

Labor Market Information Newsletter

Fajardo MSA



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The Fajardo Metropolitan Statistical Area consists of the municipalities of Ceiba, Fajardo and Luquillo.

During June, 2012, Fajardo MSA has a labor force estimated of 26,100. This represent a 2.1 percent of the total in Puerto Rico.

The number of people employed in March, 2012 was 21,900. Fajardo 11,800 maintains the largest number of employees.

During the second quarter, 2012 in Fajardo MSA the average unemployment rate was 15.9. The participation by municipalities is Ceiba 16.0, Fajardo 15.0, and Luquillo 17.3 per cent.

The term Insured Unemployed is used to define those individuals receiving unemployment compensation benefits. This group was estimated at 889 average quarter, 2012 in Fajardo MSA.

Service and trade industries in the market continue to weaken, this is reflected in the

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**Population, Civilian Labor Force, Employment & Unemployment Data
 Fajardo MSA and Puerto Rico
 April to June 2012**

Labor Market Area and Municipality 1/	Population Estimates April 1, 2010*	CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE				EMPLOYMENT			
		June 2012	May 2012	April 2012	June 2011	June 2012	May 2012	April 2012	June 2011
Fajardo MSA	70,692	26,100	25,600	25,200	26,500	21,900	21,500	20,900	22,000
Ceiba	13,631	4,800	4,700	4,700	4,900	4,000	4,000	3,800	4,000
Fajardo	36,993	13,900	13,600	13,400	14,200	11,800	11,600	11,300	11,900
Luquillo	20,068	7,300	7,200	7,100	7,400	6,100	6,000	5,800	6,100
Puerto Rico	3,725,789	1,267,000	1,268,000	1,258,000	1,278,000	1,091,000	1,097,000	1,079,000	1,084,000

Source: * Bureau of the Census

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A. Labor Force Data

During the second quarter, 2012 Fajardo MSA reported a workforce of 26,100. This represents the 2.1 percent of the total workforce in Puerto Rico.

Examining what happened the previous months we see an increase of 500 people. Ceiba and Luquillo 100 reflects the low participation, respectively.

In relation to the previous year, there were a reduction of 400. The municipality of Fajardo 300 contributed significantly to the loss.

B. Employment

The Fajardo MSA area in June, 2012 was 21,900 people employed. This represents a 2.0 percent of the population of the area.

Interestingly, in the past month there was a increase of 400 employed in Fajardo MSA. The municipalities Fajardo and Luquillo rise their employees.

The behavior of employees in Fajardo MSA last year shows a reduction of 100 jobs. The municipality of Fajardo 100 reported the loss. Ceiba and Luquillo remained the same, respectively.

**Population, Civilian Labor Force, Employment & Unemployment Data
 Fajardo MSA and Puerto Rico
 April to June 2012**

Labor Market Area and Municipality 1/	Population Estimates April 1, 2010*	UNEMPLOYMENT				UNEMPLOYMENT RATE			
		June 2012	May 2012	April 2012	June 2011	June 2012	May 2012	April 2012	June 2011
Fajardo MSA	70,692	4,100	4,100	4,300	4,500	15.9	15.9	16.9	17.0
Ceiba	13,631	800	800	800	800	16.0	16.3	17.4	16.8
Fajardo	36,993	2,100	2,000	2,100	2,400	15.0	14.9	16.0	16.8
Luquillo	20,068	1,300	1,300	1,300	1,300	17.3	17.6	18.4	17.7
Puerto Rico	3,725,789	176,000	171,000	179,000	194,000	13.9	13.5	14.2	15.2

Source: * Bureau of the Census

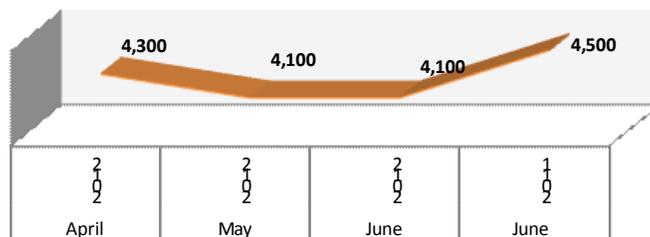
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C. Unemployment Data

Fajardo MSA in June 2012 held 4,100 unemployed. During the quarter studied municipality of Fajardo increased the number of unemployed. These contributed to the increase in Puerto Rico 1,000 within the month, but by examining the behavior the previous year reflects a decrease of 4,000 unemployed.

