



LABOR MARKET INFORMATION NEWSLETTER

Overview

- ◆ The information on this report refers to the Guayama Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) which consists of the municipalities of Guayama, Arroyo and Patillas.
- ◆ The Civilian Labor Force for the area was estimated at 26,000 during the month of December, 2011 and the unemployment rate was 18.9 percent at the same period.
- ◆ The Nonagricultural Wage and Salary (nonfarm) Employment was estimated at 17,100 going down by 400 workers less than last year period.
- ◆ The average number of claimants according to the Unemployment Insurance Program, was divided into 623 males and 449 females, during the fourth quarter of 2011.
- ◆ The unemployment level as well as the rate, are anticipated to move down some Christmas jobs will help the economy of this area.



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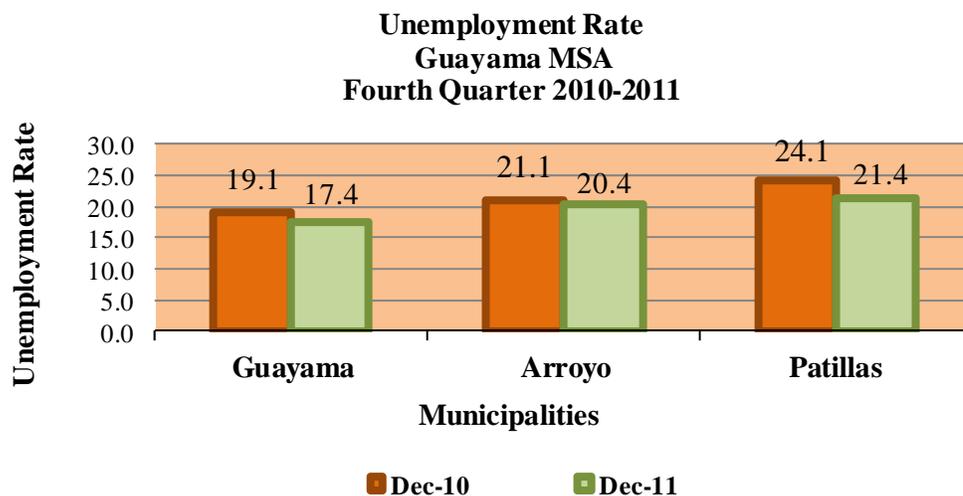
I. Puerto Rico and Guayama MSA

Employment Trends

The average number of employed persons in Puerto Rico was 1,118,000 this number climb up by 28,000 jobs compared to last year. On the Guayama MSA, the number of employed persons moved up by 300.

Over the year, the Guayama MSA Civilian Labor Force shows 26,000 persons. A total of 21,000 residents were employed and the jobless rate moved down to 18.9 percent this December from 20.7 percent a year ago. The unemployment rate decrease 3.1 points percent when compared with the first month (October) of the quarter, from November the decrease was 1.9 points percent.

On the three months (October, November and December) the municipality of Arroyo reported the following unemployment rate 23.6; 22.1; 20.4 Patillas posted 23.1; 23.1; 21.4 and Guayama posted the lowest one with 20.8; 19.4; 17.4 percent. Compared to the corresponding last year figure a reduction is observed on the three municipalities.



II. Population, Civilian Labor Force, Employment Puerto Rico and Guayama MSA Fourth Quarter 2011

*Civilian Labor Force**

Puerto Rico and Guayama MSA ^{1/}	Population Estimates ^{2/}	December 2011	November 2011	October 2011	December 2010
Puerto Rico	3,725,789	1,288,000	1,285,000	1,287,000	1,277,000
Guayama MSA	84,214	26,000	26,300	26,300	26,000
Guayama	45,362	14,300	14,500	14,600	14,400
Arroyo	19,575	5,800	5,900	5,900	5,700
Patillas	19,277	5,800	5,900	5,800	5,900

Employment

Puerto Rico and Guayama MSA	December 2011	November 2011	October 2011	December 2010
Puerto Rico	1,118,000	1,090,000	1,077,000	1,090,000
Guayama MSA	21,000	20,800	20,500	20,700
Guayama	11,900	11,700	11,600	11,600
Arroyo	4,600	4,600	4,500	4,500
Patillas	4,600	4,500	4,500	4,500

*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

**III. Unemployment Data
Puerto Rico and Guayama MSA
Fourth Quarter 2011**

Unemployment

Puerto Rico and Guayama MSA ^{1/}	December 2011	November 2011	October 2011	December 2010
Puerto Rico	170,000	195,000	209,000	187,000
Guayama MSA	4,900	5,500	5,800	5,400
Guayama	2,500	2,800	3,000	2,800
Arroyo	1,200	1,300	1,400	1,200
Patillas	1,200	1,400	1,300	1,400

Unemployment Rate

Puerto Rico and Guayama MSA	December 2011	November 2011	October 2011	December 2010
Puerto Rico	13.2	15.2	16.3	14.7
Guayama MSA	18.9	20.8	22.0	20.7
Guayama	17.4	19.4	20.8	19.1
Arroyo	20.4	22.1	23.6	21.1
Patillas	21.4	23.1	23.1	24.1

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**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 Fourth Quarter 2011

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 Guayama Metropolitan Statistical

Area rose to 17,100 workers in December, 2011. Based mainly on a monthly survey of Puerto Rico establishments, the number of nonagricultural and salaried workers climb down by 400 employees from the corresponding report last year ago. When compared with the previous month show a decrease of two hundred, at the same time when compared with October this number remained the same.

