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- ◆ The information on this report refers to the San Germán - Cabo Rojo Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) includes the municipalities of Cabo Rojo, Lajas, San Germán and Sabana Grande.
- ◆ The estimates of population was 137,462. The largest number of population was registered in Cabo Rojo municipality with 50,917.
- ◆ The Civilian Labor Force for the area was estimated at 49,300 during the month of March 2012 and the estimate numbers of persons who did not have a job was 7,400.
- ◆ The Nonagricultural Wage and Salary (nonfarm) Employment was estimated during the quarter at 21,200 reflecting 400 workers more than the last year period.
- ◆ The average number of claimants according to the Unemployment Insurance Program, was divided into 840 males and 673 females, during the first quarter of 2012.

Basic Concepts of Employment and Unemployment

Civilian noninstitutional population:

included are persons 16 years of age and older who are not inmates of institutions (for example, penal and mental facilities, homes for the aged), and who are not on active duty in the Armed Forces.

The sum of the employed and the unemployed constitutes the civilian labor force. People who are neither employed nor unemployed are not in the labor force.

Employed persons are:

- ◆ All persons who did any work for pay or profit during the survey reference week. This includes all part-time and temporary work as well as regular full-time, year-round employment
- ◆ All persons who did at least 15 hours of unpaid work in a family-owned enterprise operated by someone in their household.
- ◆ All persons who were temporarily absent from regular jobs because of illness, vacation, bad weather, industrial dispute, or various personal reasons, whether or not they were

paid for the time off.

Unemployed persons are:

- ◆ All persons who did not have a job at all during the survey reference week, made at least one specific active effort to find a job during the prior 4 weeks, and were available for work (unless temporarily ill). Actively looking for work may consist of any of the following activities:

Contacting: An employer directly or having a job interview; A public or private employment agency; Friends or relatives; A school or university employment center.

Sending out resumes or filling out applications; Placing or answering advertisements; Checking union or professional registers; Some other means of active job search.

- ◆ All persons who were not working and were waiting to be called back to a job from which they had been laid off (they need not be looking for work to be classified as unemployed).

Reason for unemployment: Unemployment also is categorized according to the

status of individuals at the time they began to look for work. The reasons for unemployment are divided into five major groups: (1) *Job losers* comprising (a) persons on *temporary layoff*, who have been given a date to return to work or who expect to return within 6 months (persons on layoff need not be looking for work to qualify as unemployed) and (b) *permanent job losers*, whose employment ended involuntarily and who began looking for work; (2) *Job Leavers*, persons who quit or otherwise terminated their employment voluntarily and immediately began looking for work; (3) *Persons who completed temporary jobs*, who began looking for work after the jobs ended; (4) *Reentrants*, persons who previously worked but who were out of the labor force prior to beginning their job search; and (5) *New entrants*, persons who had never worked. Each of these five categories of the unemployed can be expressed as a proportion of the entire civilian labor force; the sum of the four rates thus equal the unemployment rate for all civilian workers.

I. Employment Trends



The civilian labor force in Puerto Rico was estimated in this first quarter at 1,273,000 from that total the average number of employed persons was 1,083,000. The number of civilian force went up by 2,000 persons compared to a year ago and the number of employed persons grow by 26,000 jobs compared to the same time last year.

At the same quarter, San Germán - Cabo Rojo MSA Civilian Labor Force shows a level of 49,300 persons.

The employment data reflect an

increase of 2,000 workers in comparison to March 2011. The jobless rate go down to 15.0 percent this March from 16.8 a year ago. The unemployment rate decreased by 0.3 points percent in relation to February and 0.9 points percent of reduction when it's compared to the first month of the quarter January.

On March, 2012 the municipalities of San Germán reported the highest unemployment rate in the area with 17.5 percent, Sabana Grande posted the second highest rate (17.0), Lajas the third (16.8) and Cabo Rojo the lowest rate for the area (11.7).