The unemployment rate remained at 15.9 percent. Luquillo 17.3 reflecting the highest rate of participation, although if you look at the previous month dropped 0.3 percent. The analysis shows an annual decrease of 1.1 percent of the unemployed. Puerto Rico 1.3 reflects a smaller decrease.

**Unemployment
 Fajardo MSA
 Second Quarter, 2012**



II. Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment Data

Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment Data*
Selected Publish Industry
Fajardo MSA and Puerto Rico
Second Quarter, 2012

Industry Title	Number of Employees				Net Change	
	June	May	April	June	June, 2012 from:	
	2012	2012	2012	2011	May 2012	June 2011
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment 1/	15,400	14,800	14,600	15,700	600	-300
Total Private	10,300	10,400	10,200	11,000	-100	-700
Goods Producing	2,200	2,200	2,200	2,000	0	200
Service-Providing	13,200	12,600	12,400	13,700	600	-500
Private Service-Providing	8,100	8,200	8,000	9,000	-100	-900
Trade, Transportation , and Utilities	1,900	2,000	2,000	2,400	-100	-500
Retail Trade	1,700	1,800	1,700	2,100	-100	-400
Government	5,100	4,400	4,400	4,700	700	400
State Government	3,100	3,100	3,100	3,100	0	0

* 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

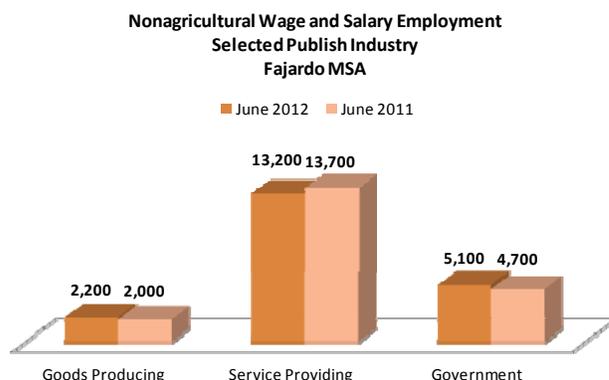
Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics- CES 790 Program

The behavior of Non-agricultural Employment in Fajardo MSA is indicative of the economic movement in the area. For the second quarter, 2012 has 15,400 jobs.

Service Provider 13,200 represent the highest labor participation; specifically kept private service providing 8,100 employees. The government keeps a significant payroll 3,100 people.

Work behavior in relation to the previous month shows an increase of 600 jobs. The line that increased from the service providing.

The behavior of non-agricultural employment in the past year shows a loss of 300 people. Most of them in private service providing -900. The government sector increase 400 jobs.



III. Characteristic 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. In the second quarter, 2012 the number of unemployed claimants average in Fajardo MSA was 889.

