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**Labor Market Information Newsletter
Fajardo MSA**

First Quarter, 2012

- * The Fajardo Metropolitan Statistical Area consists of the municipalities of Ceiba, Fajardo and Luquillo.
- * During March, 2012, Fajardo MSA has a labor force estimated of 25,400. This represent a 2.0 percent of the total in Puerto Rico.
- * The number of people employed in March, 2012 was 19,800. Fajardo 13,500 maintains the largest number of employees.
- * During the first quarter, 2012 in Fajardo MSA the average unemployment rate was 17.9. The participation by municipalities is Ceiba 19.4, Fajardo 16.6, and Luquillo 19.2.
- * The term Insured Unemployed is used to define those individuals receiving unemployment compensation benefits. This group was estimated at 955 average quarter, 2012 in Fajardo MSA.
- * Service and trade industries in the market continue to weaken, this is reflected in the number of claimants over the last few months continue beyond their jobs.

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A. Civilian Labor Force

**Population, Civilian Labor Force
Fajardo MSA and Puerto Rico
First Quarter, 2012**

Labor Market Area and Municipality 1/	Population Estimates April 1, 2010*	CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE			
		March 2012	Feb 2012	Jan 2012	March 2011
Fajardo MSA	70,692	25,400	25,500	26,500	26,400
Ceiba	13,631	4,800	4,700	4,800	4,900
Fajardo	36,993	13,500	13,600	14,200	14,200
Luquillo	20,068	7,200	7,200	7,400	7,300
Puerto Rico	3,725,789	1,273,000	1,286,000	1,298,000	1,271,000

Sources: * Bureau of the Census

1/ Bureau of Labor Statistics

During the first quarter, 2012 Fajardo MSA reported a workforce of 25,400. This represents the 2.0 percent of the total workforce in Puerto Rico.

Examining what happened the previous months we see a decrease of 100 people. Fajardo 100 reflects the low participation.

In relation to the previous year, there were a reduction of 1,000. The municipality of Fajardo and Ceiba 100 contributed significantly to the loss.

Puerto Rico labor force decreases in relation to the past year in 1,000 participants. Fajardo MSA turn represent the 2.0 percent of the decline in the labor force in the country.

B. Employment

**Population, Civilian Labor Force, Employment
Fajardo MSA and Puerto Rico
January to March 2012**

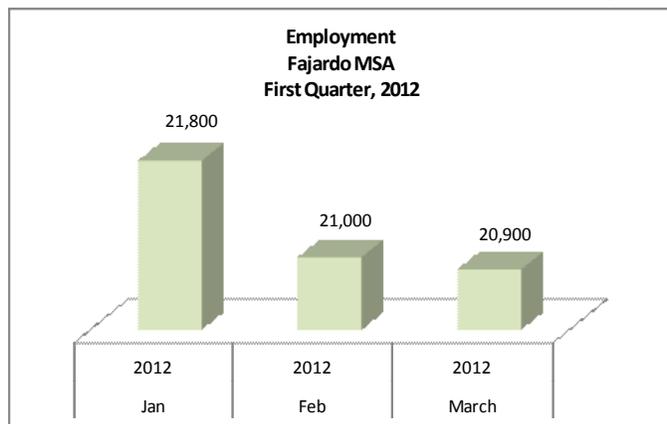
Labor Market Area and Municipality 1/	Population Estimates April 1, 2010*	EMPLOYMENT			
		March 2012	Feb 2012	Jan 2012	March 2011
Fajardo MSA	70,692	20,900	21,000	21,800	21,300
Ceiba	13,631	3,800	3,900	4,000	3,900
Fajardo	36,993	11,300	11,300	11,700	11,500
Luquillo	20,068	5,800	5,800	6,000	5,900
Puerto Rico	3,725,789	1,083,000	1,094,000	1,099,000	1,057,000

Source: * Bureau of the Census

1/ Bureau of Labor Statistics

The Fajardo MSA area in March, 2012 was 20,900 people employed. This represents a 1.9 percent of the population of the area.

Interestingly, in the past month there was a decrease of 100 employed in Fajardo MSA. All municipalities reduce their employees.



The behavior of employees in Fajardo MSA last year shows a reduction of 400 jobs. The municipality of Fajardo 200 reported the greatest loss. Ceiba and Luquillo remained less 100 jobs, respectively.