All Employees

Net Change to:

Industry Title	December 2011	November 2011	October 2011	December 2010	November 2011	October 2011	December 2010
Total Nonfarm ^{1/2/}	17,100	17,300	17,100	17,500	-200	0	-400
Goods Producing	3,400	3,500	3,500	4,000	-100	-100	-600
Service-Providing	13,700	13,800	13,600	13,500	-100	100	200

1/ This estimate measures the numbers of jobs by industry and reflects employment by place of work. Therefore, this figure is not strictly comparable to the employment data which represents persons by place of residence.

2/ Other industries employment grouped in total nonagricultural.

Source: Current Employment Statistics Program (CES)

V. Characteristics of the Insured Unemployed Fourth Quarter 2011

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	December 2011	November 2011	October 2011	Quarter Average	Percent Distribution
Total	988	1,099	1,128	1,072	100.0
Male	579	648	641	623	58.1
Female	409	451	487	449	41.9

The total average of unemployed beneficiaries during the week including the 19th of the fourth quarter amounted to 1,072 going down by 140 when compared to the three months ago level (September, 2011 report - 1,212).

The beneficiaries were distributed into 623 male and 449 female. The male group represents the highest number in the gender category. It turned up by 16.2 percent over the female group.

By Age Group

Age Group	December 2011	November 2011	October 2011	Quarter Average	Percent Distribution
Total	988	1,099	1,128	1,072	100.0
Under 22	82	83	75	80	7.5
22-24	108	126	131	122	11.4
25-34	335	405	419	386	36.1
35-44	246	258	272	259	24.1
45-54	150	157	151	153	14.2
55-59	39	39	42	40	3.7
60-64	15	17	22	18	1.7
65 and over	13	14	16	14	1.3

The rates for the figure age groups between 22 to 59 years ranged from 7.5 percent to 36.1 percent.

Showing that, the age group of 25 to 34 registered the highest percentage with 386 individuals for a 36.1 points percent of the total age group distribution and the lower percentage group was represented by 65 and over with 1.3 points percentage .

By Industrial Category

Industrial Category	December 2011	November 2011	October 2011	Quarter Average	Percent Distribution
Total	988	1,099	1,128	1,072	100.0
Mining	0	0	0	0	0
Construction	58	75	73	69	6.4
Manufacturing	56	58	47	54	5.0
<i>Durable</i>	50	49	42	47	4.4
<i>Nondurable</i>	6	9	5	7	0.6
Utilities	11	13	12	12	1.1
Trade	141	158	183	161	15.0
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	24	20	24	23	2.1
Services	328	367	396	364	34.0
Local Government	94	105	110	103	9.6
Agriculture, Forestries and Fisheries	21	27	24	24	2.2
Information Not Available*	255	276	259	263	24.6

*Claimants not classified

On the industry category, 34.0 percent of the Guayama Area insured unemployed workers came from the Services sector. An additional large number (15.0 percent) were reported in the Trade sector. These are the two industry groups ranked with the highest percentage.

By Occupational Category

Occupational Category	December 2011	November 2011	October 2011	Quarter Average	Percent Distribution
Total	988	1,099	1,128	1,072	100.0
Management	36	36	40	37	3.5
Business and financial	10	8	6	8	0.7
Computer and mathematical	6	5	5	5	0.5
Architecture and engineering	22	21	23	22	2.1
Life, physical and social science	4	8	10	7	0.6
Community and social services	10	11	10	10	1.0
Legal	2	2	2	2	0.2
Education, training and library	33	35	42	37	3.4
Arts, design, entertainment, sports and media	9	9	10	9	0.8
Healthcare practitioner and technical	21	21	19	20	1.9
Healthcare support	24	22	22	23	2.1
Protective service	40	47	48	45	4.2
Food preparation and serving related	36	35	39	37	3.4
Building and grounds cleaning and maintenance	53	60	60	58	5.4
Personal care and service	19	16	18	18	1.6
Sales and related	87	106	120	104	9.7
Office and administrative support	131	140	146	139	13.0
Farming, fishing and forestry	131	161	162	151	14.1
Construction and extraction	133	156	149	146	13.6
Installation, maintenance and repair	28	32	34	31	3.0
Production	101	106	110	106	10.0
Transportation and material moving	40	50	44	45	4.2
Military specific	10	9	9	9	0.8
INA*	2	3	0	2	0.2

*Claimants not classified

VI. Outlook

A. Employment



The local labor market area is anticipated to move up during this quarter, Christmas seasonal jobs on the services area, will help the economy on this recession time.

While construction and manufacturing projects are anticipated to increase in the area too.

The following projects are listed below are reference of local newspapers, magazines and government offices.

- ◆ Improvements to sports facilities, construction of sidewalks with an investment of 4 millions - Guayama
- ◆ Project *Paseo Artesanal* on the boardwalk, it will include food kiosks - Arroyo
- ◆ *AES Ilumina* plans to create 200 jobs in a project of solar photovoltaic plant, total investment will be \$ 98 million - Guayama
- ◆ *Punta Pozuelo* community plans the building renovations and construction of a platform. The works have an estimated cost of \$ 12.3 million allocated by the Government Development Bank - Guayama

Housing projects:

- ◆ Brisas de Costa Real - Guayama
- ◆ Solimar - Patillas

B. Unemployment

During this quarter, any company record mass lay off in the area.

Technical Notes

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Labor Force data are adjusted to the Current Population Survey benchmark, and represent employment and unemployment by place of residence. These data are not comparable to the place-of-work industry employment series. Workers involved in labor disputes are counted as employed. Total employment in the labor force also includes agricultural workers, unpaid family workers, domestic, and self-employed. The unemployment rate is calculated by dividing total unemployed by the labor force, and is expressed as a percent. Because of the conceptual differences stated above, total employment may in instances be lower than nonagricultural wage and salary employment.

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