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Special points of interest:

During June, 2012 the Civilian Labor Force in the area stood at 35,100. The unemployment rate was estimated at 14.6 percent.

The Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment was estimated at 37,500 during June, 2012 in Mayagüez MSA.

The total average of beneficiaries of Unemployment Insurance in Mayagüez MSA was 1,006 during June, 2012.

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I. Population, Civilian Labor Force, Employment and Unemployment

A. Civilian Labor Force

Population, Civilian Labor Force* Mayagüez MSA and Puerto Rico Second Quarter, 2012

MSA Market Area 2/	Population Estimates 2011 1/	CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE			
		June 2012	May 2012	April 2012	June 2011
Mayagüez MSA	105,007	35,100	35,100	34,700	34,300
Hormigueros	17,295	6,600	6,600	6,500	6,300
Mayagüez	87,712	28,500	28,500	28,200	28,000
*Puerto Rico	3,706,690	1,267,000	1,268,000	1,258,000	1,278,000

* Figure may not add to totals because of rounding.

Sources: 1/ Bureau of the Census

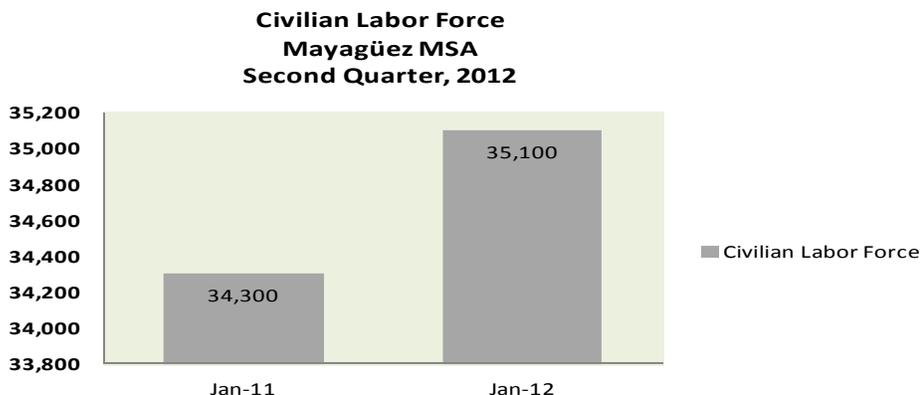
2/ Research and Statistics Division

Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS)

During the second 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 month back we see an increase of (400) people. Mayagüez (300) reflects the high rise participation.

Behavior in relation to the past year shows a increment of (800) participating in the workforce. The (62.5) percent of the win within the municipality of Mayagüez (500).



**Population and Employment
 Mayagüez MSA and Puerto Rico
 Second Quarter, 2012**

MSA Market Area 2/	Population Estimates 2011 1/	EMPLOYMENT			
		June 2012	May 2012	April 2012	June 2011
Mayagüez MSA	105,007	30,000	30,100	29,400	28,400
Hormigueros	17,295	5,700	5,700	5,600	5,400
Mayagüez	87,712	24,300	24,400	23,800	23,000
*Puerto Rico	3,706,690	1,091,000	1,097,000	1,079,000	1,084,000

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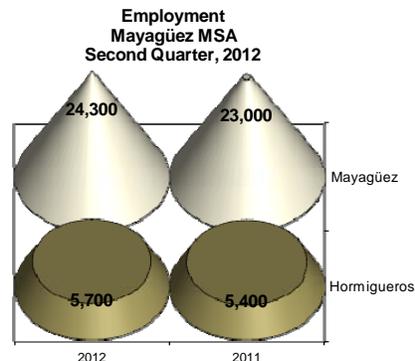
Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS)

The Mayagüez MSA in June 2012, was (30,000) people employed. This represents a (2.7) percent of the employment of the Puerto Rico.

Interestingly, compared with last month the only municipality that occurred a reduction was Mayagüez (100).

The behavior of employees in Mayagüez MSA last two months shows a increase of (600) jobs.

