

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 payroll employment on Guam increased by 630 jobs from 57,310 to 57,940 from September 2004 to September 2005.

The number of private sector jobs increased by 340 in the latest quarter and by 670 in the latest year. The services industry led the private sector job gains this quarter with hotel employment increasing by 170 and other services increasing by 180 jobs respectively. The service industry gains over the latest year followed the same trend with jobs in hotels increasing by 330 and in other services by 270. The transportation and public utilities industry gained 100 jobs in latest quarter but gains over the year are attributed to the reclassification of the Guam Telephone Authority from the government to private industry. Construction industry employment, however, declined by 260 jobs in the latest quarter and by 730 over the latest year reflecting the completion of projects.

Both Federal and Government of Guam employment over the year were virtually unchanged. The change in Government of Guam employment numbers for September is entirely accounted for by the usual seasonal resumption of employment in educational institutions following the summer period.

EMPLOYEES ON PAYROLL BY OWNERSHIP AND INDUSTRY						EMPLOYMENT BY SEX		PRODUCTION WORKERS, WAGES, HOURS AND EARNINGS ¹			
	September ^r 2004	December ^r 2004	March ^r 2005	June ^r 2005	September ^p 2005	September 2005 Male	September 2005 Female	Production Workers	Average Hourly Earnings	Average Weekly Hours Paid	Average Weekly Earnings
PRIVATE SECTOR											
AGRICULTURE	<u>240</u>	<u>260</u>	<u>240</u>	<u>220</u>	<u>230</u>	<u>210</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>200</u>	<u>\$9.23</u>	<u>38.7</u>	<u>\$357.54</u>
CONSTRUCTION	<u>5,170</u>	<u>4,810</u>	<u>4,570</u>	<u>4,700</u>	<u>4,440</u>	<u>4,190</u>	<u>250</u>	<u>3,520</u>	<u>12.60</u>	<u>38.8</u>	<u>489.04</u>
General building contractors	3,680	3,300	3,280	3,370	3,160	2,970	190	2,480	12.22	37.0	451.63
Heavy construction, ex. building	500	490	590	610	630	610	20	540	13.46	43.1	580.66
Special trade contractors	990	1,020	700	720	650	610	40	500	12.90	42.5	548.19
MANUFACTURING	<u>1,610</u>	<u>1,560</u>	<u>1,690</u>	<u>1,600</u>	<u>1,660</u>	<u>1,310</u>	<u>350</u>	<u>1,060</u>	<u>13.80</u>	<u>38.4</u>	<u>530.74</u>
Food and kindred products	470	470	470	460	460	320	140	240	9.35	35.8	334.89
Printing and publishing	340	340	330	330	330	180	150	120	10.62	36.4	386.40
All other manufacturing	800	750	890	810	870	810	60	700	16.07	40.0	642.30
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	<u>4,640</u>	<u>4,610</u>	<u>4,810</u>	<u>4,780</u>	<u>4,880</u>	<u>2,940</u>	<u>1,940</u>	<u>4,110</u>	<u>14.79</u>	<u>40.0</u>	<u>590.97</u>
WHOLESALE TRADE	<u>1,790</u>	<u>1,800</u>	<u>1,870</u>	<u>1,850</u>	<u>1,880</u>	<u>1,270</u>	<u>610</u>	<u>1,450</u>	<u>9.16</u>	<u>38.7</u>	<u>354.42</u>
RETAIL TRADE	<u>12,110</u>	<u>12,560</u>	<u>12,050</u>	<u>12,200</u>	<u>12,300</u>	<u>5,930</u>	<u>6,370</u>	<u>10,310</u>	<u>10.07</u>	<u>31.8</u>	<u>320.65</u>
FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE	<u>2,260</u>	<u>2,370</u>	<u>2,460</u>	<u>2,550</u>	<u>2,500</u>	<u>750</u>	<u>1,750</u>	<u>1,760</u>	<u>11.04</u>	<u>37.8</u>	<u>417.21</u>
SERVICES	<u>14,810</u>	<u>14,510</u>	<u>15,100</u>	<u>15,060</u>	<u>15,410</u>	<u>8,320</u>	<u>7,090</u>	<u>13,100</u>	<u>9.18</u>	<u>34.7</u>	<u>318.70</u>
Hotels and other lodging places	4,950	5,030	5,080	5,110	5,280	2,580	2,700	4,360	6.79	34.7	235.51
All other services	9,860	9,480	10,020	9,950	10,130	5,740	4,390	8,740	11.15	34.7	386.81
TOTAL PRIVATE SECTOR	<u>42,630</u>	<u>42,480</u>	<u>42,790</u>	<u>42,960</u>	<u>43,300</u>	<u>24,920</u>	<u>18,380</u>	<u>35,510</u>	<u>10.92</u>	<u>35.6</u>	<u>389.13</u>
PUBLIC SECTOR											
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT	<u>3,320</u>	<u>3,310</u>	<u>3,300</u>	<u>3,270</u>	<u>3,270</u>	<u>1,650</u>	<u>1,620</u>				
GOVERNMENT OF GUAM	<u>11,360</u>	<u>11,610</u>	<u>11,650</u>	<u>10,550</u>	<u>11,370</u>	<u>5,520</u>	<u>5,850</u>		16.86	41.4	698.71
Executive branch	6,980	7,270	7,490	6,580	7,250						
AHRD Disaster(Typhoons Chata'an/Pongson)	30	0	0	0	0						
All others including autonomous	4,350	4,340	4,160	3,970	4,120						
TOTAL PUBLIC SECTOR	<u>14,680</u>	<u>14,920</u>	<u>14,950</u>	<u>13,820</u>	<u>14,640</u>	<u>7,170</u>	<u>7,470</u>				
TOTAL PAYROLL EMPLOYMENT	<u>57,310</u>	<u>57,400</u>	<u>57,740</u>	<u>56,780</u>	<u>57,940</u>	<u>32,090</u>	<u>25,850</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