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Overview



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- ◆ The information on this report refers to the San Germán - Cabo Rojo Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) includes the municipalities of Cabo Rojo, Lajas, San Germán and Sabana Grande.
- ◆ The estimates of population was 137,462. The largest number of population was registered in Cabo Rojo municipality with 50,917.
- ◆ The Civilian Labor Force for the area was estimated at 49,800 during the month of June 2012 and the estimate numbers of persons who did not have a job was 6,900.
- ◆ The Nonagricultural Wage and Salary (nonfarm) Employment was estimated during the quarter at 21,800 reflecting 1,200 workers more than the last year period.
- ◆ The average number of claimants according to the Unemployment Insurance Program, was divided into 706 males and 610 females, during the second quarter of 2012.

Basic Concepts of Employment and Unemployment

Civilian noninstitutional population:

included are persons 16 years of age and older who are not inmates of institutions (for example, penal and mental facilities, homes for the aged), and who are not on active duty in the Armed Forces.

The sum of the employed and the unemployed constitutes the civilian labor force. People who are neither employed nor unemployed are not in the labor force.

Employed persons are:

- ◆ All persons who did any work for pay or profit during the survey reference week. This includes all part-time and temporary work as well as regular full-time, year-round employment
- ◆ All persons who did at least 15 hours of unpaid work in a family-owned enterprise operated by someone in their household.
- ◆ All persons who were temporarily absent from regular jobs because of illness, vacation, bad weather, industrial dispute, or various personal reasons, whether or not they were

paid for the time off.

Unemployed persons are:

- ◆ All persons who did not have a job at all during the survey reference week, made at least one specific active effort to find a job during the prior 4 weeks, and were available for work (unless temporarily ill). Actively looking for work may consist of any of the following activities:

Contacting: An employer directly or having a job interview; A public or private employment agency; Friends or relatives; A school or university employment center.

Sending out resumes or filling out applications; Placing or answering advertisements; Checking union or professional registers; Some other means of active job search.

- ◆ All persons who were not working and were waiting to be called back to a job from which they had been laid off (they need not be looking for work to be classified as unemployed).

Reason for unemployment:

Unemployment also is categorized according to the

status of individuals at the time they began to look for work. The reasons for unemployment are divided into five major groups: (1) *Job losers* comprising (a) persons on *temporary layoff*, who have been given a date to return to work or who expect to return within 6 months (persons on layoff need not be looking for work to qualify as unemployed) and (b) *permanent job losers*, whose employment ended involuntarily and who began looking for work; (2) *Job Leavers*, persons who quit or otherwise terminated their employment voluntarily and immediately began looking for work; (3) *Persons who completed temporary jobs*, who began looking for work after the jobs ended; (4) *Reentrants*, persons who previously worked but who were out of the labor force prior to beginning their job search; and (5) *New entrants*, persons who had never worked. Each of these five categories of the unemployed can be expressed as a proportion of the entire civilian labor force; the sum of the four rates thus equal the unemployment rate for all civilian workers.

I. Employment Trends



The civilian labor force in Puerto Rico was estimated in this second

quarter at 1,267,000 from that total the average number of employed persons was 1,091,000. The number of civilian force went down by 11,000 persons compared to a year ago and the number of employed persons grow by 7,000 jobs compared to the same time last year.

At the same quarter, San Germán - Cabo Rojo MSA Civilian Labor Force shows a level of 49,800 persons.

The employment data reflect an increase of 2,600 workers in comparison to June 2011. The jobless

rate go down to 13.8 percent this June from 15.8 a year ago. The unemployment rate decreased by 2.0 points percent in relation to June 2011. When it's compared to the first month of the quarter (April) the reduction is 0.4 points. And when compared to the month of May an increase of 0.6 points percent in the unemployment rate is remarkable.

On June, 2012 the municipalities of Sabana Grande reported the highest unemployment rate in the area with 16.6 percent, Lajas posted the second highest rate (15.9), San Germán the third (15.1) and Cabo Rojo the lowest rate for the area (10.8).

II. Population, Civilian Labor Force, Puerto Rico and San Germán - Cabo Rojo MSA Second Quarter 2012

*Civilian Labor Force**

Puerto Rico and San Germán - Cabo Rojo MSA ^{1/}	Population Estimates ^{2/}	June 2012	May 2012	April 2012	June 2011
Puerto Rico	3,706,690	1,267,000	1,268,000	1,258,000	1,278,000
San Germán - Cabo Rojo MSA	137,202	49,800	49,700	49,100	48,000
Cabo Rojo	51,245	20,000	20,000	19,700	19,400
Lajas	25,571	8,500	8,400	8,300	8,100
Sabana Grande	25,132	8,900	8,800	8,700	8,500
San Germán	35,254	12,500	12,500	12,400	12,000

The Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS) program is a Federal-State cooperative effort in which monthly estimates of total employment and unemployment are prepared for the areas.

