



## LABOR MARKET INFORMATION NEWSLETTER

### *Overview*

- ◆ The information on this report refers to the Guayama Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) which consists of the municipalities of Guayama, Arroyo and Patillas.
- ◆ The Civilian Labor Force for the area was estimated at 26,000 during the month of December, 2011 and the unemployment rate was 18.9 percent at the same period.
- ◆ The Nonagricultural Wage and Salary (nonfarm) Employment was estimated at 17,100 going down by 400 workers less than last year period.
- ◆ The average number of claimants according to the Unemployment Insurance Program, was divided into 623 males and 449 females, during the fourth quarter of 2011.
- ◆ The unemployment level as well as the rate, are anticipated to move down some Christmas jobs will help the economy of this area.



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*Guayama MSA*



## II. Population, Civilian Labor Force, Employment Puerto Rico and Guayama MSA First Quarter 2012

### *Civilian Labor Force\**

Puerto Rico and Guayama MSA <sup>1/</sup>	Population Estimates <sup>2/</sup>	March 2012	February 2012	January 2012	March 2011
<b>Puerto Rico</b>	3,725,789	1,288,000	1,285,000	1,287,000	1,277,000
<b>Guayama MSA</b>	84,214	26,000	26,300	26,300	26,000
<b>Guayama</b>	45,362	14,300	14,500	14,600	14,400
<b>Arroyo</b>	19,575	5,800	5,900	5,900	5,700
<b>Patillas</b>	19,277	5,800	5,900	5,800	5,900

### *Employment*

Puerto Rico and Guayama MSA	March 2012	February 2012	January 2012	March 2011
<b>Puerto Rico</b>	1,118,000	1,090,000	1,077,000	1,090,000
<b>Guayama MSA</b>	21,000	20,800	20,500	20,700
<b>Guayama</b>	11,900	11,700	11,600	11,600
<b>Arroyo</b>	4,600	4,600	4,500	4,500
<b>Patillas</b>	4,600	4,500	4,500	4,500

\*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

**III. Unemployment Data  
Puerto Rico and Guayama MSA  
First Quarter 2012**

*Unemployment*

<b>Puerto Rico and Guayama MSA <sup>1/</sup></b>	<b>March 2012</b>	<b>February 2012</b>	<b>January 2012</b>	<b>March 2011</b>
<b>Puerto Rico</b>	170,000	195,000	209,000	187,000
<b>Guayama MSA</b>	4,900	5,500	5,800	5,400
<b>Guayama</b>	2,500	2,800	3,000	2,800
<b>Arroyo</b>	1,200	1,300	1,400	1,200
<b>Patillas</b>	1,200	1,400	1,300	1,400

*Unemployment Rate*

<b>Puerto Rico and Guayama MSA</b>	<b>March 2012</b>	<b>February 2012</b>	<b>January 2012</b>	<b>March 2011</b>
<b>Puerto Rico</b>	13.2	15.2	16.3	14.7
<b>Guayama MSA</b>	18.9	20.8	22.0	20.7
<b>Guayama</b>	17.4	19.4	20.8	19.1
<b>Arroyo</b>	20.4	22.1	23.6	21.1
<b>Patillas</b>	21.4	23.1	23.1	24.1

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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 Guayama Metropolitan Statistical

# *Guayama MSA*





## By Occupational Category

Occupational Category	March 2012	February 2012	January 2012	Quarter Average	Percent Distribution
<b>Total</b>	<b>988</b>	<b>1,099</b>	<b>1,128</b>	<b>1,072</b>	<b>100.0</b>
Management	36	36	40	37	3.5
Business and financial	10	8	6	8	0.7
Computer and mathematical	6	5	5	5	0.5
Architecture and engineering	22	21	23	22	2.1
Life, physical and social science	4	8	10	7	0.6
Community and social services	10	11	10	10	1.0
Legal	2	2	2	2	0.2
Education, training and library	33	35	42	37	3.4
Arts, design, entertainment, sports and media	9	9	10	9	0.8
Healthcare practitioner and technical	21	21	19	20	1.9
Healthcare support	24	22	22	23	2.1
Protective service	40	47	48	45	4.2
Food preparation and serving related	36	35	39	37	3.4
Building and grounds cleaning and maintenance	53	60	60	58	5.4
Personal care and service	19	16	18	18	1.6
Sales and related	87	106	120	104	9.7
Office and administrative support	131	140	146	139	13.0
Farming, fishing and forestry	131	161	162	151	14.1
Construction and extraction	133	156	149	146	13.6
Installation, maintenance and repair	28	32	34	31	3.0
Production	101	106	110	106	10.0
Transportation and material moving	40	50	44	45	4.2
Military specific	10	9	9	9	0.8
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## VI. Outlook

### A. Employment



The local labor market area is anticipated to move up during this quarter, Christmas seasonal jobs on the services area, will help the economy on this recession time.

While construction and manufacturing projects are anticipated to increase in the area too.

The following projects are listed below are reference of local newspapers, magazines and government offices.

- ◆ Improvements to sports facilities, construction of sidewalks with an investment of 4 millions - Guayama
- ◆ Project *Paseo Artesanal* on the boardwalk, it will include food kiosks - Arroyo
- ◆ *AES Ilumina* plans to create 200 jobs in a project of solar photovoltaic plant, total investment will be \$ 98 million - Guayama
- ◆ *Punta Pozuelo* community plans the building renovations and construction of a platform. The works have an estimated cost of \$ 12.3 million allocated by the Government Development Bank - Guayama

#### Housing projects:

- ◆ Brisas de Costa Real - Guayama
- ◆ Solimar - Patillas

### B. Unemployment

During this quarter, any company record mass lay off in the area.

## Technical Notes

The Bureau of Employment Security manages the **Unemployment Insurance Program** established by the Employment Security Act of 1956. Under Law 74 the employers pay a premium to insure an income to the jobless workers without fault of their own.

**Unemployment** - An estimate of the number of persons who did not have a job, but were available for work and actively seeking work during the calendar week that includes the 12th day of the month.

**Unemployment Insurance (UI)** - The program which encompasses all state and federal unemployed compensation laws and related programs administered by the state and federal Unemployed Insurance Services.

**Labor Force** data are adjusted to the Current Population Survey benchmark, and represent employment and unemployment by place of residence. These data are not comparable to the place-of-work industry employment series. Workers involved in labor disputes are counted as employed. Total employment in the labor force also includes agricultural workers, unpaid family workers, domestic, and self-employed. The unemployment rate is calculated by dividing total unemployed by the labor force, and is expressed as a percent. Because of the conceptual differences stated above, total employment may in instances be lower than nonagricultural wage and salary employment.

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