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Special points of interest:

During march, 2012 the civilian labor force in the area stood at 35,100. The unemployment rate was estimated at 16.1 per cent.

The Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment was estimated at 36,900 during march, 2012 in Mayagüez MSA.

The total average of beneficiaries of Unemployment Insurance in Mayagüez MSA was 1,120 during march, 2012.



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I. Population, Civilian Labor Force, Employment and Unemployment Data

A. Civilian Labor Force

Population and Civilian Labor Force Mayagüez MSA and Puerto Rico First Semester, 2012

Labor Market Area and Municipality 1/	Population Estimates April 1, 2010*	CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE			
		March 2012	Feb 2012	Jan 2012	March 2011
Mayagüez MSA	106,330	35,100	35,000	35,100	34,400
Hormigueros	17,250	6,500	6,500	6,600	6,300
Mayagüez	89,080	28,600	28,500	28,500	28,100
Puerto Rico	3,725,789	1,273,000	1,286,000	1,298,000	1,271,000

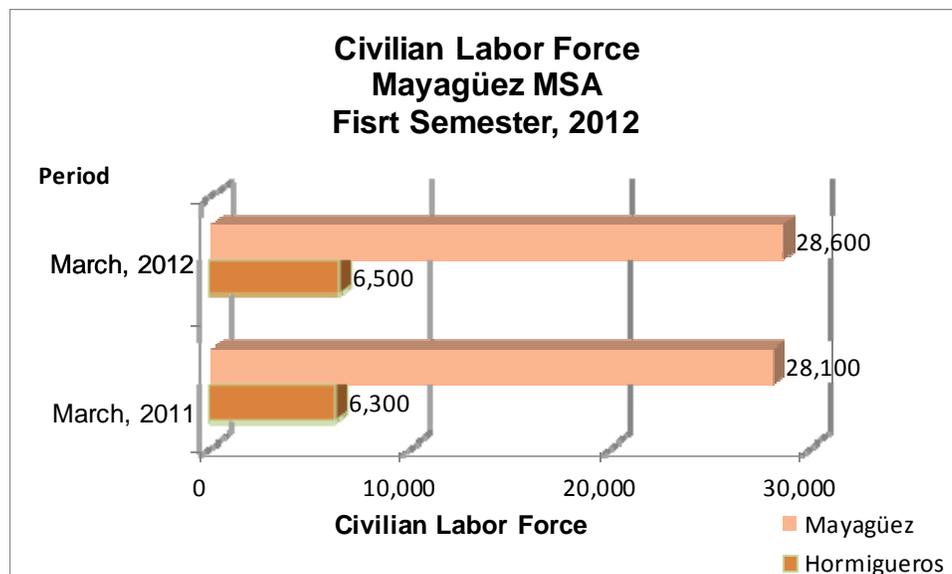
Source: * Bureau of the Census

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During the first quarter, 2012 Mayagüez MSA reported a workforce of 35,100. This represents 2.8 percent of the total workforce in Puerto Rico.

Examining what happened two (2) months back we observe the same number of participants .

Behavior in relation to the past year shows a increase of 700 participating in the workforce. The municipality of reflection Mayagüez a wide participation.



B. Employment Trends

Population and Employment Mayagüez MSA and Puerto Rico First Semester, 2012

Labor Market Area and Municipality 1/	Population Estimates April 1, 2010*	EMPLOYMENT			
		March 2012	Feb 2012	Jan 2012	March 2011
Mayagüez MSA	106,330	29,400	29,400	29,200	28,000
Hormigueros	17,250	5,600	5,600	5,500	5,300
Mayagüez	89,080	23,900	23,800	23,700	22,600
Puerto Rico	3,725,789	1,083,000	1,094,000	1,099,000	1,057,000