Employment

Puerto Rico and San Germán - Cabo Rojo MSA	June 2012	May 2012	April 2012	June 2011
Puerto Rico	1,091,000	1,097,000	1,079,000	1,084,000
San Germán - Cabo Rojo MSA	43,000	43,200	42,100	40,400
Cabo Rojo	17,800	17,900	17,500	16,800
Lajas	7,100	7,200	7,000	6,700
Sabana Grande	7,400	7,400	7,300	7,000
San Germán	10,600	10,600	10,400	10,000

*Revised according to new benchmarks. Figures may not add to totals because of rounding.

**Preliminary Data.

Source: 1/ Bureau of Labor Statistics

2/ U.S. Census Bureau, July 1, 2011 Census.

III. Unemployment Data
Puerto Rico and San Germán - Cabo Rojo MSA
Second Quarter 2012

Unemployment

Puerto Rico and Guayama MSA ^{1/}	June 2012	May 2012	April 2012	June 2011
Puerto Rico	176,000	171,000	179,000	194,000
San Germán - Cabo Rojo MSA	6,900	6,600	7,000	7,600
Cabo Rojo	2,200	2,100	2,200	2,600
Lajas	1,400	1,300	1,300	1,400
Sabana Grande	1,500	1,300	1,400	1,500
San Germán	1,900	1,900	2,000	2,000

Unemployment Rate

Puerto Rico and Guayama MSA	June 2012	May 2012	April 2012	June 2011
Puerto Rico	13.9	13.5	14.2	15.2
San Germán - Cabo Rojo MSA	13.8	13.2	14.2	15.8
Cabo Rojo	10.8	10.6	11.2	13.5
Lajas	15.9	15.0	15.8	17.4
Sabana Grande	16.6	15.2	16.2	17.9
San Germán	15.1	14.9	16.3	17.1

*Revised according to new benchmarks. Figures may not add to totals because of rounding.

**Preliminary Data.

Source: 1/ Bureau of Labor Statistics

2/ U.S. Census Bureau, 2010 Census.

Population Division, U.S. Census Bureau

IV. Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment Data

The Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment is an estimate of all part- and full-time wage and salary employees who worked during , or received pay from the pay period that included the 12th day of the month. Estimates measure the number of jobs by industry and reflect employment by place of work.

Total nonagricultural wage and salary estimated employment in the San Germán - Cabo Rojo

Metropolitan Statistical Area rose to 21,800 workers in June, 2012. Based mainly on a monthly survey of Puerto Rico establishments, the number of nonagricultural and salaried workers shows an increase of 1,200 employees from the corresponding report last year ago. Services providing reported the greatest participation with 17,100. This figure reported a increase of 700 employment compared to a year ago.

All Employees

Net Change to:

Industry Title	June 2012	May 2012	April 2012	June 2011	May 2012	April 2012	June 2011
Total Nonfarm ^{1/2/}	21,800	21,400	21,300	20,600	400	500	1,200
Goods Producing	4,700	4,700	4,700	4,200	0	0	500
Service-Providing	17,100	16,700	16,600	16,400	400	500	700

1/ Revised according to new benchmarks.

2/ This estimate measures the numbers of jobs by industry and reflects employment by place of work.

Therefore, this figure is not strictly comparable with the employment data which represents persons by place of residence.

3/ Other industries employment shown only in total nonagricultural.

Source: Current Employment Statistics Program (CES)

V. Characteristics of the Insured Unemployed

San Germán - Cabo Rojo MSA

Average Second Quarter 2012

The Bureau of Employment Security manages the **Unemployment Insurance Program** established by the Employment Security Act of 1956.

Unemployment Insurance (UI) it's a program which encompasses all state and federal unemployed compensation laws and related programs administered by the state and federal Unemployed Insurance Services.

The term **insured unemployed** is used to define those individuals claiming unemployment compensation benefits. Under Law 74 the employers pay a premium to insure an income to the jobless workers without fault of their own.

