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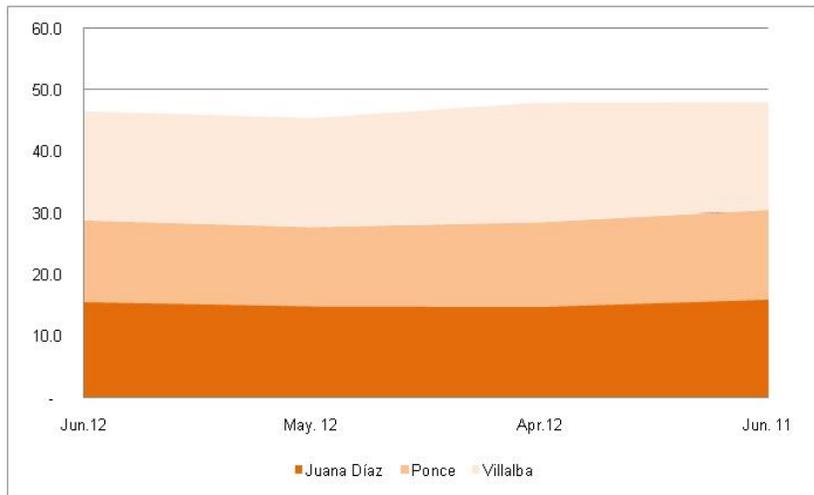
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Highlights

- The **Ponce Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA)** is comprised by the municipalities of Ponce, Juana Díaz and Villalba.
- At June, 2012 the **Civilian Labor Force** in the area was estimated in 86,900.
- The **Employment** figure moved up by 1,000 individuals in comparison with the last year.
- The **Unemployment Rate** was 14.2 percent.
- The **Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment** was estimated at 61,500 during June, 2012.

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

Municipality ^{1/}	Population 2011 ^{2/}	Civilian Labor Force				Employment				Unemployment				Unemployment Rate%			
		Jun'12	May'12	April'12	Jun'11	Jun'12	May'12	April'12	Jun'11	Jun'12	May'12	April'12	Jun'11	Jun'12	May'12	April'12	Jun'11
Puerto Rico	3,706,680	1,267,000	1,268,000	1,258,000	1,278,000	1,091,000	1,097,000	1,079,000	1,084,000	176,000	171,000	179,000	194,000	139	135	14.2	152
Ponce MSA	240,170	86,900	86,600	86,100	86,700	74,600	74,700	73,600	73,600	12,300	12,000	12,500	13,200	142	138	14.5	152
Juana Díaz	50,676	17,400	17,200	17,000	17,200	14,600	14,700	14,400	14,400	2,700	2,600	2,500	2,700	156	149	14.8	160
Ponce	163,727	61,000	60,900	60,500	61,100	52,900	53,000	52,200	52,200	8,100	7,900	8,300	8,900	133	129	13.8	146
Villalba	25,767	8,500	8,600	8,600	8,400	7,000	7,100	6,900	6,900	1,500	1,500	1,700	1,500	176	176	19.3	174

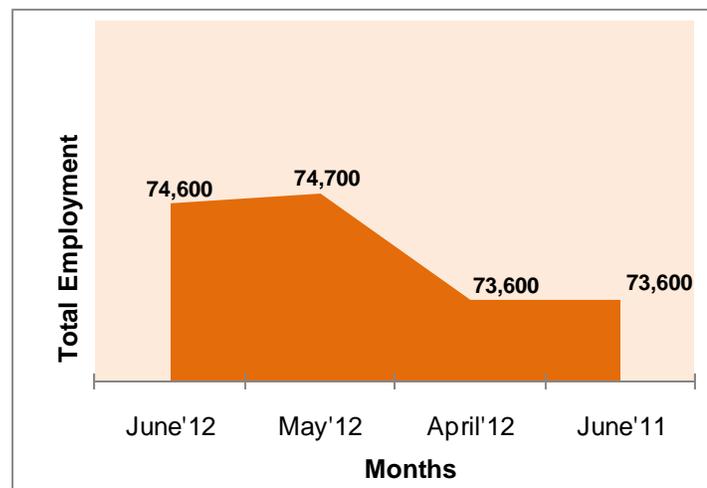
*Revised according to new benchmarks.

Source: 1/ Bureau of Labor Statistics

2/ Estimated based on the April 1, 2010 Census to July 1, 2011

The **Civilian Labor Force** of Ponce, MSA showed a gained of 300 persons in comparison to May and moved up 800 in comparison with April, 2012. If compared with the last year, gained 200 persons. The trends of the second quarter is increased the civilian labor force. **Employment** figure moved up by 1,000 in comparison with June, 2011. However, in comparison with May, 2012 presented a lost of 100 employees and in the April month the figure increased by 1,000 persons.

