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Employment Outlook

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

Population, Civilian Labor Force, Employment and Unemployment Data* Fajardo MSA and Puerto Rico Fourth Quarter, 2011

MSA Market Area 2/	Population Census 1-Apr-10	CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE				EMPLOYMENT			
		December 2011	November 2011	October 2011	December 2010	December 2011	November 2011	October 2011	December 2010
Fajardo MSA	70,692	26,100	25,100	24,900	25,100	22,000	20,300	19,800	20,500
 Ceiba	13,631	4,800	5,200	5,100	5,200	4,000	4,300	4,100	4,300
 Fajardo	36,993	14,000	13,400	13,300	13,500	11,800	11,000	10,700	11,100
 Luquillo	20,068	7,400	6,500	6,400	6,400	6,100	5,100	4,900	5,100
*Puerto Rico	3,725,789	1,288,000	1,285,000	1,287,000	1,277,000	1,118,000	1,090,000	1,077,000	1,090,000

* Figure may not add to totals because of rounding.

Sources: 1/ Bureau of the Census

2/ Research and Statistics Division

Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS)

A. Labor Force Data

During the fourth quarter, 2011 Fajardo MSA reported a workforce of 26,100. This represents the two point (2.0) percent of the total workforce in Puerto Rico.

Examining what happened the previous months we see a increase of 1,000 people. Luquillo (900) reflects the high participation.

In relation to the previous year, there were also increment of 1,000. The municipality of Luquillo (1,000) contributed significantly rise.

B. Employment

The Fajardo MSA area in December, 2011 was 22,000 people employed. This represents a 1.9 percent of the population of the area.

The behavior of employees in Fajardo MSA last year shows a significant increase of 1,500 jobs. The municipality of Luquillo (1,000) reported the greatest rise.

In relation to the previous year, Puerto Rico reached a large increase of 28,000 people working. The Fajardo Metropolitan Statistical Area contributed with 5.4 percent.

C. Unemployment

Population, Civilian Labor Force, Employment and Unemployment Data*								
Fajardo MSA and Puerto Rico								
Fourth Quarter, 2011								
MSA Market Area 2/	UNEMPLOYMENT				UNEMPLOYMENT RATE			
	December 2011	November 2011	October 2011	December 2010	December 2011	November 2011	October 2011	December 2010
Fajardo MSA	4,200	4,800	5,100	4,600	15.9	18.9	20.5	18.4
Ceiba	700	900	1,000	900	15.3	18.1	19.1	16.9
Fajardo	2,200	2,400	2,600	2,500	15.4	17.9	19.8	18.1
Luquillo	1,300	1,400	1,500	1,300	17.4	21.8	23.1	20.4
*Puerto Rico	170,000	195,000	209,000	187,000	13.2	15.2	16.3	14.7
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Sources: 1/ Bureau of the Census								
2/ Research and Statistics Division								
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The number of people unemployment in December, 2011 was 4,200 in Fajardo MSA. Fajardo municipality (2,200) maintains the largest number of unemployed.

Taking into consideration the previous months, we saw a reducing 600 unemployment which all municipalities in the area provided.

Interestingly in the annual analysis of all unemployed was similar. However, the Luquillo Municipality maintains the same level of unemployed.

The unemployed rate in December, 2011 in Fajardo MSA remained in 15.9 percent. Establishing a low of 2.5 compared with data from the month of December, 2010.

All components of the area municipalities maintain a rate that surpasses the 15.3 percent.

II. Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment Data

Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment Data* Fajardo MSA and Puerto Rico Fourth Quarter, 2011

Industry Title	Number of Employees				Net Change December, 2011 from:	
	December 2011	November 2011	October 2011	December 2010	November 2011	December 2010
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment 1/	15,200	15,200	14,700	14,200	0	1,000
Goods Producing	2,200	2,200	2,000	2,000	0	200
Services Providing	13,000	13,000	12,700	12,200	0	800
Government	4,300	4,300	4,200	3,100	0	1,200
Puerto Rico	938,300	929,500	921,500	932,400	8,800	5,900

1/ This estimate measures the number of jobs by industry and reflects employment by place of work.