In relation to the previous year, Puerto Rico reached a gain of (7,000) more people working. The Mayagüez Metropolitan Statistical Area contributed with (22.9) percent.



Population and Unemployment Data*

Mayagüez MSA and Puerto Rico

Second Quarter, 2012

MSA Market Area 2/ Estimates 2011 1/	Population	UNEMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT RATE				
		June 2012	May 2012	April 2012	June 2011	June 2012	May 2012	April 2012	June 2011
Mayagüez MSA	115,007	5,100	5,000	5,300	5,800	14.6	14.3	15.3	17.0
Hormigueros	17,295	900	900	900	900	13.9	13.3	14.3	14.5
Mayagüez	87,712	4,200	4,100	4,400	4,900	14.8	14.5	15.5	17.6
*Puerto Rico	3,706,690	176,000	171,000	179,000	194,000	13.9	13.5	14.2	15.2

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Sources: 1/ Bureau of the Census

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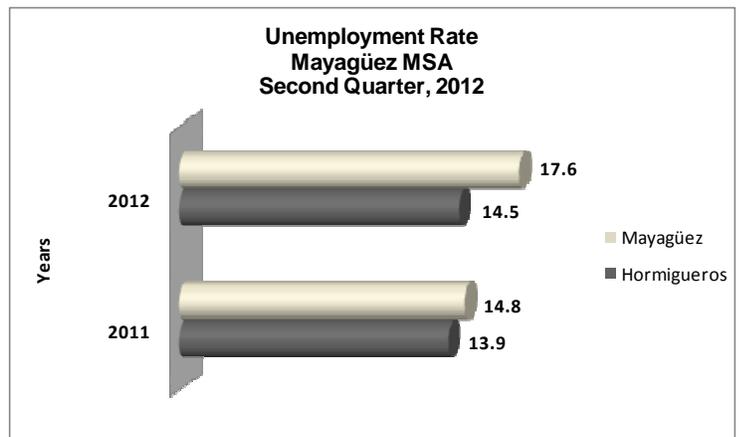
The number of people unemployment in June 2012, was (5,100) in Mayagüez MSA. This represents a participation of (2.9) percent of the total unemployed in Puerto Rico.

Compared to last month unemployment in the area is reflected up to (100).

The annual analysis of unemployed in Mayagüez MSA shows a drop of (700) newly unemployed. These reduction occurred in unemployment is in the municipality of Mayagüez.

In June 2012, the unemployment rate in Mayagüez MSA remained (14.6).

The unemployment rate fell (2.4) percent in relation to last year. The Municipality of Mayagüez contributes to lower the rate to give (2.8). During this quarter both municipalities contributed to reduced the unemployment rate.



II. Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment Data*

Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment Data* Mayagüez MSA and Puerto Rico Second Quarter, 2012

Industry Title	Number of Employees				Net Change June, 2012 from:	
	June 2012	May 2012	April 2012	June 2011	May 2012	June 2011
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment 1/	37,500	37,200	36,900	35,800	300	1,700
Total Private	26,500	26,500	26,200	24,900	-2,000	-400
Goods Producing	5,700	5,600	5,500	4,200	100	1,500
Service-Providing	31,800	31,600	31,400	31,600	200	200
Private Service-Providing	20,800	20,900	20,700	20,700	-100	100
Manufacturing	3,900	3,900	3,900	3,000	0	900
Trade, Transportation , and Utilities	6,200	6,200	6,200	6,800	0	-600
Information	400	400	400	500	0	-100
Financial Activities	900	900	900	900	0	0
Professional and Business Services	3,300	3,200	3,200	3,600	100	-300
Administrative and Support and Waste Management	2,600	2,500	2,500	2,900	100	-300
Educational and Health Service	5,400	5,400	5,300	5,400	0	0
Leisure and Hospitality	2,900	2,900	2,900	3,000	0	-100
Government	11,000	10,700	10,700	10,900	300	100

* 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 Mayagüez MSA is indicative of the economic movement in the area. For the second quarter 2012, (35,700) jobs. The government reflects 11,000 employment.

