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San Juan-Caguas-Guaynabo MSA**

Puerto Rico Economic Indicators*

Period 2012	Bankruptcy	Participation Rate	CPI	Gas Average Price
July	809	39.4	116.034	104.797
August	915	39.6	115.820	98.853
September	917	39.6	115.231	91.615

*Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics

Puerto Rico Planning Board

In thousands (1,000)

CPI (Consumer Price Index)

**October, 2012 Edition
July to September, 2012 Data**

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Summary

The labor area includes the municipalities of Aguas Buenas, Aibonito, Arecibo, Barceloneta, Barranquitas, Bayamón, Caguas, Camuy, Canóvanas, Carolina, Cataño, Cayey, Ciales, Cidra, Comerío, Corozal, Dorado, Florida, Guaynabo, Gurabo, Hatillo, Humacao, Juncos, Las Piedras, Loíza, Manatí, Maunabo, Morovis, Naguabo, Naranjito, Orocovi, Quebradillas, Río Grande, San Juan, San Lorenzo, Toa Alta, Toa Baja, Trujillo Alto, Vega Alta, Vega Baja and Yabucoa. The analysis is based on a quarter and annual comparison of data for civilian labor force, employment, unemployment and nonagricultural employment. Also, the analysis of the Insured Unemployed was based on an average of the 2012 third quarter data.

The Civilian Labor Force for San Juan-Caguas-Guaynabo MSA figure 842,100 persons for September, 2012. The employment data shows an increased of 700 workers in relation to the last year figure (731,800).

The Nonagricultural Wage & Salary Employment Data averaged 673,700 jobs in September, 2012.

In Unemployment trends a Mass Layoff affecting 1,954 workers is considered.

The Insured Unemployed data average reported a total of 18,560 claimants.

Some new projects were opened with a compromise of creating 191 new job opportunities.

Nonagricultural Wage & Salary Employment
San Juan-Caguas - Guaynabo MSA
2012 Third Quarter

	Number of Workers			Net Change to September, 2012			
	September 2012	August 2012	July 2012	September 2011	August 2012	July 2012	September 2011
Nonagricultural Wage & Salary Employment ^{1/}	673,700	670,500	669,100	681,400	3,200	4,600	-7,700
Goods Producing	73,400	74,000	74,000	76,800	-600	-600	-3,400
Mining and Construction	24,400	25,100	25,600	24,300	-700	-1,200	100
Manufacturing	49,000	48,900	48,400	52,500	100	600	-3,500
durable	17,000	16,900	16,800	17,200	100	200	-200
nondurable	32,000	32,000	31,600	35,300	0	400	-3,300
Services Providing	600,300	596,500	595,100	604,600	3,800	5,200	-4,300
Trade,Transportation and Utilities	121,300	122,200	122,600	127,000	-900	-1,300	-5,700
wholesale trade	28,000	28,300	28,400	28,300	-300	-400	-300
retail trade	82,200	82,800	83,400	87,700	-600	-1,200	-5,500
transportation,warehouse and utilities	11,100	11,100	10,800	11,000	0	300	100
Information	15,600	15,700	15,800	15,400	-100	-200	200
Financial Activities	38,200	37,900	38,300	37,200	300	-100	1,000
Professional and Business Services	86,800	86,100	84,200	91,600	700	2,600	-4,800
Education and Health Services	84,800	81,800	81,600	82,400	3,000	3,200	2,400
Leisure and Hospitality	54,300	53,900	53,400	53,500	400	900	800
Other Services	16,300	16,500	16,300	14,400	-200	0	1,900
Government	183,000	182,400	182,900	183,100	600	100	-100

* Source : Bureau of Labor Statistics - CES-Program.

Revised according to new benchmarks. Non – Seasonal Adjusted

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.