The following tables show the characteristics of the insured unemployed by gender, age, industry and occupational:

By Gender

Gender	June 2012	May 2012	April 2012	Quarter Average	Percent Distribution
Total	1,448	1,206	1,293	1,316	100.0
Male	742	670	705	706	53.6
Female	706	536	588	610	46.4

The total average of unemployed beneficiaries during the week including the 19th of the second quarter amounted to 1,316 going down by 196 when compared to the three months ago level (March, 2012 report).

The beneficiaries were distributed into 706 male and 610 female. The male group represents the highest number in the gender category. It turned up by 7.2 percent over the female group.

By Age Group
Average Second Quarter 2012

Age Group	June 2012	May 2012	April 2012	Quarter Average	Percent Distribution
Total	1,448	1,206	1,293	1,316	100.0
Under 22	44	43	33	40	2.6
22-24	100	103	98	100	7.6
25-34	437	361	405	401	31.3
35-44	379	302	315	332	24.4
45-54	290	237	259	262	20.0
55-59	105	80	87	91	6.7
60-64	56	50	65	57	5.0
65 and over	37	30	31	33	2.4

The claimants between the ages of 22 and 59 years reported the highest percentage from 7.6 percent to 31.3 percent.

Showing that, the age group of 25 to 34 registered the highest percentage with 401 individuals for a 31.3 points percent of the total age group distribution noteworthy that these are the most productive age. The lower percentage group was represented by 65 and over with 2.4 points percentage .

By Industrial Category
Average Second Quarter 2012

Industrial Category	June 2012	May 2012	April 2012	Quarter Average	Percent Distribution
Total	1,448	1,206	1,293	1,316	100.0
Mining	1	2	2	2	0.2
Construction	122	119	124	122	9.3
Manufacturing	272	149	204	208	15.8
<i>Durable</i>	217	91	98	135	10.3
<i>Nondurable</i>	55	58	106	73	5.5
Utilities	13	12	13	13	1.0
Trade	165	183	201	183	13.9
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	25	26	18	23	1.7
Services	337	218	214	256	19.5
Local Government	119	85	86	97	7.3
Agriculture, Forestries and Fisheries	33	26	20	26	2.0
Information Not Available*	361	386	411	386	29.3

*Claimants not classified

On the industrial category, 19.5 percent of the San German - Cabo Rojo Area insured unemployed workers came from the Services sector. There were also 15.8 (208 individuals) with a an attachment to the Manufacturing sector, this group is subdivided into durable and nondurable manufacturing. An additional large number (13.9 percent) were reported in the Trade sector. Those three group are the largest percentage in this category.

By Occupational Category
Average Second Quarter 2012

Occupational Category	June 2012	May 2012	April 2012	Quarter Average	Percent Distribution
Total	1,448	1,206	1,293	1,316	100.0
Management	46	38	46	43	3.3
Business and financial	22	16	16	18	1.4
Computer and mathematical	9	11	8	9	0.7
Architecture and engineering	4	6	8	6	0.5
Life, physical and social science	13	11	10	11	0.9
Community and social services	5	7	5	6	0.4
Legal	0	0	0	0	0
Education, training and library	142	21	21	61	4.7
Arts, design, entertainment, sports and media	15	11	12	13	1.0
Healthcare practitioner and technical	22	30	20	24	1.8
Healthcare support	52	55	57	55	4.2
Protective service	56	50	48	51	3.9
Food preparation and serving related	62	39	38	46	3.5
Building and grounds cleaning and maintenance	34	28	32	31	2.4
Personal care and service	21	13	20	18	1.4
Sales and related	129	141	161	144	10.9
Office and administrative support	140	157	152	150	11.4
Farming, fishing and forestry	38	34	28	33	2.5
Construction and extraction	158	163	168	163	12.4
Installation, maintenance and repair	56	53	50	53	4.0
Production	336	252	314	301	22.9
Transportation and material moving	74	57	64	65	4.9
Military specific	12	12	13	12	0.9
INA*	2	1	2	2	0

*Claimants not classified

VI. Outlook



A. Employment

The following project are listed below are reference of local newspapers. These projects are private municipal investment.

- ◆ The old offices of the Family Department were rehabilitated to become the New Center of Municipal Services in Lajas town. This investment was at a cost of \$ 130,000.
- ◆ The municipality of Lajas and the mayor's office projected the construction of a batting camp for all amateurs baseball sport at a cost of \$125,000.
- ◆ The municipality of San German plans to build the San German Surf and Fun Water Park at a cost of \$12.5 million. It plans to create 80 direct jobs during construction phase and 150 jobs during its operational phase.



B. Unemployment

During this quarter the local area reported no closures of companies. With the mentioned projects above and the proposed jobs that they arising, the economy of this area will improves gradually.

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