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Labor Market Information Newsletter

***Mayagüez MSA
Third Quarter, 2011***

Special points of interest:

The Mayagüez Metropolitan Statistical Area consists of the municipalities of Hormigueros and Mayagüez. The 2010 census reported that Mayagüez MSA has a population of one hundred six thousand three hundred thirty (106,330).

During September, 2011 the civilian labor force in the area stood at 34,400.

The Mayagüez MSA area in September, 2011 was 28,500 people employed.

The unemployed rate in September, 2011 in Mayagüez MSA remained in 17.0 percent.

The Nonagricultural Wage and Salary employment was estimated at 35,500 during September, 2011 in Mayagüez MSA.

For the third quarter, 2011, the total of beneficiaries of Unemployment Insurance in Mayagüez MSA was 1,397.

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

Population, Civilian Labor Force and Employment Mayagüez MSA and Puerto Rico Third Quarter, 2011

MSA Market Area 2/ 2009 1/	Population Estimates 2009 1/	CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE				EMPLOYMENT			
		September 2011	August 2011	July 2011	September 2010	September 2011	August 2011	July 2011	September 2010
Mayagüez MSA	106,330	34,400	34,100	34,100	35,000	28,500	27,900	27,900	28,700
Hormigueros	17,250	6,400	6,300	6,300	6,500	5,400	5,300	5,300	5,400
Mayagüez	89,080	28,000	27,800	27,800	28,500	23,100	22,600	22,600	23,300
*Puerto Rico	3,725,789	1,276,000	1,257,000	1,269,000	1,294,000	1,080,000	1,051,000	1,062,000	1,083,000

* 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)

A. Labor Force Data

During the third quarter, 2011 Mayagüez MSA reported a workforce of 34,400. This represents the 2.7 percent of the total workforce in Puerto Rico.

Examining what happened the previous months we see an increase of 300 people. Mayagüez (200) reflects the high participation.

In relation to the previous year, there were also reduction. This lost is produced by the city of Mayagüez (-500).

B. Employment Trends

The Mayagüez MSA area in September, 2011 was 28,500 people employed.

Interestingly, in the past month there was a increase of 600 employed in Mayagüez MSA. The municipality of Mayagüez was the most responsible with a gain of 500 employment.

In relation to last year, continuing the same pattern.

**Civilian Labor Force and Unemployment Data
Mayagüez MSA and Puerto Rico
Third Quarter, 2011**

MSA Market Area 2/	Population Census 4/1/2010	UNEMPLOYMENT				UNEMPLOYMENT RATE			
		September 2011	August 2011	July 2011	September 2010	September 2011	August 2011	July 2011	September 2010
Mayagüez MSA	106,330	5,800	6,100	6,200	6,300	17.0	18.1	18.3	18.0
Hormigueros	17,250	900	1,000	1,000	1,000	14.9	15.8	16.5	15.7
Mayagüez	89,080	4,900	5,200	5,200	5,300	17.5	18.6	18.7	18.5
*Puerto Rico	3,725,789	196,000	206,000	207,000	210,000	15.4	16.4	16.3	16.3

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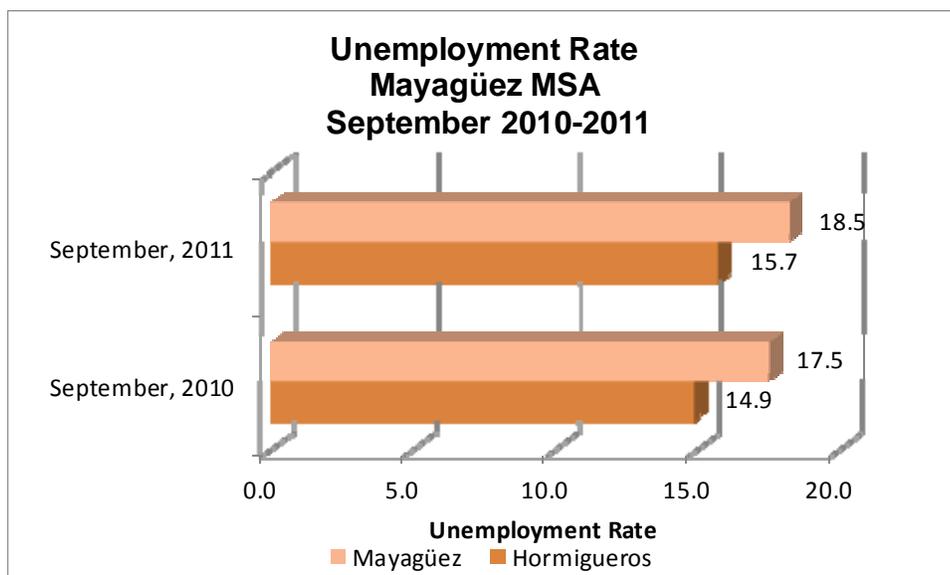
C. Unemployment Data

