

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 September 2011 preliminary statistics show the number of jobs on Guam increased in the latest quarter and have nearly recovered to the total of one year ago.

The majority of the increase occurred in Services which added 380 jobs in the latest quarter and 480 jobs over the year. Hotel employment partially recovered from the abrupt drop of 200 jobs in June following the March 11th Japan earthquake and tsunami. Hotel employment increased 110 jobs this quarter and is up 60 jobs over the year, but it is still down 90 jobs from March. From June to September average weekly hours paid in Hotels also partially recovered, increasing from 35.8 hours in June to 36.8 hours in September, still below 37.6 hours in March.

Federal employment increased 90 jobs this quarter and was up by 190 jobs from the prior year's figures. Government of Guam employment was virtually unchanged over the year. It declined by 130 jobs in the Executive Branch but increased by 150 jobs in other autonomous agencies over the year. Most of the quarter's employment increase is due to seasonal factors in both the Government of Guam and private sector as educational institutions restored employment levels for the fall.

Private average hourly earnings changed immaterially, over the quarter, but average hours worked increased from 35.3 to 35.8, resulting in average weekly earnings increasing from \$433.94 to \$438.54, still below \$447.42 in March.

EMPLOYEES ON PAYROLL BY OWNERSHIP AND INDUSTRY						EMPLOYMENT BY SEX		PRODUCTION WORKERS, WAGES, HOURS AND EARNINGS ¹			
	September ^r 2010	December ^r 2010	March ^{up} 2011	June ^{up} 2011	September ^p 2011	September Male	2011 Female	Production Workers	Average Hourly Earnings	Average Weekly Hours Paid	Average Weekly Earnings
PRIVATE SECTOR											
AGRICULTURE	<u>330</u>	<u>320</u>	<u>270</u>	<u>270</u>	<u>330</u>	<u>300</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>300</u>	<u>\$9.40</u>	<u>35.0</u>	<u>\$328.85</u>
CONSTRUCTION	<u>6,770</u>	<u>6,660</u>	<u>6,360</u>	<u>5,930</u>	<u>5,990</u>	<u>5,520</u>	<u>470</u>	<u>4,370</u>	<u>14.00</u>	<u>40.7</u>	<u>570.16</u>
General building contractors	5,250	5,110	4,660	4,390	4,560	<u>4,280</u>	280	3,510	13.44	40.1	539.22
Heavy construction, ex. building	690	700	840	670	580	<u>530</u>	50	500	16.18	42.9	693.88
Special trade contractors	830	850	860	870	850	<u>710</u>	140	360	11.23	40.1	450.61
MANUFACTURING	<u>1,790</u>	<u>1,790</u>	<u>1,680</u>	<u>1,730</u>	<u>1,740</u>	<u>1,360</u>	<u>380</u>	<u>1,060</u>	<u>14.25</u>	<u>39.1</u>	<u>556.77</u>
Food and kindred products	470	480	480	480	480	<u>330</u>	150	240	9.54	36.9	352.19
Printing and publishing	330	330	330	330	330	<u>160</u>	170	100	12.02	34.2	411.33
All other manufacturing	990	980	870	920	930	<u>870</u>	60	720	15.93	40.3	642.82
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	<u>4,520</u>	<u>4,500</u>	<u>4,420</u>	<u>4,380</u>	<u>4,350</u>	<u>2,680</u>	<u>1,670</u>	<u>3,630</u>	<u>15.60</u>	<u>38.3</u>	<u>597.76</u>
WHOLESALE TRADE	<u>2,090</u>	<u>2,100</u>	<u>2,100</u>	<u>2,110</u>	<u>2,130</u>	<u>1,450</u>	<u>680</u>	<u>1,710</u>	<u>10.67</u>	<u>38.8</u>	<u>414.25</u>
RETAIL TRADE	<u>11,500</u>	<u>11,610</u>	<u>11,420</u>	<u>11,340</u>	<u>11,480</u>	<u>5,480</u>	<u>6,000</u>	<u>10,040</u>	<u>10.45</u>	<u>30.1</u>	<u>315.00</u>
FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE	<u>2,590</u>	<u>2,650</u>	<u>2,650</u>	<u>2,750</u>	<u>2,690</u>	<u>820</u>	<u>1,870</u>	<u>1,880</u>	<u>13.00</u>	<u>38.1</u>	<u>495.98</u>
SERVICES	<u>16,840</u>	<u>17,160</u>	<u>17,190</u>	<u>16,940</u>	<u>17,320</u>	<u>9,460</u>	<u>7,860</u>	<u>15,180</u>	<u>11.23</u>	<u>36.1</u>	<u>405.19</u>
Hotels and other lodging places	5,330	5,440	5,480	5,280	5,390	<u>2,720</u>	2,670	4,510	8.59	36.6	314.36
All other services	11,510	11,720	11,710	11,660	11,930	<u>6,740</u>	5,190	10,670	13.92	35.6	495.40
TOTAL PRIVATE SECTOR	<u>46,430</u>	<u>46,790</u>	<u>46,090</u>	<u>45,450</u>	<u>46,030</u>	<u>27,070</u>	<u>18,960</u>	<u>38,170</u>	<u>12.24</u>	<u>35.8</u>	<u>438.54</u>
PUBLIC SECTOR											
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT	<u>3,870</u>	<u>3,940</u>	<u>3,950</u>	<u>3,970</u>	<u>4,060</u>	<u>2,030</u>	<u>2,030</u>				
GOVERNMENT OF GUAM	<u>11,880</u>	<u>11,870</u>	<u>11,890</u>	<u>11,090</u>	<u>11,900</u>	<u>5,660</u>	<u>6,240</u>		21.13 ²	39.8 ²	841.08 ²
Executive branch (Includes D.O.E.)	7,240	7,140	7,160	6,560	7,110						
All others including autonomous	4,640	4,730	4,730	4,530	4,790						
TOTAL PUBLIC SECTOR	<u>15,750</u>	<u>15,810</u>	<u>15,840</u>	<u>15,060</u>	<u>15,960</u>	<u>7,690</u>	<u>8,270</u>				
TOTAL PAYROLL EMPLOYMENT	<u>62,180</u>	<u>62,600</u>	<u>61,930</u>	<u>60,510</u>	<u>61,990</u>	<u>34,760</u>	<u>27,230</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