Labor Force and Employment Trends

During this quarter, civilian labor force presents the following trends: lost 800 persons when compared to August, 2012; moved down 11,000 compared with July, 2012 and reflected a decreased of 12,800 individuals in comparison with September, 2011. The employment sector shows an increased of 700 workers in comparison with the last year. The data presented a lost of 1,700 employees in July, 2012 and in relation with August, 2012 move up 300 jobs.

The Nonagricultural Wage & Salary Employment Data averaged 673,700 jobs in September, 2012. It represents a gained of 3,200 jobs since August, 2012. If compared to July, 2012; the San Juan-Caguas-Guaynabo moved up by 4,600 workers. The last year, the figure decreased by 7,700 jobs. The industries of Transportation, Warehouse and Utilities; Education and Health Services and Leisure and Hospitality shown positive figures.

Unemployment Trends

The unemployment trends for San Juan-Caguas-Guaynabo MSA during the third quarter 2012 presented a moved down of the unemployment figures by 13,500 in compared with September, 2011. The unemployment figures decreased by 1,100 and 9,200 for August and July, 2012; respectively. The unemployment rate was 13.0 percent in September, 2012. It represents a decrease of 1.4 percent as compared to the last year. Guaynabo, Trujillo Alto, San Juan, and Carolina, municipalities; present the lowest unemployment rates in the labor area with 8.6, 9.7, 10.0, and 10.8 percent; respectively. Otherwise; municipalities located in the mountains of the Island as Florida (26.5), Orocovis (22.2) and Ciales (21.5); an eastern coast as Yabucoa (22.3); showed the highest unemployment rate.

The number of mass layoff workers stood at 1,954 in 2012 third quarter for San Juan– Caguas– Guaynabo MSA. It representing 519 less workers than 2012 second quarter. The municipalities of San Juan (1,263), Bayamón (151) and Guaynabo (141) showed the most quantities of layoff workers. Only in San Juan municipality, the mass laid off represent 64.6 percent of the total area. The major reason for these layoffs was contract completed. The following table summarized some mass layoff data:

Mass Layoffs		
Third Quarter, 2012		
Municipality	Workers Affected	Reason
Bayamon	151	contract completed
Carolina	117	contract completed
Cataño	54	contract completed
Caguas	45	reorganization within the company
Dorado	32	contract completed
Guaynabo	141	contract completed
Humacao	37	contract completed
Las Piedras	50	contract completed
San Juan	1,263	contract completed
Trujillo Alto	64	contract completed
Total	<u>1,954</u>	

Characteristics of the Insured Unemployed

Insured Unemployed are those individuals without work, covered by the Unemployment Insurance Compensation Program. Under Law 74, the employers pay a premium to insure an income to the workers left jobless without fault of their own.

To qualify for this income, the worker has to work a certain number of quarters during specific periods of time. Qualified persons must be actively searching for a job and willing and available for it. To receive compensation jobless individuals must register for work at the nearest Employment Service Local Office.

The next tables show demographic characteristics of the Insured Unemployed claimants such as gender, age, industry and occupational.

The total average insured unemployed claimants for the area was 18,560. It was divided into 50.2 percent female and 49.8 percent male. The month of July reflected a major quantity of claimants.

Characteristics of the Insured Unemployed

By Gender Category

San Juan –Caguas– Guaynabo MSA

July to September, 2012

Gender	September	August	July	Average	Percent
Male	8,729	9,110	9,914	9,251	49.8
Female	7,947	9,145	10,835	9,309	50.2
Total	16,676	18,255	20,749	18,560	100.0

Characteristics of the Insured Unemployed

By Age Category

San Juan –Caguas– Guaynabo MSA

July to September, 2012

Age	September	August	July	Average	Percent
<22	711	729	816	752	4.1
22-24	1,483	1,698	1,796	1,659	8.9
25-34	5,582	6,043	6,949	6,190	33.4
35-44	3,962	4,347	4,945	4,418	23.8
45-54	2,968	3,272	3,752	3,331	17.9
55-59	1,021	1,093	1,257	1,124	6.1
60-64	572	636	751	653	3.5
>65	373	432	478	428	2.3
INA	4	5	5	5	0.0
Total	16,676	18,255	20,749	18,560	100.0

The highest total of claimants was in the age group of 25-34 with 33.4 percent; followed by the 35-44 range with 23.8 percent. The lowest percent on the distribution was in the 65 and over with 2.3 percent in this range.