The Nonagricultural Wage and Salary employment was estimated at 15,200 during December, 2011 in Fajardo MSA. Service Providing industry (13,000) had the highest participation of non-agricultural employment. The government reflects 4,300 employment.

November, 2011 nonfarm employment was 15,200 representing an increase of 500 jobs in Fajardo MSA during last two month. This increase is identified in service providing (300).

Analyzing a year ago, we observed that increase by 1,000 people. Government had the highest participation. The service providing increase 1,000 jobs.

Analyzing the behavior Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment Annual in Puerto Rico we see that employment grew during the first four months of the year, but in May decreased by 1,500 jobs. The months of June and July as a result of increased summer job. On the other hand, during the months of November and December the growth corresponds to Christmas activities.

Fajardo MSA takes a similar behavior to that of Puerto Rico. The participation of workers remained between 1.6 to 1.7 percent over the year 2011.

Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment Data*

Fajardo MSA and Puerto Rico

Year 2011

	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
Puerto Rico	913,300	917,300	921,400	924,200	922,700	930,400	921,500	912,000	919,300	921,500	929,500	938,300
Fajardo	15,400	15,600	15,400	15,400	15,600	15,700	15,100	14,800	14,600	14,700	15,200	15,200
Percentage of participation	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.6

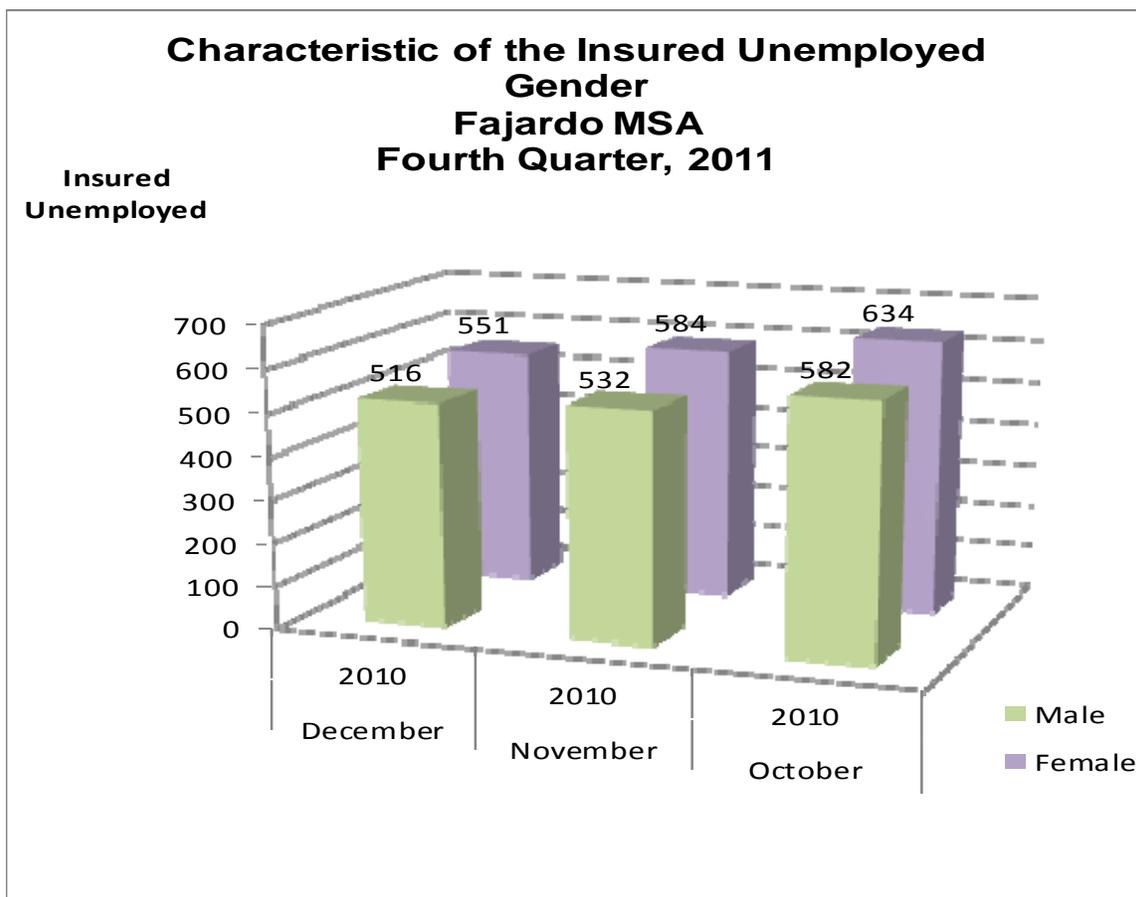
III. Characteristic of the Insured Unemployed

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 fourth semester, 2011 the number of unemployed claimants average in Fajardo MSA was 1,133.