During June 2012, nonfarm employment was (37,500) representing an increase of (300) jobs in Mayagüez MSA during last months. This increase is identified in the screed goods producing (100) and within government (300) and services providing (200).

The behavior of non-agricultural employment in the past year shows a win of (1,700) people. Most of them in goods producing (1,500) and manufacturing (900). On the other hand, trade transportation and utilities (-600) and total private (-400) reported an annual decrease, respectively.

III. Characteristics 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 second quarter, 2012 the number of unemployed claimants average in Mayagüez MSA was 1,006.

The apportionment by gender group showed that the male registered the largest average figure with 548 for 54.5 percent of the total.

The manufacturing industry this is a (12.4) percent with a significant number of insured unemployed. People between the ages of (25-54) years represented to be the largest number of claimants for unemployed insured. This is partly because the age of greater labor mobility and production methods.

Then the five occupations with the highest claims unemployed insured benefits were:

Office and Administrative Support	169
Production	151
Sales and Related	147
Construction and Extraction	73
Transportation and Material Moving	64

**Characteristic of the Insured Unemployed
 Gender
 Mayagüez MSA
 Second Quarter, 2012**

GENDER	NUMBER				PERCENT DISTRIBUTION
	June 2012	May 2012	April 2012	Quarter Average	
Total	997	962	1,059	1,006	100.0
Male	548	536	561	548	54.5
Female	449	426	498	458	45.5

The majority (548) were male. Note that (2) months ago, the female decreased.

The greater representation considering the age group is represented by participation from 25-34 years (290). This was followed by those 35 to 44 quarter, 2012.

The row 25-34 years had the greatest increase during the second quarter, 2012.

**Characteristic of the Insured Unemployed
 Age Group
 Mayagüez MSA
 Second Quarter, 2012**

Age Group	Number				PERCENT DISTRIBUTION
	June 2012	May 2012	April 2012	Quarter Average	
Total	997	962	1,059	1,006	100.0
Under 22	36	34	42	37	3.7
22-24	98	89	89	92	9.1
25-34	266	280	324	290	28.8
35-44	237	226	242	235	23.4
45-54	190	177	202	190	18.9
55-59	79	74	75	76	7.6
60-64	55	48	51	51	5.1
65 and over	36	34	34	35	3.4

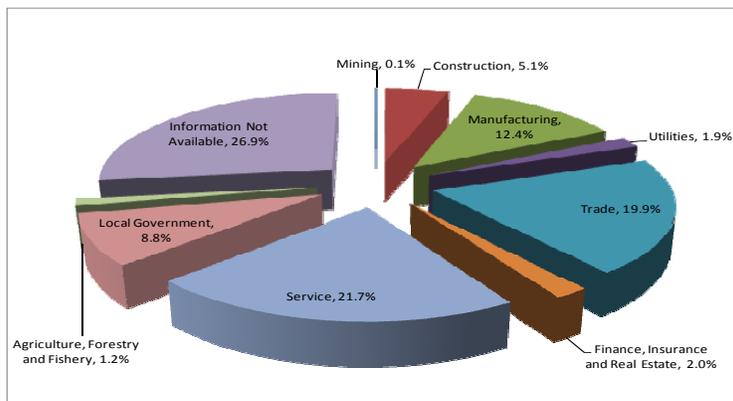
**Characteristic of the Insurance Unemployed
 Industrial Category
 Mayagüez MSA
 Second Quarter, 2012**

Industrial Category	NUMBER			Quarter Average	Average Percent
	June 2011	May 2011	April 2011		
All Industry	997	962	1,059	1,006	100.0
Mining	1	1	1	1	0.1
Construction	47	51	55	51	5.1
Manufacturing	122	116	136	125	12.4
Durable	67	59	71	66	6.5
Nondurable	55	57	65	59	5.9
Utilities	17	19	20	19	1.9
Trade	167	204	231	201	19.9
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	19	20	20	20	2.0
Services	229	205	222	219	21.7
Local Government	114	80	72	88	8.8
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishery	11	14	12	12	1.2
Information Not Available	270	252	290	270	26.9

The last table present the total unemployed insured claimants analyzed by industrial category. Services (229) and Trade (167) provided the (41.6) percent of total claims. The claimants in the government sector accounted for (8.8) percent.