Mayaguez MSA area in September, 2011 was 5,800 people unemployed. This represents the 3.0 percent of the Puerto Rico population.

Interestingly, in the past six (6) months there was a drop of 500 unemployed in Mayaguez MSA. The municipality of Mayaguez was the significant loss of 400 people.

The previous year, Mayagüez MSA decreased (-400). The municipality of Mayagüez is fully responsible.

As Puerto Rico is concerned there was a reduction of 14,000 unemployed.



II. Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment Data

Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment Data* Mayagüez MSA and Puerto Rico Third Quarter, 2011

Industry Title	Number of Employees				Net Change September, 2011 from:	
	September 2011	August 2011	July 2011	September 2010	August 2011	September 2010
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment 1/	35,500	35,600	35,400	34,900	-100	600
Goods Producing	4,300	4,400	4,300	4,200	-100	100
Services Providing	31,200	31,200	31,100	30,700	0	500
Government	10,600	10,500	10,600	11,000	100	-400

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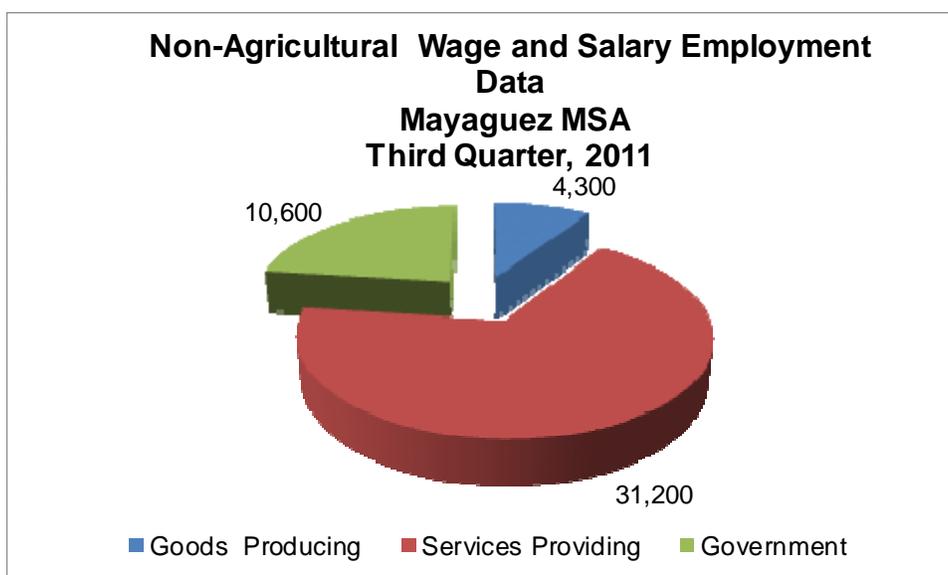
1/ This estimate measures the number of jobs by industry and reflects employment by place of work.

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

The Nonagricultural Wage and Salary employment was estimated at 35,500 during September, 2011 in Mayagüez MSA. Service Providing industry (31,200) had the highest participation of non-agricultural employment. The government reflects 10,600 employment.

August, 2011 nonfarm employment was 35,600 representing an decrease of 100 jobs in Mayagüez MSA during last month. This lost is identified in goods producing (-100), as the other lines studies did not reduced employment.

Analyzing a year ago, we observed a increased of 600 people. Services providing industry had the highest contribution.