**Total Employment Data
Ponce MSA
Average Second Quarter, 2012**



The **Unemployment** figure decreased by 900 and 200 persons compared with the last year and April, 2012; respectively. Otherwise; Ponce MSA Unemployment figures shows a moved up of 300 individuals in comparison with May, 2012. The **Mass Layoff** included for the second quarter 2012; 508 workers in Ponce MSA. The reasons for this dismissal was completed contract and slack work. Within the municipalities, Ponce maintains the smallest **Unemployment Rate** in the area with 13.3 percent for June, 2012. Villalba municipality showed the highest unemployment rate. Juana Díaz unemployment rate maintain a variable rates within the quarter.

II. Nonagricultural Wage & Salary Employment Data*

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	Number of Workers			Net Change to June, 2012			
	June 2012	May 2012	April 2012	June 2011	May 2012	April 2012	June 2011
Nonagricultural Wage & Salary Employment ^{1/2/}	61,500	60,800	60,700	61,600	700	800	-100
Goods Producing	8,900	9,300	9,300	9,500	-400	-400	-600
Mining and Construction	2,100	2,200	2,200	2,300	-100	-100	-200
Manufacturing	6,800	7,100	7,100	7,200	-300	-300	-400
durable	5,300	5,300	5,300	5,500	0	0	-200
nondurable	1,500	1,800	1,800	1,700	-300	-300	-200
Services Providing	52,600	51,500	51,400	52,100	1,100	1,200	500
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	8,900	8,900	8,800	10,400	0	100	-1,500
Information	900	900	900	1,000	0	0	-100
Financial Activities	1,800	1,800	1,700	1,700	0	100	100
Education and Health Services	11,100	11,000	10,900	10,400	100	200	700
Leisure and Hospitality	4,300	4,200	4,200	4,100	100	100	200
Government	18,800	18,000	18,100	18,400	800	700	400

*Figures may not add to totals because of rounding. Non-seasonal Adjusted.

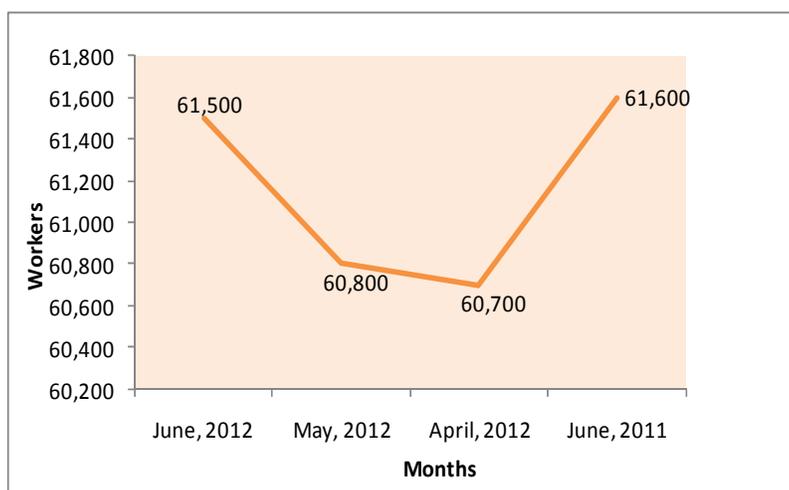
1/ The industry distribution is not provided due to technical problems with the new areas.

2/ Estimate measure the number of jobs by industry and reflect 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)

Ponce MSA **Total Nonagricultural Wage & Salary Employment Data** increased to 61,500 jobs in June,2012; with a gained of 700 jobs in May; 2012 and move up by 800 in April, 2012. In comparison with last year, lost 100 jobs. The **Services Providing** sector moved up specifically; **Financial Activities, Education and Health Services, Leisure and Hospitality and Government** tiers.

Total Nonagricultural Employment Ponce MSA Average Second Quarter, 2012



III. Characteristics of the Insured Unemployed

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Under Law 74 the employers pay a premium to insure an income to the workers left jobless without fault of their own. Characteristics in this group are described in the following

A. Gender

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April to June, 2012

Gender	June	May	April	Average	Percent
Male	1,571	1,378	1,357	1,435	61.1
Female	962	850	928	914	38.9
Total	2,533	2,228	2,285	2,349	100.0

The **male** category registered the greatest number of claims with a 61.1 percent (1,435 claimants) during the second quarter period. The female category registered 38.9 percent or 914

B. Age Group

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April to June, 2012

Age	June	May	April	Average	Percent
<22	124	122	106	117	5.0
22-24	242	211	201	218	9.3
25-34	819	750	795	788	33.5
35-44	578	511	502	530	22.6
45-54	479	372	418	423	18.0
55-59	163	147	146	152	6.5
60-64	84	80	83	83	3.5
>65	44	35	34	38	1.6
INA	-	-	-	-	-
Total	2,533	2,228	2,285	2,349	100.0

The 25 to 34 **age group** category registered the greatest number of claims (788 or 33.5 percent) for the April to June, 2012 period.