D. Unemployment and Unemployment Rate

Population, Civilian Labor Force, Employment & Unemployment Data Fajardo MSA and Puerto Rico January to March 2012

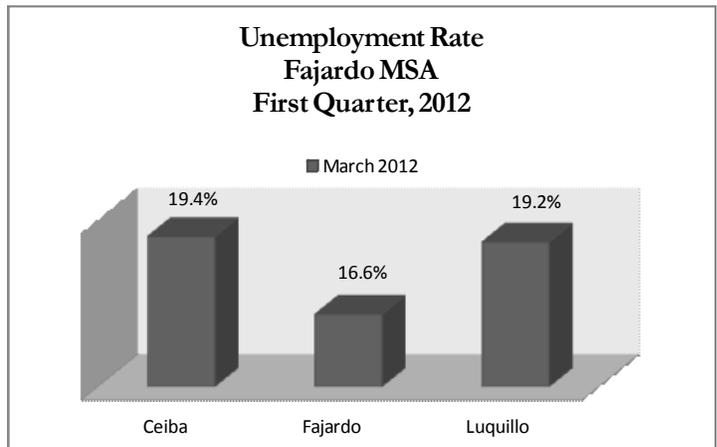
Labor Market Area and Municipality 1/	Population Estimates April 1, 2010*	UNEMPLOYMENT				UNEMPLOYMENT RATE			
		March 2012	Feb 2012	Jan 2012	March 2011	March 2012	Feb 2012	Jan 2012	March 2011
Fajardo MSA	70,692	4,500	4,600	4,700	5,100	17.9	17.8	17.8	19.4
Ceiba	13,631	900	900	800	900	19.4	18.5	17.3	19.4
Fajardo	36,993	2,200	2,300	2,500	2,700	16.6	16.8	17.4	19.3
Luquillo	20,068	1,400	1,400	1,400	1,400	19.2	19.4	19.0	19.5
Puerto Rico	3,725,789	190,000	191,000	199,000	214,000	14.9	14.9	15.3	16.8

Source: * Bureau of the Census

1/ Bureau of Labor Statistics

Fajardo MSA in March 2012 held 4,500 unemployed. During the quarter studied municipalities Fajardo decreased the number of unemployed. These contributed to the decrease in Puerto Rico 1,000 within the month, but by examining the behavior the previous year reflects an increase of 24,000 unemployed.

The unemployment rate remained at 17.9 percent. Luquillo 19.2 reflecting the highest rate of participation, although if you look at the previous month dropped 0.2 percent. The analysis shows an annual decrease of 1.5 percent of the unemployed. Puerto Rico 1.9 reflects a smaller decrease.



II. Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment Data

Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment Data* Selected Publish Industry Fajardo MSA and Puerto Rico First Quarter, 2012

Industry Title	Number of Employees				Net Change March, 2012 from:	
	March 2012	February 2012	January 2012	March 2011	February 2012	March 2011
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment 1/	14,400	14,400	15,000	15,400	0	-1,000
Total Private	10,100	10,100	10,700	11,300	0	-1,200
Goods Producing	2,200	2,200	2,300	2,100	0	100
Service-Providing	12,200	12,200	12,700	13,300	0	-1,100
Private Service-Providing	8,700	8,400	8,800	9,200	300	-500
Trade, Transportation , and Utilities	1,900	2,100	2,100	2,400	-200	-500
Retail Trade	1,700	1,800	1,900	2,200	-100	-500
Government	4,300	4,300	4,300	4,100	0	200
State Government	3,100	3,100	3,100	2,800	0	300

* Figure may not add to totals because of median rounding

1/ This estimate measures the number 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

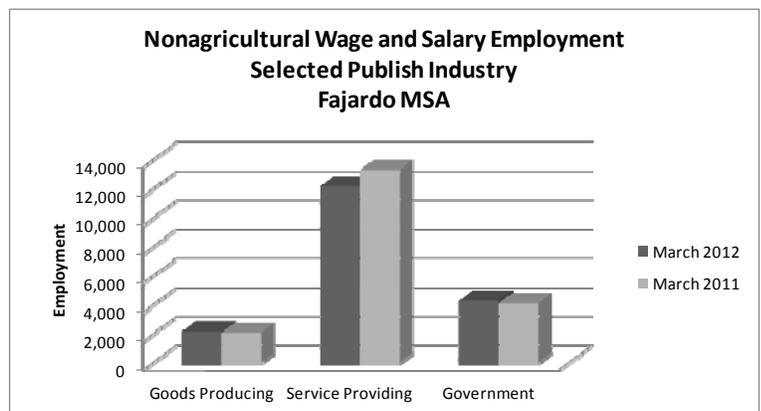
Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics- CES 790 Program

The behavior of Non-agricultural Employment in Fajardo MSA is indicative of the economic movement in the area. For the first quarter, 2012 has 14,400 jobs.