III. Characteristics of the Insured Unemployed

**Characteristic of the Insured Unemployed
Gender
Mayagüez MSA
Third Quarter, 2011**

Gender	Number				Percent Distribution
	September 2011	August 2011	July 2011	Quarter Average	
Total	1,300	1,375	1,516	1,397	100.0
Male	677	700	763	713	51.1
Female	623	675	753	684	48.9

The Unemployment Insurance 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. For the third quarter, 2011, the total of beneficiaries of unemployment insurance in Mayagüez MSA was 1,397.

The majority (713) were male. Both, males and females reported decrease month after month.

The greater representation considering the age group is represented by participation from 25-34 years (434). This was followed by those 35 to 44 years (318).

The row of 45-54 years had the greatest increase during the third quarter, 2011.

**Characteristic of the Insurance Unemployed
Age Group
Mayagüez MSA
Third Quarter, 2011**

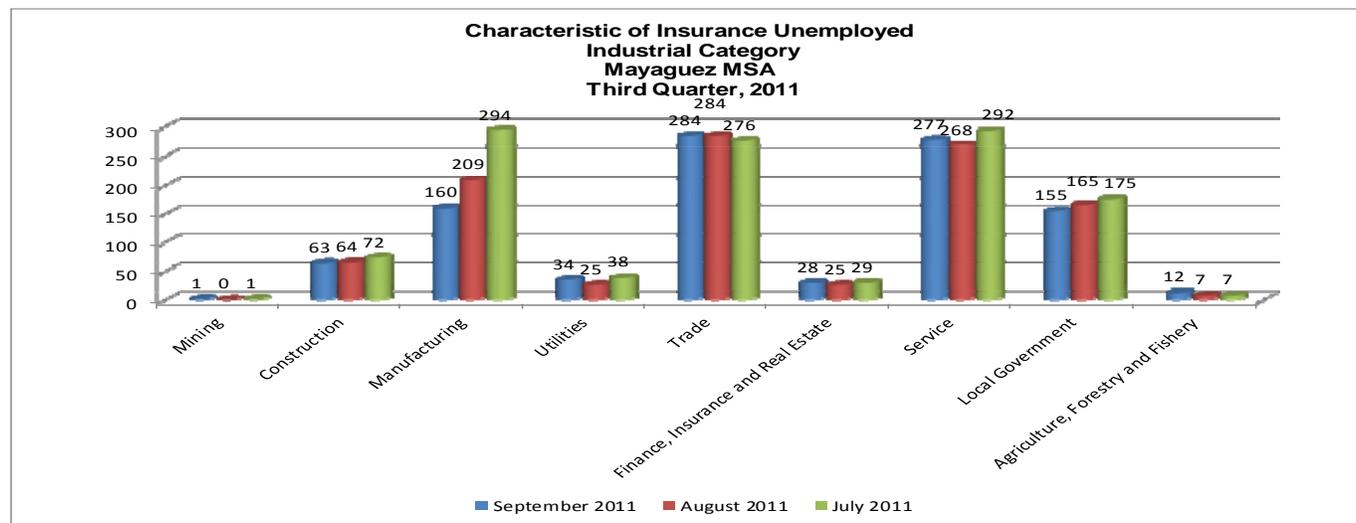
Gender	Number				Percent Distribution
	September 2011	August 2011	July 2011	Quarter Average	
	1,300	1,375	1,516	1,397	100.0
Under 22	56	51	53	53	3.8
22-24	108	111	124	115	8.2
25-34	404	427	472	434	31.1
35-44	301	325	327	318	22.8
45-54	256	277	314	282	20.2
55-59	73	84	109	89	6.3
60-64	61	67	81	70	5.0
65 and over	40	33	36	36	2.6
INA	1	0	0	0	0.0

**Characteristic of the Insured Unemployed
Industrial Category
Mayagüez MSA
Third Quarter, 2011**

Industrial Category	Number			Quarter Average	Average Percent
	September 2011	August 2011	July 2011		
All Industry	1,300	1,375	1,516	1,397	100.0
Mining	1	0	1	1	0.1
Construction	63	64	72	66	4.7
Manufacturing	160	209	294	221	15.8
Durable	107	158	227	164	11.7
Nondurable	53	51	67	57	4.1
Utilities	34	25	38	32	2.3
Trade	284	284	276	281	20.1
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	28	25	29	27	2.0
Service	277	268	292	279	20.0
Local Government	155	165	175	165	11.8
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishery	12	7	7	9	0.6
Information Not Available	286	328	332	316	22.6

