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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 137,202. The largest number of population was registered in Cabo Rojo municipality with 51,245.
- ◆ The Civilian Labor Force for the area was estimated at 48,600 during the month of September 2012 and the estimate numbers of persons who did not have a job was 7,000.
- ◆ The Nonagricultural Wage and Salary (nonfarm) Employment was estimated during the quarter at 20,600 reflecting a drop of 200 workers less than the last year period.
- ◆ The average number of claimants according to the Unemployment Insurance Program, was divided into 797 males and 806 females, during the third 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 second quarter at 1,258,000 from that total the average number of employed persons was 1,081,000. The number of civilian force went down by 18,000 persons compared to a year ago and the number of employed persons grow by 1,000 jobs compared to the same time last year.

At the same quarter, San Germán - Cabo Rojo MSA Civilian Labor Force shows a level of 48,600 persons.

The employment data reflect an increase of 600 workers in comparison to September 2011. The jobless rate

go down to 14.4 percent this September from 15.4 a year ago. The unemployment rate decreased by 1.0 points percent in relation to September 2011. When it's compared to the first month of the quarter (July) the reduction its 0.7 points. And when compared to the month of August an increase of 0.3 points percent in the unemployment rate is remarkable.

On September, 2012 the municipalities of Lajas reported the highest unemployment rate in the area with 16.6 percent, Sabana Grande posted the second highest rate (15.4), San Germán the third (14.7) and Cabo Rojo the lowest rate for the area (12.9).

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

*Civilian Labor Force**

Puerto Rico and San Germán - Cabo Rojo MSA ^{1/}	Population Estimates ^{2/}	September 2012	August 2012	July 2012	September 2011
Puerto Rico	3,706,690	1,258,000	1,258,000	1,279,000	1,276,000
San Germán - Cabo Rojo MSA	137,202	48,600	48,500	49,700	48,400
Cabo Rojo	51,245	19,800	19,700	19,900	19,500
Lajas	25,571	8,300	8,200	8,500	8,200
Sabana Grande	25,132	8,500	8,500	8,900	8,500
San Germán	35,254	12,000	12,100	12,400	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	September 2012	August 2012	July 2012	September 2011
Puerto Rico	1,081,000	1,080,000	1,090,000	1,080,000
San Germán - Cabo Rojo MSA	41,600	41,400	42,200	41,000
Cabo Rojo	17,300	17,200	17,500	17,000
Lajas	6,900	6,900	7,000	6,800
Sabana Grande	7,200	7,100	7,300	7,100
San Germán	10,300	10,200	10,400	10,100

*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, July 1, 2011 Census.

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

Unemployment

Puerto Rico and Guayama MSA ^{1/}	September 2012	August 2012	July 2012	September 2011
Puerto Rico	177,000	178,000	190,000	196,000
San Germán - Cabo Rojo MSA	7,000	7,100	7,500	7,400
Cabo Rojo	2,600	2,500	2,400	2,500
Lajas	1,400	1,400	1,500	1,400
Sabana Grande	1,300	1,400	1,600	1,500
San Germán	1,800	1,900	2,000	2,000

Unemployment Rate

Puerto Rico and Guayama MSA	September 2012	August 2012	July 2012	September 2011
Puerto Rico	14.0	14.1	14.8	15.4
San Germán - Cabo Rojo MSA	14.4	14.7	15.1	15.4
Cabo Rojo	12.9	12.8	12.1	12.8
Lajas	16.6	16.6	17.8	17.5
Sabana Grande	15.4	16.0	17.8	17.2
San Germán	14.7	15.5	16.3	16.7

*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 20,600 workers in September, 2012. Based mainly on a monthly survey of Puerto Rico establishments, the number of nonagricultural and salaried workers shows a reduction of 200 employees from the corresponding report last year ago. Services providing reported the greatest participation with 16,300. This figure reported a decrease of 100 employment compared to a year ago.

All Employees

Net Change to:

Industry Title	September 2012	August 2012	July 2012	September 2011	August 2012	July 2012	September 2011
Total Nonfarm ^{1/2/}	20,600	20,500	20,700	20,800	100	-100	-200
Goods Producing	4,300	4,300	4,200	4,400	0	100	-100
Service-Providing	16,300	16,200	16,500	16,400	100	-200	-100

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 Third 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	September 2012	August 2012	July 2012	Quarter Average	Percent Distribution
Total	1,531	1,550	1,729	1,603	100.0
Male	796	787	807	797	49.7
Female	735	763	922	806	50.3

The total average of unemployed beneficiaries during the week including the 19th of the third quarter amounted to 1,603 going up by 287 when compared to the three months ago level (June, 2012 report).