Service Provider 12,200 represent the highest labor participation; specifically kept private service providing 8,700 employees. The government keeps a significant payroll 3,100 people.

Work behavior in relation to the previous month shows an decrease of 600 jobs. The line that fell from the retail trade, trade, transportation and utilities.

The behavior of non-agricultural employment in the past year shows a loss of 1,000 people. Most of them in service providing -1,100. The government sector increase 200 jobs.



III. Characteristic of the Insured Unemployed

The term-insured unemployed is used to defined those individuals receiving unemployment compensation benefits during the week including the 19th of each month. In the first quarter, 2012 the number of unemployed claimants average in Fajardo MSA was 955.

The apportionment by gender group showed that the female registered the largest average figure with four hundred ninthly four 494 or fifty one point seven 51.7 percent of the total. This behavior is similar in all months studied. Note that during this first quarter, 2012 insurance unemployed participation in month after month is reduced in both genders.

People between the ages of twenty two 22 to fifty-four 54 years continue to be the largest number of claimants for unemployment insurance. This is partly because the age of greater labor mobility and production methods.

The characteristics of the insured unemployed by industrial category illustrate a large majority in the service sector 276. Trade industry 182 participation is a strong reflection of the layoffs after the holiday season. On the other hand, the government 71 has a low number of claimants.

On the other hand, the manufacturing, agriculture, forestry and fishery reduced the number of claimants.

The analysis of the occupations with the largest number of claimants for unemployed insured are Office and administrative support 118; Food preparation and serving related 144; Production 160; Sales and related 114 and construction and extraction 60.

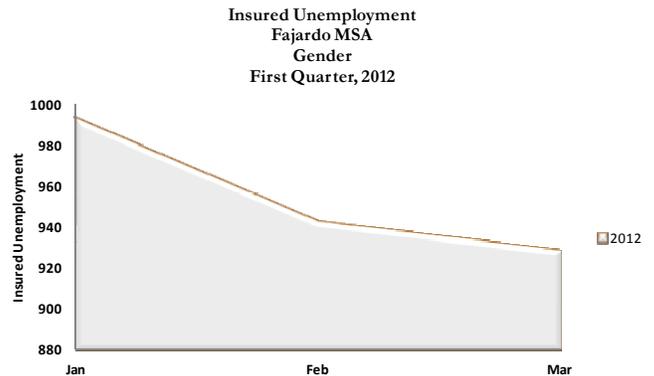
Characteristic of the Insurance Unemployed
Gender
Fajardo MSA
First Quarter, 2012

GENDER	NUMBER				PERCENT DISTRIBUTION
	March 2011	February 2011	January 2011	Quarter Average	
Total	929	943	994	955	100.0
Male	446	463	475	461	48.3
Female	483	480	519	494	51.7

The term Insured Unemployed is used to define those individuals receiving unemployment compensation benefits. This group was estimated at nine hundred fifty five (955) in first quarter, 2012 in the Fajardo MSA.

Some relevant characteristics of the area's claimants were analyzed. One of the traits was sex. Female (494) reached the largest benefit during the quarter under review.

On the other hand, during this period males decreased their share month after month. January reflected the biggest gain in the first quarter, 2012.



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Age Groups
Fajardo MSA
First Quarter, 2012