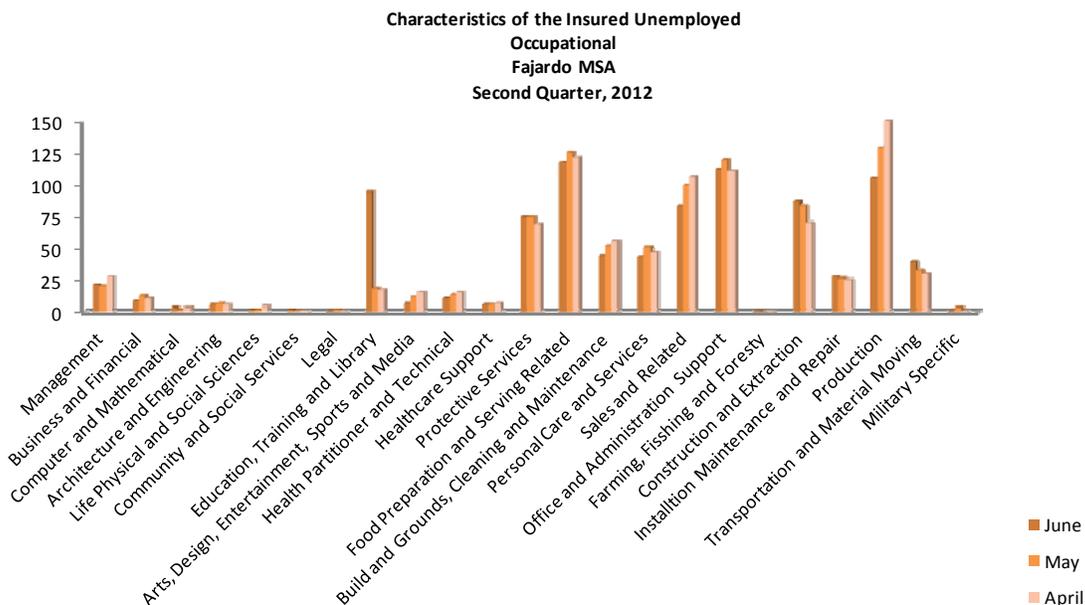
The apportionment by gender group showed that the male registered the largest average figure with four hundred ninthly four 455 or fifty one point two 51.2 percent of the total. This behavior is similar in all months studied.

People between the ages of twenty two 22 to fifty-four 54 years continue to be the largest number of claimants for unemployment insurance. This is partly because the age of greater labor mobility and production methods.

The characteristics of the insured unemployed by industrial category illustrate a large majority in the service sector 273. Trade industry 139 participation is a strong reflection of the layoffs. On the other hand, the agriculture, forestry and fishery 2 has a low number of claimants.

On the other hand, the construction, manufacturing, and utilities reduced the number of claimants.

The analysis of the occupations with the largest number of claimants for unemployed insured are Production 128; Food preparation and serving related 121; Office and Administrative Support 114; Sales and related 96 and Construction and extraction 80.



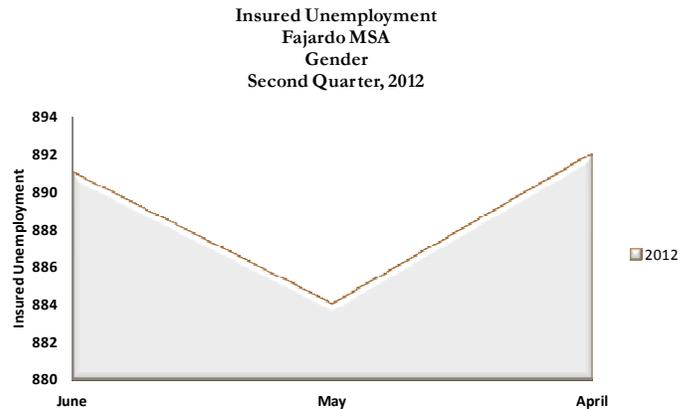
Characteristic of the Insured Unemployed
Gender
Fajardo MSA
Second Quarter, 2012

GENDER	NUMBER				Quarter Average	PERCENT DISTRIBUTION
	June 2012	May 2012	April 2012			
Total	891	884	892	889	100.0	
Male	437	471	457	455	51.2	
Female	454	413	435	434	48.8	

The term Insured Unemployed is used to define those individuals receiving unemployment compensation benefits. This group was estimated at nine hundred eighty nine (889) in second quarter, 2012 in the Fajardo MSA.

Some relevant characteristics of the area's claimants were analyzed. One of the traits was sex. Male (455) reached the largest benefit during the quarter under review.

Moreover, during this period the highest month in two claimants in May turned out to be men while for women it was June.