The beneficiaries were distributed into 797 male and 806 female. The woman group represents the highest number in the gender category. It turned up by 0.6 percent over the male group.

By Age Group
Average Third Quarter 2012

Age Group	September 2012	August 2012	July 2012	Quarter Average	Percent Distribution
Total	1,531	1,550	1,729	1,603	100.0
Under 22	48	43	36	42	2.6
22-24	105	107	106	106	6.6
25-34	476	483	515	491	30.6
35-44	405	404	444	418	26.1
45-54	305	314	372	330	20.6
55-59	99	99	121	106	6.6
60-64	58	64	83	69	4.3
65 and over	35	36	52	41	2.6

The claimants between the ages of 22 and 59 years reported the highest percentage from 6.6 percent to 30.6 percent.

Showing that, the age group of 25 to 34 registered the highest percentage with 491 individuals for a 30.6 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 2.6 points percentage .

By Industrial Category
Average Third Quarter 2012

Industrial Category	September 2012	August 2012	July 2012	Quarter Average	Percent Distribution
Total	1,531	1,550	1,729	1,603	100.0
Mining	0	1	2	1	0
Construction	137	122	116	125	7.8
Manufacturing	401	410	452	421	26.3
<i>Durable</i>	352	363	400	372	23.2
<i>Nondurable</i>	49	47	52	49	3.1
Utilities	19	17	13	16	1.0
Trade	126	137	156	140	8.7
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	12	13	21	15	0.9
Services	254	263	403	307	19.2
Local Government	60	88	121	90	5.6
Agriculture, Forestries and Fisheries	36	41	37	38	2.4
Information Not Available*	486	458	408	450	28.1

*Claimants not classified

On the industrial category, 19.2 percent of the San German - Cabo Rojo Area insured unemployed workers came from the Services sector. There were also 26.3 (421 individuals) with a an attachment to the Manufacturing sector, this group is subdivided into durable and nondurable manufacturing. An additional large number (8.7 percent) were reported in the Trade sector. Those three group are the largest percentage in this category.

By Occupational Category
Average Third Quarter 2012

Occupational Category	September 2012	August 2012	July 2012	Quarter Average	Percent Distribution
Total	1,531	1,550	1,729	1,603	100.0
Management	44	48	55	49	3.1
Business and financial	22	20	20	21	1.3
Computer and mathematical	5	6	6	6	0.4
Architecture and engineering	11	10	7	9	0.6
Life, physical and social science	13	11	11	11	0.7
Community and social services	10	9	8	9	0.6
Legal	1	2	2	2	0.1
Education, training and library	72	97	194	121	7.5
Arts, design, entertainment, sports and media	27	27	32	28	1.8
Healthcare practitioner and technical	18	18	22	19	1.2
Healthcare support	29	33	36	33	2.1
Protective service	37	46	66	50	3.1
Food preparation and serving related	46	48	66	53	3.3
Building and grounds cleaning and maintenance	20	22	32	25	1.5
Personal care and service	16	20	23	20	1.2
Sales and related	92	104	121	106	6.6
Office and administrative support	111	122	130	121	7.5
Farming, fishing and forestry	40	46	44	43	2.7
Construction and extraction	168	161	152	160	10.0
Installation, maintenance and repair	50	56	67	57	3.6
Production	614	559	539	571	35.6
Transportation and material moving	73	73	82	76	4.7
Military specific	10	11	12	11	0.7
INA*	2	1	2	2	0.1

*Claimants not classified

VI. Outlook

A. Employment

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

These projects are private municipal investment.



- ◆ The municipality of San German projects the creation of the *San German Surf & Fun Water Park*, with the investment of \$12.5 millions. It expected to generate 80 jobs during the construction phase and 150 jobs during the operational phase.
- ◆ With an investment of \$ 3 million, was inaugurated the physical rehabilitation center at *Hospital de la Concepción* in San German.
- ◆ With an investment of \$ 130,000 the municipality of Lajas opens a new rapid response center for handling accidents and other natural events. At the same time the mayor plans to construct a baseball field for batting practice, with the investment of \$ 125,000.

B. Unemployment

During this quarter the local area reported two closures of companies.

The following presents a break down laid -off workers during this quarter.

<i>Municipality</i>	<i>Total of Unemployment</i>	<i>Reason</i>
Lajas	46	Contract completed
Sabana Grande	37	Contract completed

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