Source: * Bureau of the Census

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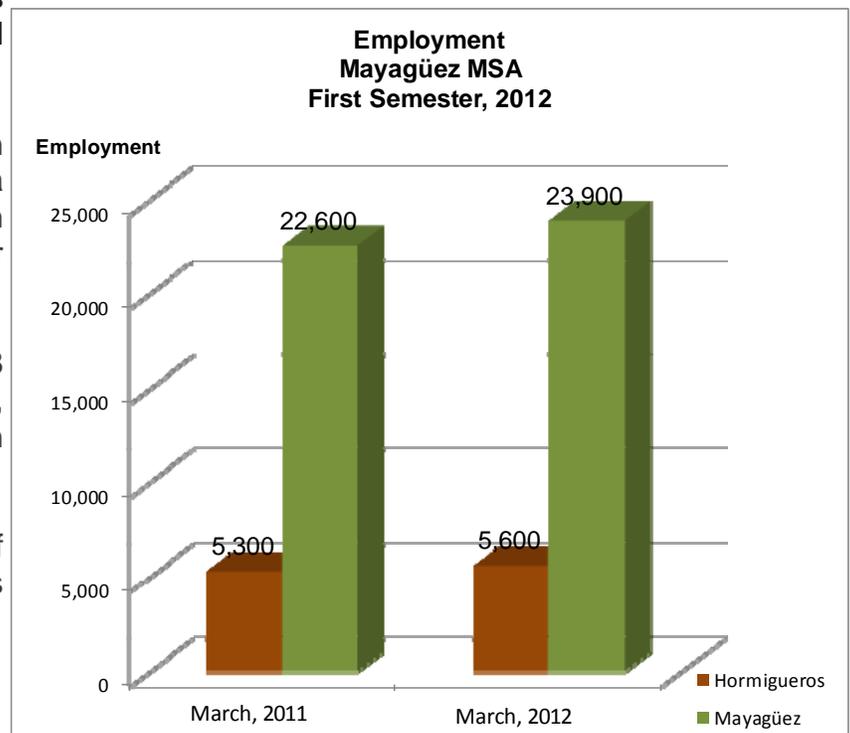
The Mayagüez MSA area in March, 2012 was 29,400 people employed. This represents a 2.8 percent of the employment of the Puerto Rico.

Interestingly, in the past two months there was an increase of 200 employed in Mayagüez MSA.

The behavior of employees in Mayagüez MSA last year shows a increment of 1,400 jobs. Both municipalities have increased their employment.

Mayaguez MSA accounted for 2.8 percent of employment in Puerto Rico, reflecting an increase of 0.1 percent in relation to the previous year.

On the other hand, only 26.3 percent of the population is Mayaguez MSA is employed.



C. Unemployment Data

Population, Unemployment and Unemployment Rate Mayagüez MSA and Puerto Rico First Semester, 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
Mayagüez MSA	106,330	5,600	5,700	5,800	6,400	16.1	16.2	16.7	18.7
Hormigueros	17,250	900	1,000	1,000	1,000	14.3	14.8	15.6	15.9
Mayagüez	89,080	4,700	4,700	4,800	5,400	16.5	16.5	16.9	19.3
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
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The number of people unemployment in March, 2012 was 5,600 in Mayagüez MSA. This represents a participation of 3.3 percent of the total unemployed in Puerto Rico.

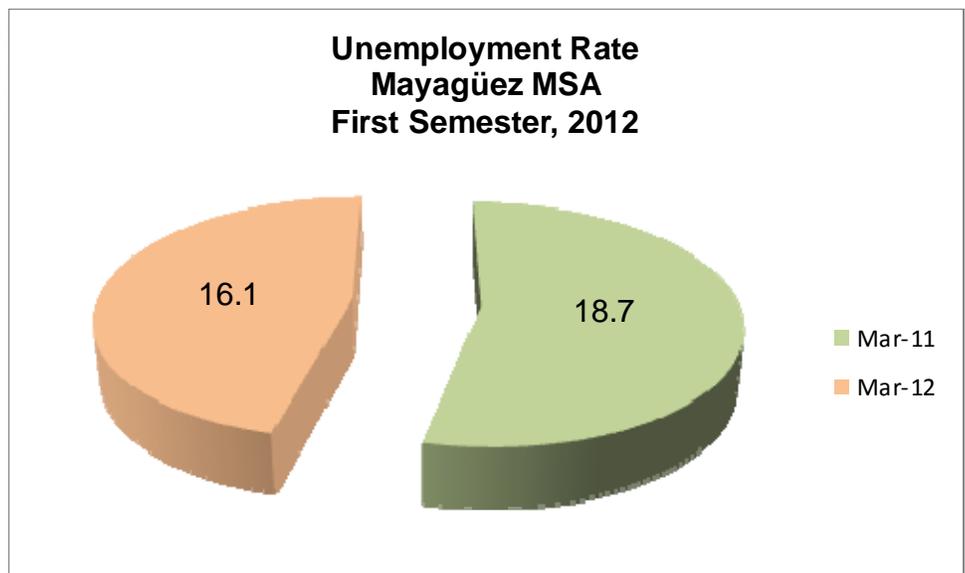
Considering the behavior the previous month is a marked decrease 100 in the total unemployed.