The table present the total unemployed insured claimants analyzed by industrial category. Services (279) and Trade (281) provided the 40.0 percent of total claims. On the other hand, there were 221 people in the manufacturing industry this is a 15.8 percent with a significant number of insured unemployed.

The behavior of the claimants for unemployment shows a decrease in the industries of construction, manufacturing, government. Other industries hold ups and downs during the quarter.



**Characteristic of the Insured Unemployed
Occupational Category
Mayagüez MSA
Third Quarter, 2011**

Occupational Category	Number			Quarter Average	Percent Distribution
	September 2011	August 2011	July 2011		
Total	1,300	1,375	1,516	1,397	100.0
Management	37	38	42	39	2.8
Business and financial	21	18	17	19	1.4
Computer and mathematical	7	7	9	8	0.6
Architecture and engineering	20	22	19	20	1.4
Life, physical, and social science	10	12	9	10	0.7
Community and social service	8	8	9	8	0.6
Legal	1	1	0	1	0.0
Education, training and library	53	49	81	61	4.4
Arts, design, entertainment, sports and media	16	22	22	20	1.4
Healthcare practitioner and technical	28	32	30	30	2.1
Healthcare support	26	27	31	28	2.0
Protective service	40	50	49	47	3.3
Food preparation and serving related	93	98	98	96	6.9
Building and grounds cleaning and maintenance	61	54	59	58	4.2
Personal care and service	29	37	32	33	2.3
Sales and related	206	203	189	199	14.3
Office and administrative support	227	218	241	229	16.4
Farming, fishing, and forestry	14	11	19	15	1.0
Construction and extraction	92	103	111	102	7.3
Installation, maintenance, and repair	25	37	38	33	2.4
Production	202	237	294	244	17.5
Transportation and material moving	76	83	108	89	6.4
Military specific	8	8	9	8	0.6
INA*	0	0	0	0	0.0