The next graph shows the percentage share by industry. All industries maintained a high participation mentioned in the three months belonging to the quarter.

**Characteristics of the Insured Unemployed
 Industrial Category Participation
 Second Quarter, 2012**

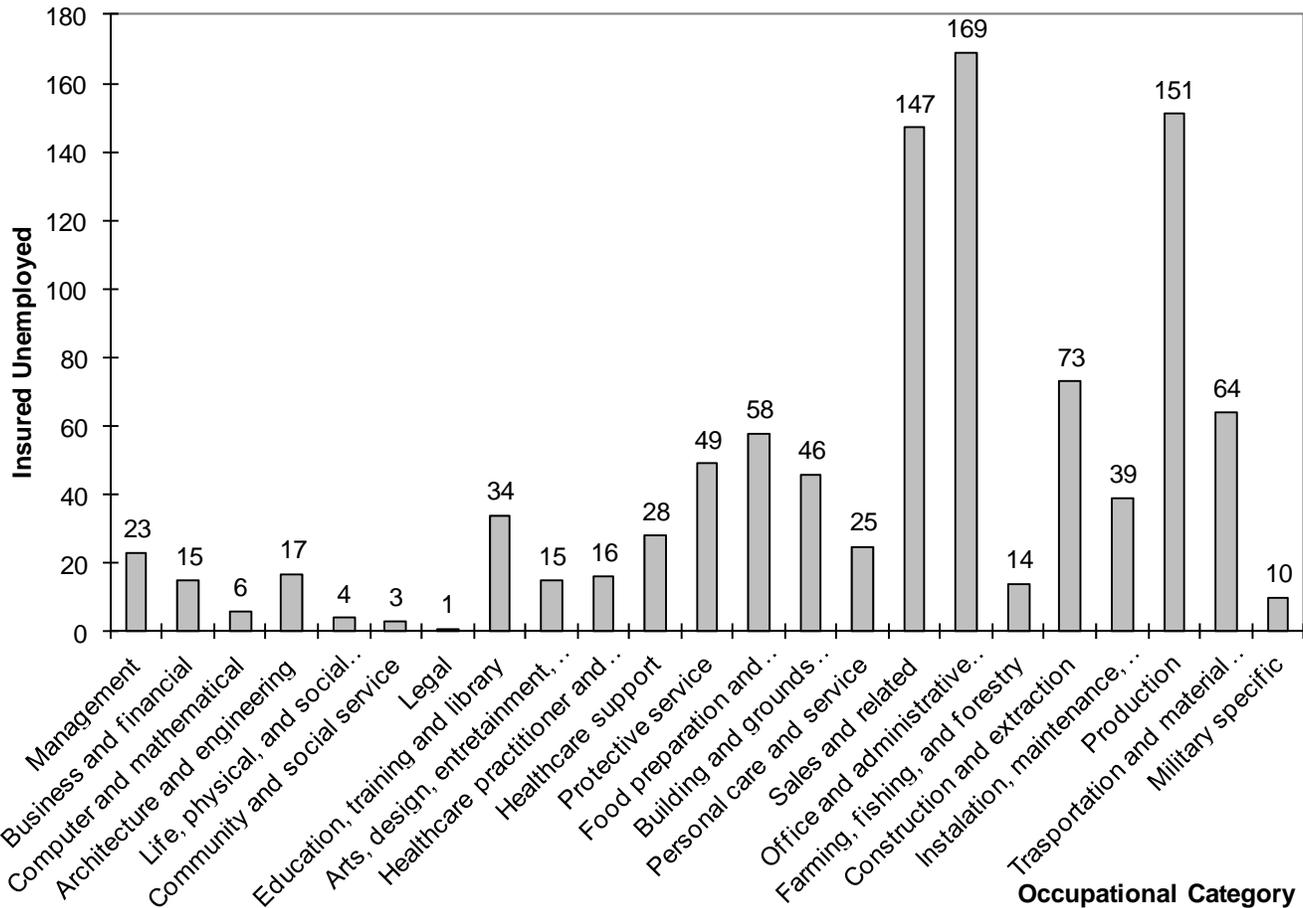


**Characteristic of the Insurance Unemployed
 Occupational Category
 Mayagüez MSA
 Second Quarter, 2012**

Occupational Category	NUMBER			Quarter Average	PERCENT DISTRIBUTION
	June 2012	May 2012	April 2012		
Total	997	962	1,059	1,006	100.0
Management	25	22	23	23	2.3
Business and financial	15	15	15	15	1.5
Computer and mathematical	7	5	5	5	0.5
Architecture and engineering	15	17	18	17	1.7
Life, physical, and social science	4	4	3	4	0.4
Community and social service	5	2	2	3	0.3
Legal	1	1	1	1	0.1
Education, training and library	68	15	20	34	3.4
Arts, design, entertainment, sports and media	16	14	16	15	1.5
Healthcare practitioner and technical	14	17	17	16	1.6
Healthcare support	25	29	31	28	2.8
Protective service	59	42	46	49	4.9
Food preparation and serving related	58	57	58	58	5.7
Building and grounds cleaning and maintenance	45	49	44	46	4.6
Personal care and service	17	24	33	25	2.5
Sales and related	130	145	165	147	14.6
Office and administrative support	150	173	185	169	16.8
Farming, fishing, and forestry	14	14	13	14	1.4
Construction and extraction	72	72	75	73	7.2
Installation, maintenance, and repair	37	44	36	39	3.9
Production	151	128	174	151	15.0
Transportation and material moving	59	63	69	64	6.3
Military specific	10	10	10	10	1.0
INA*	0	0	0	0	0.0

* Claimants not classified

**Characteristic of Insured Unemployment
 Occupational Category
 Mayagüez MSA
 Second Quarter Average, 2012**



Characteristics of Insured Unemployed by Occupational Category