**II. Population, Civilian Labor Force,
Puerto Rico and San Germán - Cabo Rojo MSA
First Quarter 2012**

*Civilian Labor Force**

Puerto Rico and San Germán - Cabo Rojo MSA ^{1/}	Population Estimates ^{2/}	March 2012	February 2012	January 2012	March 2011
Puerto Rico	3,725,789	1,273,000	1,286,000	1,298,000	1,271,000
San Germán - Cabo Rojo MSA	137,462	49,300	49,100	49,600	48,000
Cabo Rojo	50,917	19,700	19,600	19,800	19,300
Lajas	25,753	8,400	8,300	8,500	8,100
Sabana Grande	25,265	8,700	8,700	8,800	8,600
San Germán	35,527	12,500	12,500	12,600	12,100

The Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS) program is a Federal-State cooperative effort in which monthly estimates of total employment and unemployment are prepared for the areas.

Employment

Puerto Rico and San Germán - Cabo Rojo MSA	March 2012	February 2012	January 2012	March 2011
Puerto Rico	1,083,000	1,094,000	1,099,000	1,057,000
San Germán - Cabo Rojo MSA	41,900	41,600	41,700	39,900
Cabo Rojo	17,400	17,300	17,300	16,600
Lajas	7,000	6,900	6,900	6,600
Sabana Grande	7,200	7,200	7,200	6,900
San Germán	10,300	10,300	10,300	9,800

*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.

III. Unemployment Data
Puerto Rico and San Germán - Cabo Rojo MSA
First Quarter 2012

Unemployment

Puerto Rico and Guayama MSA ^{1/}	March 2012	February 2012	January 2012	March 2011
Puerto Rico	190,000	191,000	199,000	214,000
San Germán - Cabo Rojo MSA	7,400	7,500	7,900	8,100
Cabo Rojo	2,300	2,400	2,500	2,700
Lajas	1,400	1,400	1,500	1,500
Sabana Grande	1,500	1,500	1,600	1,700
San Germán	2,200	2,200	2,300	2,200

Unemployment Rate

Puerto Rico and Guayama MSA	March 2012	February 2012	January 2012	March 2011
Puerto Rico	14.9	14.9	15.3	16.8
San Germán - Cabo Rojo MSA	15.0	15.3	15.9	16.8
Cabo Rojo	11.7	12.1	12.4	14.2
Lajas	16.8	17.0	18.2	18.1
Sabana Grande	17.0	17.4	17.8	19.4
San Germán	17.5	17.7	18.4	18.4

*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

IV. Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment Data

The Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment is an 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 San Germán - Cabo Rojo

Metropolitan Statistical Area rose to 21,200 workers in March, 2012. Based mainly on a monthly survey of Puerto Rico establishments, the number of nonagricultural and salaried workers grow 400 from the corresponding report last year ago. When compared with the previous month show an increase of one hundred, at the same time when compared with January reflected an increase of two hundred.

All Employees

Net Change to:

Industry Title	March 2012	February 2012	January 2012	March 2011	February 2012	January 2012	March 2011
Total Nonfarm ^{1/2/}	21,200	20,700	20,600	20,800	500	600	400
Goods Producing	4,600	4,600	4,600	4,400	0	0	200
Service-Providing	16,600	16,100	16,000	16,400	500	600	200

1/ Revised according to new benchmarks.

2/ This estimate measures the numbers 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.

3/ Other industries employment shown only in total nonagricultural.

Source: Current Employment Statistics Program (CES)

V. Characteristics of the Insured Unemployed

San Germán - Cabo Rojo MSA

Average First Quarter 2012

The Bureau of Employment Security manages the **Unemployment Insurance Program** established by the Employment Security Act of 1956.

Unemployment Insurance (UI) it's a program which encompasses all state and federal unemployed compensation laws and related programs administered by the state and federal Unemployed Insurance Services.

The term **insured unemployed** is used to define those individuals claiming unemployment compensation benefits. Under Law 74 the employers pay a premium to insure an income to the jobless workers without fault of their own.

The following tables show the characteristics of the insured unemployed by gender, age, industry and occupational:

By Gender

Gender	January 2012	February 2012	March 2012	Quarter Average	Percent Distribution
Total	1,601	1,518	1,418	1,512	100.0
Male	892	847	780	840	55.5
Female	709	671	638	673	44.5

The total average of unemployed beneficiaries during the week including the 19th of the first quarter amounted to 1,512 going down by 162 when compared to the three months ago level (December, 2011 report).