By Industry Category

San Juan –Caguas– Guaynabo MSA

July to September, 2012

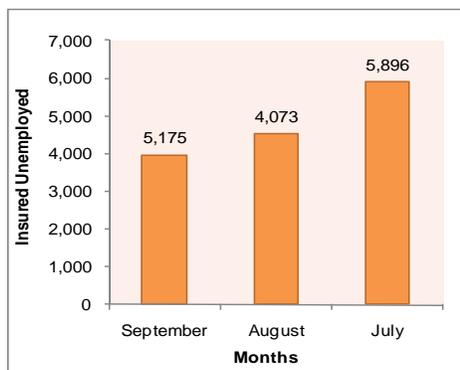
Industrial Category	September	August	July	Average	Percent
Mining	4	7	9	7	0.0
Construction	1,336	1,290	1,229	1,285	6.9
Manufacturing	1,530	1,573	1,678	1,594	8.6
durable	984	1,120	1,177	1,094	5.9
nondurable	546	453	501	500	2.7
Utilities	376	455	716	516	2.8
Trade	3,064	3,289	3,520	3,291	17.7
Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate	400	458	475	444	2.4
Services	3,978	4,524	5,896	4,799	25.9
Local Government	1,509	1,829	1,791	1,710	9.2
Agriculture, Forestries and Fisheries	65	55	64	61	0.3
Information Not Available (INA)*	4,414	4,775	5,371	4,853	26.2
Total	16,676	18,255	20,749	18,560	100.0

*Claimants are not classified.

In the Industry category, the highest percent of insured claimants was in the Services sector with 25.9 percent, followed by Trade with 17.7 percent. The industry sectors with the minor percent in the distribution were Mining and Agriculture, Forestry and Fishery. This has been a trend in Puerto Rico’s economic market throughout the years.

Industry Services Claimants

Third Quarter, 2012



**Characteristics of the Insured Unemployed
By Occupational Category
San Juan-Caguas-Guaynabo MSA
July to September, 2012**

Occupational Category	September	August	July	Average	Percent
Total	16,676	18,255	20,749	18,560	100.0
Management	883	902	968	918	4.9
Business and financial operations	332	393	373	366	2.0
Computer and mathematical	78	97	104	93	0.5
Architecture and engineering	166	165	164	165	0.9
Life, physical and social science	63	83	76	74	0.4
Community and social services	117	130	137	128	0.7
Legal	13	18	22	18	0.0
Educational, training and library	1,332	1,736	2,607	1,892	10.2
Arts, design, entertainment, sports and media	270	286	290	282	1.5
Healthcare practitioner and serving related	332	373	407	371	2.0
Healthcare support	156	188	202	182	1.0
Protective service	710	878	1,134	907	4.9
Food preparation and serving related	958	1,041	1,264	1,088	5.9
Building and grounds cleaning and maintenance	653	689	826	723	3.9
Personal care and service	280	284	333	299	1.6
Sales and related	1,747	1,931	2,070	1,916	10.3
Office and administrative support	2,758	2,982	3,204	2,981	16.1
Farming, fishing and forestry	164	157	157	159	0.8
Construction and extraction	1,741	1,686	1,612	1,680	9.1
Installation, maintenance and repair	719	753	801	758	4.1
Production	2,282	2,435	2,562	2,426	13.1
Transportation and material moving	829	947	1,323	1,033	5.6
Military specific	61	59	61	60	0.3
INA*	32	42	52	42	0.2

*Claimants not classified

The occupational category of office and administrative support has the major quantity of claimants registering with 2,981 individuals or 16.1 percent, followed by production category with 13.1 percent.