The annual analysis of unemployed in Mayagüez MSA shows an low of 800 unemployed. These product shrinkage unemployment in the municipality of Mayagüez.

The unemployed rate in March, 2012 in Mayagüez MSA remained in 16.1 percent. Establishing a depletion of 2.6 percent compared with data from the month of march, 2011.

The Mayagüez MSA unemployment rate decreases in relation to last year.

All components of the area municipalities maintain a rate that surpasses the 14.3 percent.



II. Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment Data

Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment Data Mayagüez MSA First Semester, 2012

INDUSTRY TITLE	March 2012	Feb 2012	Jan 2012	March 2011	March '12 to Feb '1		March '12 to Jan '1		March '12 to March '1	
					Absolute	%	Absolute	%	Absolute	%
					Change	Change	Change	Change	Change	Change
Total Nonagricultural 1/	36,900	36,500	35,800	35,900	400	1.1	1,100	3.0	1,000	0.0
Total Private	26,100	25,800	25,100	25,300	300	1.1	1,000	3.8	800	0.0
Goods Producing	5,400	5,300	4,900	4,500	100	1.9	500	9.3	900	0.2
Service Providing	31,500	31,800	30,900	31,400	-300	1.0	600	1.9	100	0.0
<i>Trade, Trans. & Utilities</i>	6,300	6,400	6,500	6,800	-100	1.6	-200	3.2	-500	0.1
<i>Retail Trade</i>	5,200	5,400	5,500	5,800	-200	3.8	-300	5.8	-600	0.1
<i>Government</i>	19,800	10,700	10,700	10,600	9,100	46.0	9,100	46.0	9,200	0.5
<i>State Government</i>	8,700	8,700	8,700	8,500	0	0.0	0	0.0	200	0.0

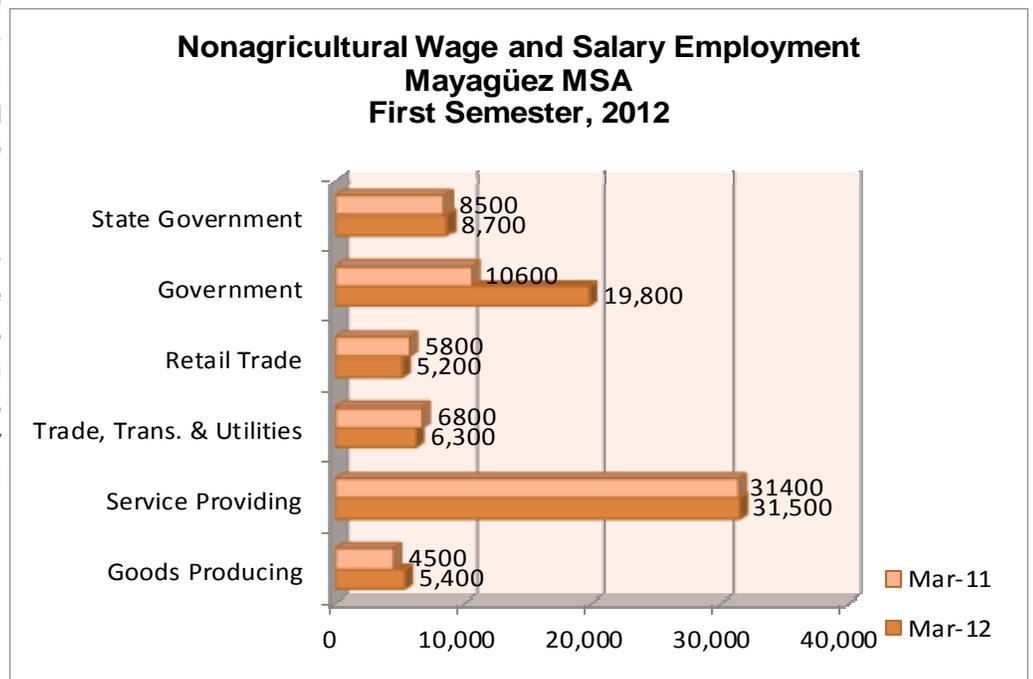
1/ Estimate measures the number of jobs by industry and reflects employment by place of work. Therefore, this figure is not strictly comparable to the employment data which represents persons by place of residence.