The beneficiaries were distributed into 840 male and 673 female. The male group represents the highest number in the gender category. It turned up by 11.5 percent over the female group.

By Age Group
Average First Quarter 2012

Age Group	January 2012	February 2012	March 2012	Quarter Average	Percent Distribution
Total	1,601	1,518	1,418	1,512	100.0
Under 22	43	43	40	42	2.7
22-24	130	123	109	121	8.1
25-34	497	470	428	465	31.0
35-44	422	388	362	391	26.4
45-54	317	305	283	302	19.8
55-59	102	102	91	98	6.4
60-64	61	63	70	65	3.8
65 and over	29	24	35	29	1.8

The claimants between the ages of 22 and 59 years reported the highest percentage from 6.4 percent to 31.0 percent.

Showing that, the age group of 25 to 34 registered the highest percentage with 465 individuals for a 31.0 points percent of the total age group distribution noteworthy that these are the most productive age. The lower percentage group was represented by 65 and over with 1.8 points percentage .

By Industrial Category
Average First Quarter 2012

Industrial Category	January 2012	February 2012	March 2012	Quarter Average	Percent Distribution
Total	1,601	1,518	1,418	1,512	100.0
Mining	3	1	2	2	0.1
Construction	159	168	142	156	10.3
Manufacturing	251	244	252	249	16.5
<i>Durable</i>	<i>87</i>	<i>89</i>	<i>131</i>	<i>102</i>	<i>6.8</i>
<i>Nondurable</i>	<i>164</i>	<i>155</i>	<i>121</i>	<i>147</i>	<i>9.7</i>
Utilities	25	19	17	20	1.3
Trade	268	245	218	244	16.1
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	20	20	17	19	1.3
Services	301	256	228	262	17.3
Local Government	114	101	97	104	6.9
Agriculture, Forestries and Fisheries	24	18	18	20	1.3
Information Not Available*	436	446	427	436	28.9

*Claimants not classified

On the industrial category, 17.3 percent of the San German - Cabo Rojo Area insured unemployed workers came from the Services sector. There were also 16.5 (249 individuals) with an attachment to the Manufacturing sector, this group is subdivided into durable and nondurable manufacturing. An additional large number (16.1 percent) were reported in the Trade sector. Those three groups are the largest percentages in this category.

By Occupational Category
Average First Quarter 2012

Occupational Category	January 2012	February 2012	March 2012	Quarter Average	Percent Distribution
Total	1,601	1,518	1,418	1,512	100.0
Management	53	55	54	54	3.6
Business and financial	22	20	19	20	1.3
Computer and mathematical	6	5	6	6	0.4
Architecture and engineering	15	11	9	12	0.8
Life, physical and social science	8	11	7	9	0.6
Community and social services	8	9	8	8	0.5
Legal	1	1	0	1	0
Education, training and library	53	29	24	35	2.3
Arts, design, entertainment, sports and media	25	22	15	21	1.4
Healthcare practitioner and technical	29	23	17	23	1.5
Healthcare support	54	53	56	54	3.6
Protective service	70	57	52	60	3.9
Food preparation and serving related	59	56	54	56	3.7
Building and grounds cleaning and maintenance	40	46	39	42	2.8
Personal care and service	25	25	25	25	1.7
Sales and related	189	170	158	172	11.4
Office and administrative support	183	175	160	173	11.4
Farming, fishing and forestry	38	31	32	34	2.2
Construction and extraction	206	205	193	201	13.3
Installation, maintenance and repair	63	49	51	54	3.6
Production	342	358	347	349	23.1
Transportation and material moving	95	92	77	88	5.8
Military specific	14	13	13	13	0.9
INA*	3	2	2	2	0.2

*Claimants not classified

VI. Outlook



A. Employment

The following project are listed below are reference of local newspapers.

- ◆ Under the economic stimulus proposed The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, abbreviated ARRA funds and the investment of \$ 269,500, the municipality of San Germán opened a 'green' gas station with renewable energy (solar panels).

B. Unemployment



During this quarter two industries reported layoffs affecting the manufacturing industry and 113 workers in the area.

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