAM	<u>11,650</u>	<u>10,550</u>	<u>11,370</u>	<u>11,540</u>	<u>11,800</u>	<u>5,650</u>	<u>6,150</u>		16.85	40.7	685.76
Executive branch	7,490	6,580	7,250	7,490	7,450						
All others including autonomous	4,160	3,970	4,120	4,050	4,350						
TOTAL PUBLIC SECTOR	<u>14,950</u>	<u>13,820</u>	<u>14,590</u>	<u>14,770</u>	<u>15,150</u>	<u>7,370</u>	<u>7,780</u>				
<u>TOTAL PAYROLL EMPLOYMENT</u>	<u>57,740</u>	<u>56,780</u>	<u>57,710</u>	<u>58,000</u>	<u>58,330</u>	<u>32,190</u>	<u>26,140</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

^f Revised estimates

^{up} Updated preliminary figures