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics (CES 700 Program)

The behavior of non-agricultural employment in Mayagüez MSA is indicative of the economic movement in the area. For the first quarter, 2012 had 36,900 jobs.

Service Provider (31,500) represent the highest labor participation. The government keeps a significant payroll 19,800 people; specifically state government (8,700) employees. Service providing reported the largest decrease in employees.

The behavior of non-agricultural employment in the past year shows an increase of 1,000 people. Most of them in government 900 and goods producing 900. On the other hand, retail trade (-600) reported an annual decrease.



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. The unemployed insured benefit offers up twenty-six weeks (26) with a maximum benefits of one hundred thirty-three (\$133.00) per week for nonagricultural claimants and forty (\$40.00) for the agricultural sector.

In the first quarter, 2012 the number of unemployed claimants average in Mayagüez MSA was 1,120.

The apportionment by gender group showed that the male registered the largest average figure with 613 for 54.7 percent of the total.

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

The analysis of occupations with higher unemployed insured benefits were:

Office and administrative support	199
Sales and related	169
Production	159
Construction and extraction	95
Food preparation and serving related	72
Transportation and material moving	67
Building and grounds cleaning and maintenance	58

**Characteristics of Insured Unemployed
Gender
First Quarter, 2012**

Gender	March	Feb	Jan	Average	Percent
	1,069	1,121	1,170	1,120	100.0
Male	569	625	645	613	54.7
Female	500	496	525	507	45.3

The majority claimants (613) were male. Note that two (2) months ago, both males and females decreased.

The greater representation considering the age group is represented by participation from 25-34 years (352). This was followed by those 35 to 44 years (257).

The row of 45-54 years had the greatest increase during the first quarter, 2012.

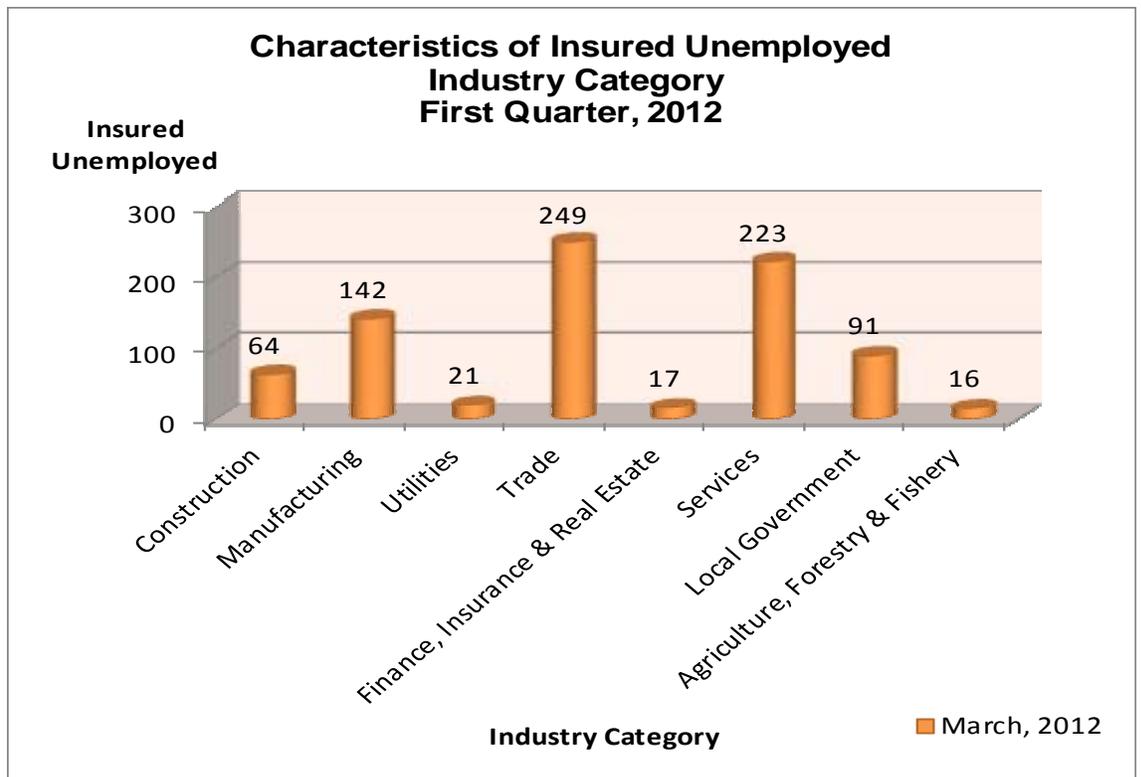
**Characteristics of Insured Unemployed
Age Groups
First Quarter, 2012**