C. Industrial Category

Ponce MSA		April to June, 2012				
Industrial Category	June	May	April	Average	Percent	
Mining	5	5	4	5	0.2	
Construction	189	180	189	186	7.9	
Manufacturing	147	113	195	152	6.5	
durable	71	58	72	67	2.9	
nondurable	76	55	123	85	3.6	
Utilities	74	41	48	54	2.3	
Trade	363	391	448	401	17.1	
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	112	62	57	77	3.3	
Services	600	513	512	542	23.1	
Local Government	182	113	112	135	5.7	
Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries	114	88	80	94	4.0	
Information Not Available (INA)*	747	722	640	703	29.9	
Total	2,533	2,228	2,285	2,349	100.0	

*Claimants not classified.

The industry with the greatest number of insured unemployed was **Services** with an average of 542 claimants (23.1 percent). The **Trade** was the second industry category with 17.1 percent. The **Mining** category showed the least percent of claimants; followed by **Utilities** with 2.3 percent.

D. Occupational Category

The occupational category with the major number of claimants registering was **Production** with 15.6 percent (366 claimants). This category included assemblers, machinists, sewing machine operators all other production workers. The **Office and administrative support** was the second occupation category with a 350 average claimants or 14.9 percent. The following table presents the summary of the different occupational categories.

**Characteristics of the Insured Unemployed
By Occupational Category
Ponce, MSA
April to June , 2012**

Occupational Category	June	May	April	Average	Percent
Total	2,533	2,228	2,285	2,349	100.0
Management	101	95	86	94	4.0
Business and financial	38	45	54	46	1.9
Computer and mathematical	8	8	9	8	0.3
Architecture and engineering	18	18	17	18	0.8
Life, physical and social science	19	19	21	20	0.9
Community and social services	16	12	18	15	0.7
Legal	2	2	1	2	0.1
Educational, training and library	154	55	50	86	3.7
Arts, design, entertainment, sports and media	24	23	31	26	1.1
Healthcare practitioner and serving related	49	57	60	55	2.4
Healthcare support	18	25	28	24	1.0
Protective service	128	97	93	106	4.5
Food preparation and serving related	118	87	87	99	4.2
Building and grounds cleaning and maintenance	87	72	67	75	3.2
Personal care and service	18	19	22	20	0.8
Sales and related	251	259	283	264	11.3
Office and administrative support	341	349	361	350	14.9
Farming, fishing and forestry	222	177	124	174	7.4
Construction and extraction	295	242	238	258	11.0
Installation, maintenance and repair	92	93	106	97	4.1
Production	365	346	388	366	15.6
Transportation and material moving	137	95	95	109	4.6
Military specific	23	21	18	21	0.9
INA*	9	12	28	16	0.7

*Claimants not classified

** Less than 0.1 percent

IV. Employment and Unemployment

A. Employment Outlook

The **Food Services** category continue generates employees with the opens of *PF Chang's* in Plaza Caribe Mall and *Longhorn Restaurant* in Ponce municipality in 2013. Also opens a **Trade** locations as *Sephora and Anna's Linens* in Ponce generating more than 30 job opportunities. The **Construction** category included the investment of the local government in infrastructure betterments as Juana Diaz and Villalba motorway station. In Ponce, the construction at Mercedita's Airport facilities. The housing projects including *Terra Señorial* in Ponce municipality. These constructions will generate some jobs. There are five manufacturing projects promoted by Puerto Rico Industrial Development Company (PRIDCO) for next months. The projects expected generating 1,108 job opportunities.

Pridco Promotions Second Quarter, 2012		Employment
Municipality		
Juana Díaz	sewing	40
	cotton research and development laboratory	8
Ponce	manufacturing of surgical instruments	1,000
	manufacturing of a binding agent and collector of hydrocarbons	30
	thermal insulation pipe	30
Total		1,108

B. Unemployment Outlook

The total unemployment level in Ponce MSA is anticipated to maintain steady in the forthcoming months. The Back to School season, contributed with diminishing the unemployment rates.

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