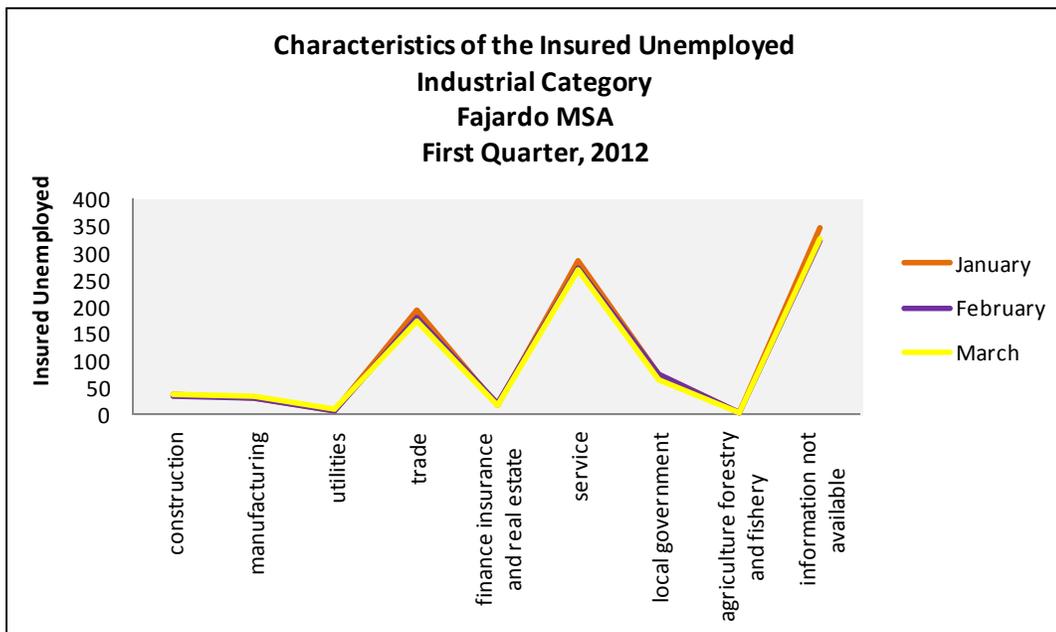
Age Groups	NUMBER				PERCENT DISTRIBUTION
	March 2012	February 2012	January 2012	Quarter Average	
Total	929	943	994	955	100.0
Under 22	45	52	41	46	4.8
22-24	103	93	93	96	10.1
25-34	284	302	325	304	31.8
35-44	224	230	256	237	24.8
45-54	171	168	182	174	18.2
55-59	52	48	53	51	5.3
60-64	34	32	32	33	3.4
65 and over	15	17	11	14	1.5
INA	1	1	1	1	0.0

**Industrial Category
Fajardo MSA
First Quarter, 2012**

Industrial Category	NUMBER			Quarter Average	Average Percent
	March 2012	February 2012	January 2012		
All Industry	929	943	994	955	100.0
Construction	38	35	37	37	3.8
Manufacturing	34	31	30	32	3.3
Durable	19	17	19	18	1.9
Nondurable	15	14	11	13	1.4
Utilities	8	6	5	6	0.7
Trade	173	179	193	182	19.0
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	15	20	18	18	1.8
Services	269	273	285	276	28.9
Local Government	65	74	75	71	7.5
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishery	2	2	3	2	0.2
Information Not Available	325	323	348	332	34.8

The table present the total unemployed insured claimants analyzed by industrial category. Services and Trade provided the 47.9 percent of total claims. On the other hand, there were 71 people in the government this is a 7.5 percent with a significant number of insured unemployed.

The behavior of the claimants for unemployment shows a decrease in the industries of manufacturing an finance, insurance and real estate. Other industries hold ups and downs during the quarter.