Characteristic of the Insured Unemployed
Age Groups
Fajardo MSA
Second Quarter, 2012

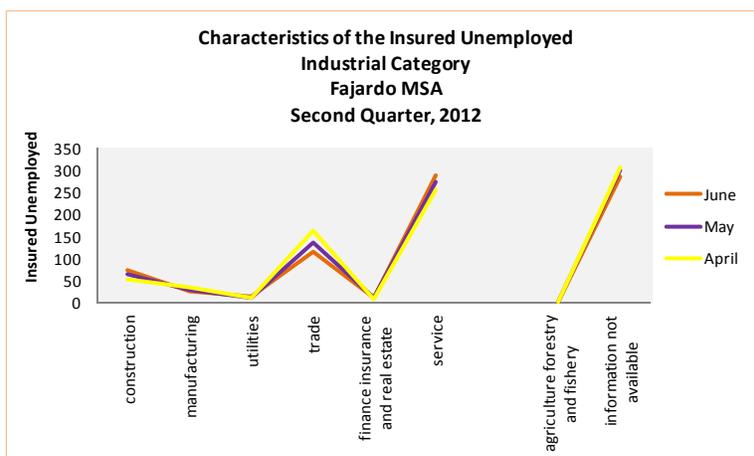
GENDER	NUMBER				Quarter Average	PERCENT DISTRIBUTION
	June 2012	May 2012	April 2012			
Total	891	884	892	889	100.0	
Under 22	33	39	41	38	4.3	
22-24	78	79	94	84	9.4	
25-34	273	281	270	275	30.9	
35-44	238	237	236	237	26.7	
45-54	166	157	161	161	18.1	
55-59	49	39	39	42	4.8	
60-64	28	33	33	31	3.5	
65 and over	26	18	17	20	2.2	
INA	0	1	1	1	0.1	

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

Industrial Category	NUMBER			Quarter Average	Average Percent
	June 2012	May 2012	April 2012		
All Industry	891	884	892	889	100.0
Construction	74	64	52	63	7.1
Manufacturing	27	28	36	30	3.4
Durable	13	13	20	15	1.7
Nondurable	14	15	16	15	1.7
Utilities	13	10	10	11	1.2
Trade	116	138	163	139	15.6
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	11	11	9	10	1.2
Service	288	274	256	273	30.7
Local Government	74	56	58	63	7.1
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishery	2	1	2	2	0.2
Information Not Available	286	302	306	298	33.5

The table present the total unemployed insured claimants analyzed by industrial category. Services and Trade provided the 46.3 percent of total claims. On the other hand, there were 63 people in the government this is a 7.1 percent with a significant number of insured unemployed.

The behavior of the claimants for unemployment shows a increase in the construction industry. Other industries hold ups and downs during the quarter.



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

Occupational Category	NUMBER			Quarter Average	PERCENT DISTRIBUTION
	June 2012	May 2012	April 2012		
Total	891	884	892	889	100.0
Management	21	20	27	22	2.5
Business and financial	8	12	10	10	1.1
Computer and mathematical	3	2	3	3	0.3
Architecture and engineering	5	6	5	5	0.6
Life, physical, and social science	2	2	4	3	0.3
Community and social service	2	1	1	1	0.1
Legal	1	2	1	1	0.1
Education, training and library	94	18	17	43	4.8
Arts, design, entertainment, sports and media	6	11	15	11	1.2
Healthcare practitioner and technical	10	13	15	13	1.5
Healthcare support	5	5	6	5	0.6
Protective service	74	74	69	72	8.1
Food preparation and serving related	117	125	121	121	13.6
Building and grounds cleaning and maintenance	44	51	55	50	5.6
Personal care and service	43	50	47	47	5.3
Sales and related	83	99	106	96	10.8
Office and administrative support	112	119	111	114	12.8
Farming, fishing, and forestry	1	0	1	1	0.1
Construction and extraction	87	83	70	80	9.0
Installation, maintenance, and repair	27	26	25	26	2.9
Production	105	129	150	128	14.4
Transportation and material moving	39	32	29	33	3.7
Military specific	1	3	1	2	0.2
INA*	1	1	3	2	0.2

* Claimants not classified

The unemployed insured claimants identify the talent ability to continue in the workforce with little investment in training and occupational experience to continue working quickly. In the second quarter, 2012 production (128) represent the largest number of participants. The categories of food preparation and serving related (121) and office and administrative support (114) showed significant interest.