The distribution of unemployment insured claimants by occupation showed a significant rise during the second quarter, 2012. Note that office and administration support occupation (169) had the highest participation, that due to loss of trade and services. Also, the rate of participation in the following occupations was reduced: Construction and extraction (73), Salas and related (147), Production (151), 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

Mayagüez

The mayor of the municipality announced some projects being worked:

- ◆ It is building a mass transit plan for communities.
- ◆ It is in the process of starting the restoration of the historic Balboa Theatre, in the district of the same name, and the Museum Pilar Defilló.
- ◆ They will start coming to work on the land intended for the Equestrian Park in Soledad community input.

Other Projects

- ◆ It opened on West Hospital Consortium. With San Antonio hospitals Mayagüez, San German Conception, Good Samaritan of Aguadilla and San Carlos Borromeo Moca who attend emergencies without the need for patients to be transferred to the San Juan Medical Center.
- ◆ Fuddruckers, the chain specializing in burgers and American food, opened its first restaurant in Mayagüez this summer. The same will employ approximately 65 people.

Hormigueros

Local authority of Hormigueros, gives the final touches to draft a synthetic track in the grounds of the sports complex. A second phase will also include the construction of a slipway for about 1,000 spectators will generate some jobs.

B. Unemployment Outlook

During the current quarter 2012, Mayagüez suffered a series of layoffs.

- ◆ Announced the closure of the tuna plant, which operates in the port area for about five decades. With the closing of the Bumble Bee be jobless approximately 181 permanent employees and 80 temporary.
- ◆ Besides some layoffs occurred due to lack of material but with possible reemployment in three months or less according to the report for the second quarter 2012 from closures and layoffs.

The future unemployment level showed minimal loss as a result of jobs created by activities previously mentioned.

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