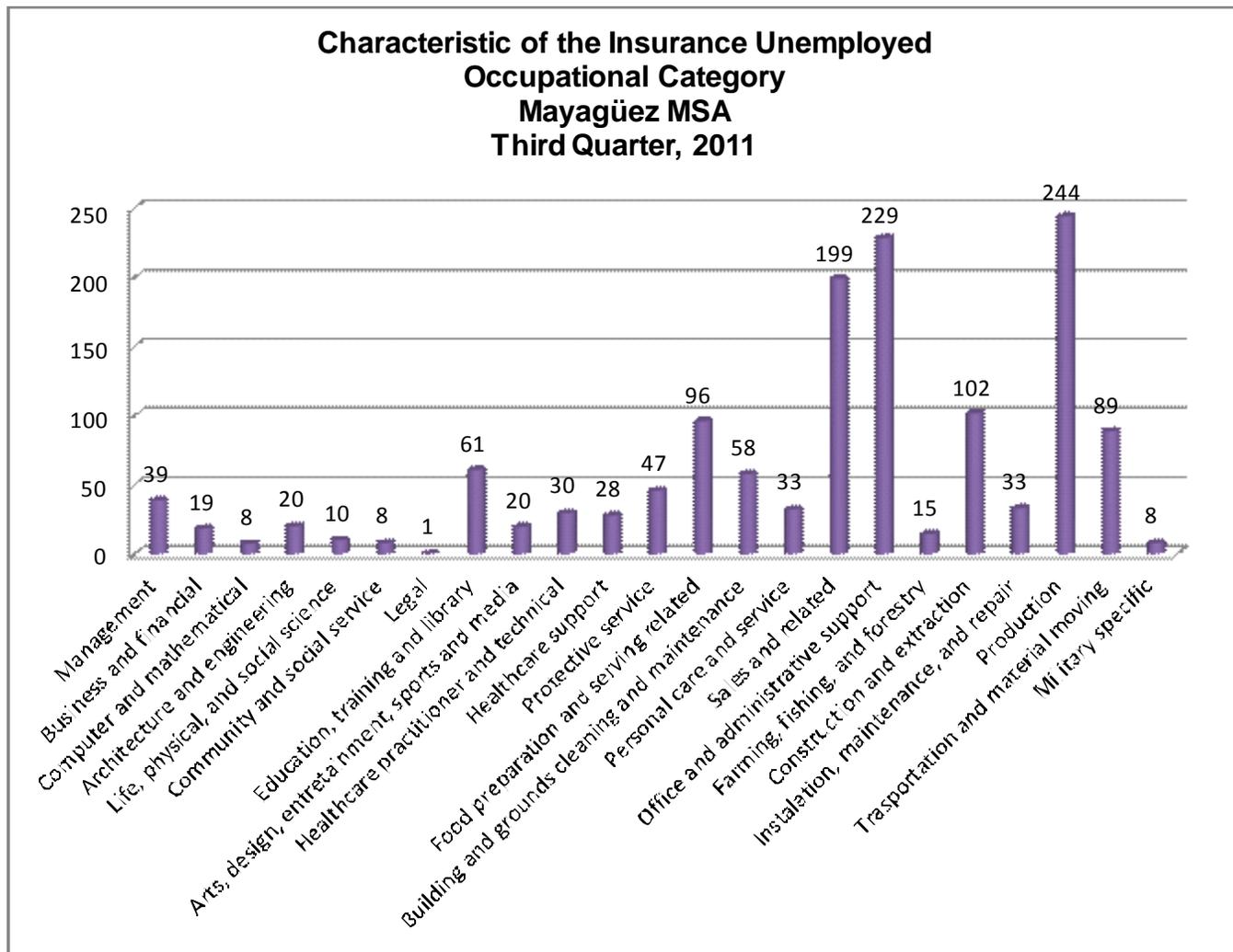
* Claimants not classified

Characteristics of Insured unemployed by Occupational Category

The distribution of unemployment claimants by occupational category reflects a reducing job during the quarter. Transportation and materials moving and production occupations are reduced their monthly participation .

Among the occupations with the highest number of claims mentioned:

Office and Administration Support	229
Sales and related	199
Construction and extraction	102
Food Preparation and serving related	96
Transportation and material moving	89



VI. Employment and Unemployment Outlook

A. Employment Outlook

Mayagüez

The Department of Housing modernized at a cost of \$18 million public housing complex Monte Isleño.

Slim Natural establishes a branch in the west with an investment of \$400,000 dollars. The company will create 20 new jobs and new technological audiovisual education on health issues.

Hormigueros

The Water and Sewerage Authority (AAA) inaugurated the well Bajuras. The well incorporated 322,560 gallons of water daily to the distribution system. It was also built electric infrastructure, improvements were made to the site and install the line of eight inches in diameter to connect the well with the existing system of distribution.

B. Unemployment Outlook

The statistical program of significant layoffs is a standardized, automated identifies, describes and investigates the effects of downsizing, using information based on Unemployment Insurance. Establishments with 25 or more initial unemployment claims, located over a period of five consecutive weeks, are contacted by the Division of Research and Statistics to determine whether these layoffs are 31 days or more in length. In addition, information is identified and the reason for these layoffs. Establishments are identified and classified by industry and location. The unemployment insurance claimants are classified by age, sex and place of residence.

Whereas the foregoing various closures present Mayaguez MSA during third quarter, 2011.

Food Manufacturing leave temporarily laid off 68 employees to a payroll of 304 employees. These employees are able to return to work before 89 days. The 54.4 percent of those laid off are residents of the municipality of Mayagüez.

In an industry manufacturing clothes men's and boys suit, coat and overcoat was a separation of employment of 109 workers from a payroll of 2,887. The company affected workers in the municipalities of Mayaguez (27), Adjuntas (19), Cabo Rojo (17) among others.

Construction industry is affected by the end of the contract and expose their workers to a maximum of 89 days without work. The company let 45 employees out of which only 8 are residents in the municipality of Mayagüez.

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