VI. Employment and Unemployment Outlook

A. Employment Outlook

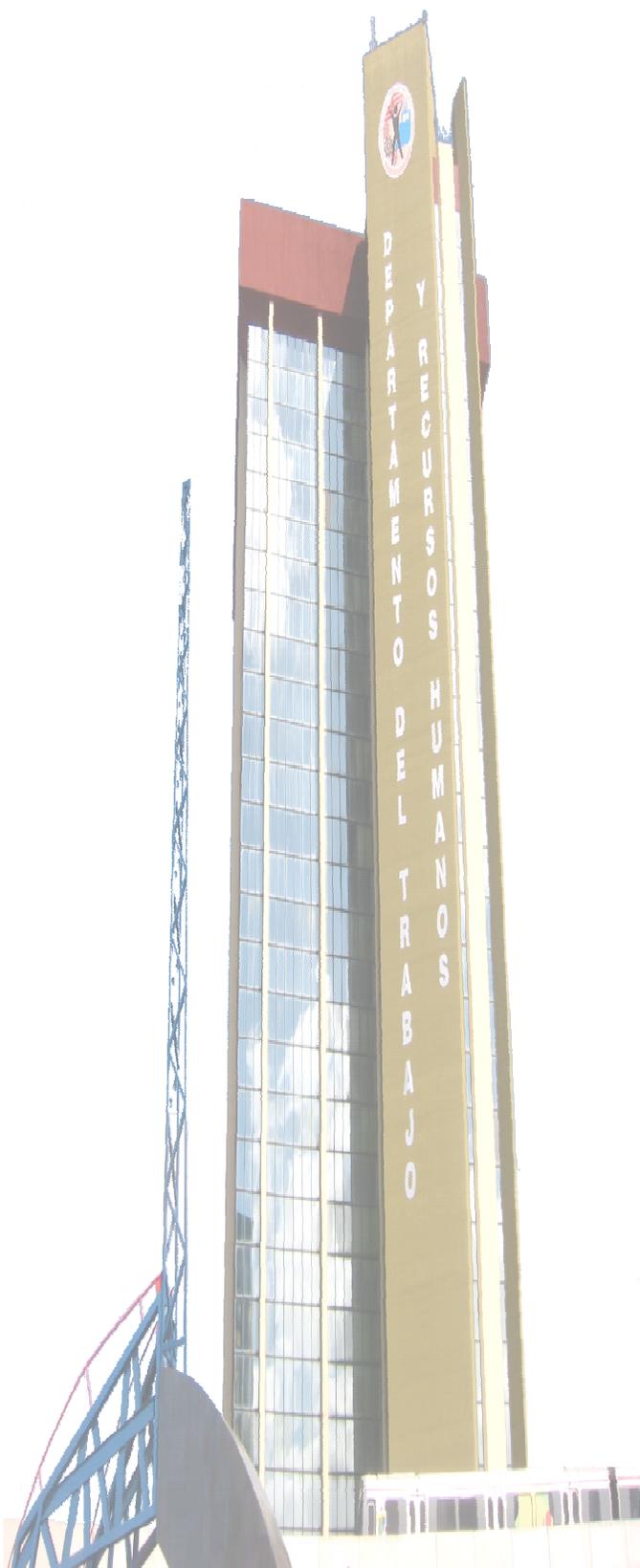
As of July, the company Catamarans Reef will become the first private tenant establishing in the former Roosevelt Roads military. Invest \$ 1.5 million in a new facility dedicated to the construction of large vessels. Catamarans Reef Inc., said the hiring of about 50 people, in 2012. In the long term, the projection of the company, is to have about 100 employees, over a period of three years.

House Projects

- ◆ Portal de Ceiba
- ◆ Hacienda Las Lomas

B. Unemployment Outlook

During the study period, there were no reports of closures in Fajardo MSA.



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