**Characteristic of the Insurance Unemployed
Occupational Category
FAJARDO MSA
First Quarter, 2012**

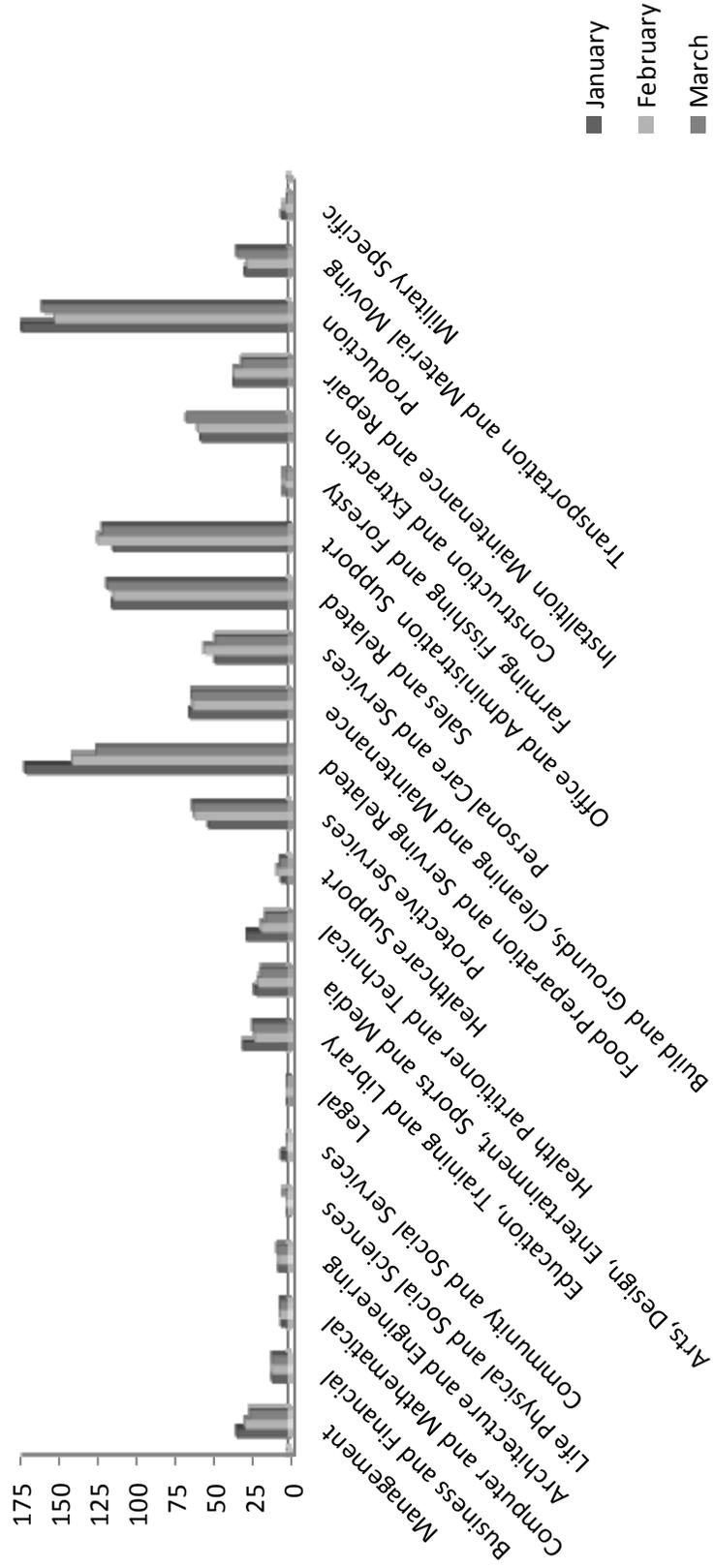
Occupational Category	NUMBER			Quarter Average	Percent Distribution
	March 2012	February 2012	January 2012		
Total	929	943	994	955	100.0
Management	24	27	32	28	2.9
Business and financial	10	10	10	10	1.0
Computer and mathematical	5	5	4	5	0.5
Architecture and engineering	7	6	6	6	0.7
Life, physical, and social science	3	2	2	2	0.2
Community and social service	1	1	4	2	0.2
Legal	1	2	1	1	0.1
Education, training and library	22	21	28	24	2.5
Arts, design, entertainment, sports and media	17	19	21	19	2.0
Healthcare practitioner and technical	14	17	26	19	2.0
Healthcare support	5	7	4	5	0.6
Protective service	61	60	51	57	6.0
Food preparation and serving related	123	139	170	144	15.1
Building and grounds cleaning and maintenance	62	61	63	62	6.5
Personal care and service	47	54	47	49	5.2
Sales and related	116	112	113	114	11.9
Office and administrative support	119	122	112	118	12.3
Farming, fishing, and forestry	3	3	3	3	0.3
Construction and extraction	65	58	56	60	6.2
Installation, maintenance, and repair	29	34	34	32	3.4
Production	158	150	172	160	16.7
Transportations and material moving	32	26	27	28	3.0
Military specific	1	3	4	3	0.3
INA*	4	4	4	4	0.4

* Claimants not classified

The unemployed insured claimants identify the talent ability to continue in the workforce with little investment in training and occupational experience to continue working quickly. In the first quarter, 2012 production (160) represent the largest number of participants.

The categories of food preparation and serving related (144) and office and administrative support (118) showed significant interest.

**Characteristics of the Insured Unemployed
Occupational
Fajardo MSA
First Quarter, 2012**



VI. Employment and Unemployment Outlook

A. Employment Outlook

Fajardo

The Fajardo municipal administration will develop a new soccer stadium with rows of seats for 2,000 people.

Ceiba

The municipality of Ceiba has plans to build in the future an amusement mega park resulting in a tourism hook for his people at the area east of the country.

Ceiba will have a large amusement park that will turn a replica of an Indian ceremonial park, mountain coasters, water park and shopping center. It also considering hosting an area for tourists.

The Municipality of Ceiba with the Veterans Administration signed an agreement with the federal agency to establish a clinic to serve the needs of veterans. This activity will benefit the people because veterans come and will consume to the entire area.

Luquillo

Project is being developed for housing Landscapes River it can generate some construction jobs.

B. Unemployment Outlook

During the study period, there were no reports of closures in Fajardo MSA.

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