Expected Employment and Unemployment

A. Employment Outlook

Employment in the area is anticipated to move up for the next quarter. Otherwise, according to the third quarter 2012 report submitted by Puerto Rico Industrial Development Administration (PRIDCO), about 6 projects have been promoted in the San Juan-Caguas-Guaynabo MSA. These plants will provide around 191 direct job opportunities equivalent to 36.2 percent of the total of PRIDCO promotions (528).

PRIDCO Promotions Third Quarter, 2012		
Municipality		Employment
Bayamón	manufacturing of covers	10
	information not available	9
Caguas	ophthalmic lenses	12
Carolina	information not available	10
	surplus of various metals	21
Manatí	oral solid drugs, liquids and lotions	129
	Total promotions	<u>191</u>

The following section presents summarized information about projects expected and location by municipality. The analysis of jobs expected was made directly from specific projects classified by industry as manufacturing, service and construction sectors. The source of the data was local journals and magazines of the 2012 third quarter.

Manufacture Sector

Bristol –Myers Squibb noticed an expansion plant project at a cost of \$165 millions. It project will generating 100 direct full time jobs. Those job openings including scientific, engineering and skilled workers. The recruitment begins at the year 2016. Merck pharmaceuticals invested \$80 millions in Las Piedras plant. The technological innovation is for manufacturing a new drug for Diabetes treatment. Atenas Pineapple, Inc located in Manatí focus in the exportation of pineapple and creating 50 jobs in the crop and 10 in packing. They begins a new project for hydroponics sow including tomatoes, peppers and eggplants.

Service Sector

Retail category included the opening of Anna's Linens store in Bayamón, Caguas and Arecibo. Each location hired between 28 to 30 persons. Circo toys opening in Las Catalinas Mall at Caguas. The store generating six jobs; as example: a manager, two assistant manager and three floor sales. Selectos supermarket opens in Ciudadela, Santurce generating 233 direct jobs. Home Depot opens in Hatillo and recruitment process including between 160 to 180 full and par-time jobs. Food and Beverages category included the opening of Biercade; a concept of restaurant and entertainment place at Old San Juan. It location employed 30 persons. Coaches; reopening in San Juan generating 25 job opportunities. A new trend are the yogurt places as example: Yogen Früz opens in Caguas, Guaynabo and San Juan. It generating more than 200 jobs. Health care services included a new clinic opens in Carolina generating 40 job opportunities. Financing and insurance services increased opens a new location in Guaynabo municipality named World Financial Group (WFG). It company planning authorized the between 15,000 to 18,000 insurance agents.

Construction Sector

Some municipalities invests federal and states funds for betterments and the construction of some facilities for provided communities services. For example; the construction of health facilities in Aguas Buenas and San Lorenzo generating various jobs. In Dorado the construction of a solar house and wind turbines in the facilities of agro-tourism park. Other construction is the recreational park in Arecibo named **Arecibo Lighthouse & Historical Park** with an investment of \$58 millions and hiring 300 persons. Other park in Quebradillas with a cost of \$2.2 millions and generating 20 jobs. A new hotels in Manatí, with an investment of \$38 millions and generating 263 direct jobs and in San Juan opening Condado Palm Inn & Suites with an investment of \$20 millions. Some tourism projects will be constructed in Río Grande as bikes ride and restaurants. Other private construction are:

Valley View Village; Caguas
Estancias de Monte Verde; Gurabo
 Aquatika; Loíza
 Villas de Mar Beach Resort; Loíza
Comunidad El Relampago; Naguabo
Alturas de Santurce, San Juan

B. Unemployment Outlook

The unemployment outlook will maintain constant for the third quarter 2012. Although some seasonal jobs could diminishing the unemployment figures.

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