The apportionment by gender group showed that the female registered the largest average figure with 590 of 47.9 percent of the total. This behavior is similar in all months studied. Note that during this last quarter, 2011 insurance unemployed participation in month after month is reduced in both genders.

People between the ages of 25-34 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 analysis of the occupations with the largest number of claimants for unemployed insured are Food preparation and serving related (218); Production (147); Office and Administration (141); Building and Grounds Cleaning and Maintenance (107).



Characteristics of the Insured Unemployed
Gender
Fajardo MSA
Fourth Quarter, 2011

GENDER	NUMBER				PERCENT DISTRIBUTION
	December 2010	November 2010	October 2010	Quarter Average	
Total	1,067	1,116	1,216	1,133	100.0
Male	516	532	582	543	47.9
Female	551	584	634	590	52.1

The term insured unemployed is used to define those individuals receiving unemployment compensation benefits. This group was estimated at 1,133 in fourth quarter, 2011 in the Fajardo MSA.

Some relevant characteristics of the area's claimants were analyzed. One of the traits was sex. Female (590) reached as much benefit during the quarter under review.

On the other hand, during this period both males and females decreased their share month after month. October reflected the biggest gain in the fourth quarter, 2011.

The average unemployed insured claimants in Fajardo MSA during the fourth quarter, 2011 maintains a significant involvement between the ages of 22 to 54 years. Participants between the ages of 25-34 years of age remain the largest presence.

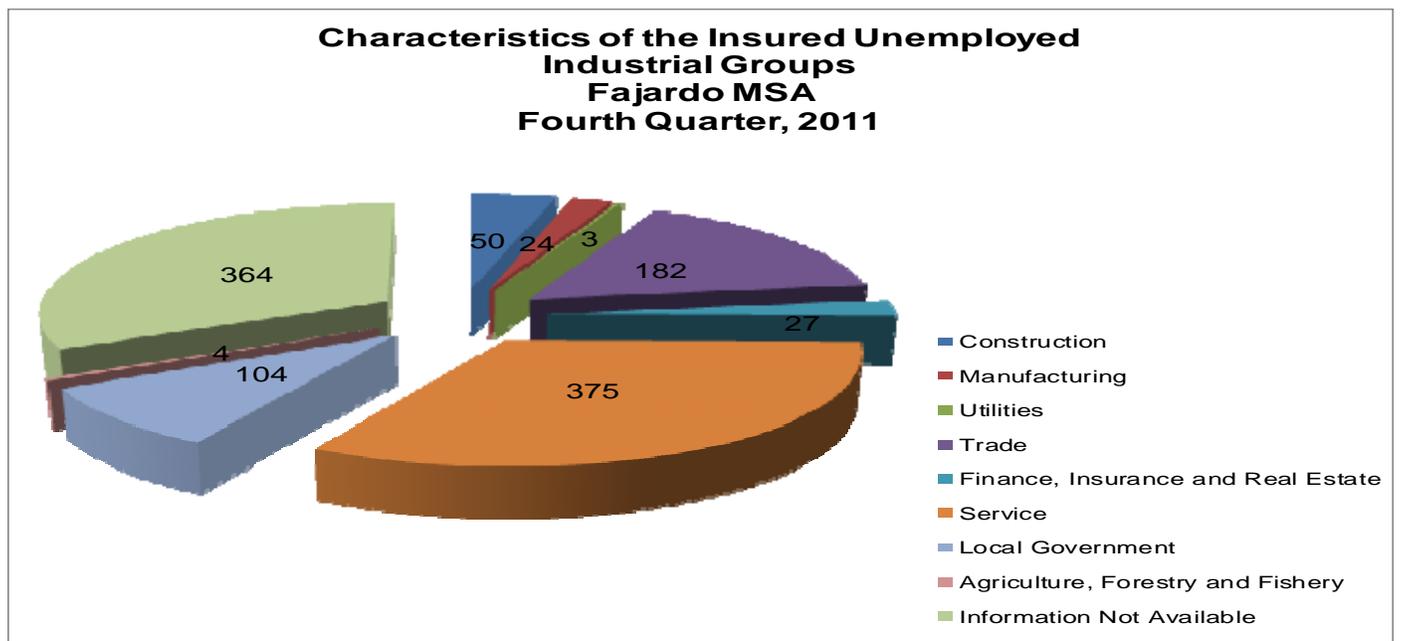
Characteristics of the Insured Unemployed
Age Groups
Fajardo MSA
Fourth Quarter, 2011