Age	March	Feb	Jan	Average	Percent
Total	1,069	1,121	1,170	1,120	100.0
<22	41	41	32	38	3.4
22-24	103	111	115	110	9.8
25-34	324	347	384	352	31.4
35-44	245	250	276	257	22.9
45-54	191	204	210	202	18.0
55-59	77	85	79	80	7.1
60-64	59	51	44	51	4.6
>65	29	32	30	30	2.8

Characteristics of Insured Unemployed					
Industry Category					
First Quarter, 2012					
Industry	March	Feb	Jan	Average	Percent
Total	1,069	1,121	1,170	1,120	100
Mining	1	0	0	0	0.0
Construction	56	68	67	64	5.7
Manufacturing	153	156	118	142	12.7
Durable	77	82	60	73	6.5
Nondurable	76	74	58	69	6.2
Utilities	18	24	20	21	1.9
Trade	221	251	275	249	22.2
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	19	16	17	17	1.5
Services	203	224	243	223	20.0
Local Government	74	88	110	91	8.1
Agriculture, Forestry & Fishery	14	17	18	16	1.4
Information Not Available	310	277	302	297	26.5

The table presents the total Unemployed Insured claimants analyzed by industrial category. Trade (249) and Services (223) provided the 42.2 percent of total claims. The claimants in the manufacturing sector accounted for 12.7 percent.

The graph shows a greater involvement in industries of service, trade, government, manufacturing and construction. All industries mentioned in the three months belonging to the quarter.



**Characteristics of Insured Unemployed
Occupational Category
First Quarter, 2012**

Occupational Category	March	Feb	Jan	Average	Percent
Total	1,069	1,121	1,170	1,120	100.0
Management	22	22	28	24	2.1
Business and financial	16	13	11	13	1.2
Computer and mathematical	4	5	4	4	0.4
Architecture and engineering	17	17	15	16	1.4
Life, physical, and social science	3	4	8	5	0.4
Community and social services	4	3	6	4	0.4
Legal	1	1	1	1	0.1
Education, training and library	15	21	33	23	2.1
Arts, design, entertainment, sports and media	17	14	14	15	1.3
Healthcare practitioners and technical	21	21	20	21	1.9
Healthcare support	27	25	26	26	2.3
Protective service	42	50	46	46	4.1
Food preparation and serving related	60	68	88	72	6.4
Building and grounds cleaning & maintenance	49	58	67	58	5.2
Personal care and service	36	37	40	38	3.4
Sales and related	162	171	173	169	15.1
Office and administrative support	187	207	203	199	17.8
Farming, fishing, and forestry	14	14	14	14	1.2
Construction and extraction	83	99	102	95	8.5
Installation, maintenance, and repair	37	34	36	36	3.2
Production	175	148	155	159	14.2
Transportation and material moving	63	72	66	67	6.0
Military specific	14	15	13	14	1.2
INA	0	2	1	1	0.1

The distribution of Unemployed Insured claimants by occupation showed a decline during the first quarter, 2012. Note that office and administration support occupation (199) had the highest participation. Also, the rate of participation in the following occupations was reduced: Sales and related (169), Production (159), Construction and extraction (95), Food preparation and serving related (72), among many others.

This suggests a strong professional market segmentation in terms of work activity is concerned, this high dynamic search of employment, economic support from the state and freedom of mobility of the workforce causing a major leak of Puerto Rico talent.

VI. Employment and Unemployment Outlook

A. Employment Outlook

In the coming months Mayagüez MSA will increase employment opportunities.

Hormigueros municipal administration made efforts to improve municipal waste. They made an investment of \$ 250,000 to improve the shooting area. Application submitted to the Government Bank a loan of \$ 1 million to the trench which adds about 10 new years of useful life.

In the municipality of Mayagüez a company engaged in the manufacture of military cargo parachute create 60 new jobs. It generates an investment in properties \$ 200,000. On the other hand, a clothing manufacturing company produces 130 new jobs.



B. Unemployment Outlook

During this quarter three companies out of business employees. The first of those engaged in food manufacturing with 57 people out permanently due to the physical plant repairs. Two other companies engaged in the manufacture of clothing affecting 230 employees. One affects 94 employees permanently.

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