Age Groups	NUMBER				PERCENT DISTRIBUTION
	December 2010	November 2010	October 2010	Quarter Average	
Total	1,067	1,116	1,216	1,133	100.0
Under 22	48	55	69	57	5.0
22-24	97	102	102	100	8.8
25-34	349	390	417	386	34.1
35-44	284	291	320	298	26.3
45-54	195	191	212	199	17.6
55-59	52	49	46	49	4.3
60-64	28	24	28	27	2.4
65 and over	13	13	21	16	1.4
Information Not Available	1	1	1	1	0.1

**Characteristics of the Insured Unemployed
Industrial Category
Fajardo MSA
Fourth Quarter, 2011**

Industrial Category	NUMBER			Quarter Average	PERCENT DISTRIBUTION
	December 2011	November 2011	October 2011		
All Industry	1,067	1,116	1,216	1,133	100.0
Construction	46	51	55	50	4.4
Manufacturing	25	21	24	24	2.1
Durable	13	11	14	13	1.1
Nondurable	12	10	10	11	1.0
Utilities	4	3	1	3	0.3
Trade	181	179	188	182	16.1
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	26	28	26	27	2.4
Service	327	372	425	375	33.1
Local Government	94	103	116	104	9.2
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishery	3	5	4	4	0.3
Information Not Available	361	354	377	364	32.1

The definitive characteristics of the unemployed by industry category shows the greatest participation in services (375). In the same way the trade industry (182) had a significant participation. Also the local government (104) maintains a large group of claimants.



**Characteristic of the Insured Unemployed
Occupational Category
Fajardo MSA
Fourth Quarter, 2011**

Occupational Category	NUMBER			Quarter Average	PERCENT DISTRIBUTION
	December 2011	November 2011	October 2011		
Total	1,067	1,116	1,216	1,133	100.0
Management	31	22	27	27	2.4
Business and financial	13	12	11	12	1.1
Computer and mathematical	2	2	0	1	0.1
Architecture and engineering	8	9	10	9	0.8
Life, physical, and social science	2	2	2	2	0.2
Community and social service	5	4	6	5	0.4
Legal	2	2	2	2	0.2
Education, training and library	44	47	44	45	4.0
Arts, design, entertainment, sports and media	22	18	20	20	1.8
Healthcare practitioner and technical	26	24	24	25	2.2
Healthcare support	5	6	5	5	0.4
Protective service	54	51	50	52	4.6
Food preparation and serving related	194	208	252	218	19.2
Building and grounds cleaning and maintenance	80	103	137	107	9.4
Personal care and service	48	51	47	49	4.3
Sales and related	115	111	103	109	9.6
Office and administrative support	120	138	165	141	12.4
Farming, fishing, and forestry	3	6	7	5	0.4
Construction and extraction	70	73	82	75	6.6
Installation, maintenance, and repair	37	39	41	39	3.4
Production	146	149	147	147	13.0
Transportation and material moving	31	31	31	31	2.7
Military specific	4	4	3	4	0.4
INA*	5	4	0	3	0.4

* Claimants not classified

VI. Employment and Unemployment Outlook

A. Employment



The Municipality of Fajardo economy increases with the integration of a company engaged in the manufacture of rubber and plastic products intends to employ in the coming months about 53 jobs. The company started with 10 employees. It has a property investment of \$980.586 and \$799.240 on the payroll.

B. Unemployed

During the study period, the market suffered declines in business participation.



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