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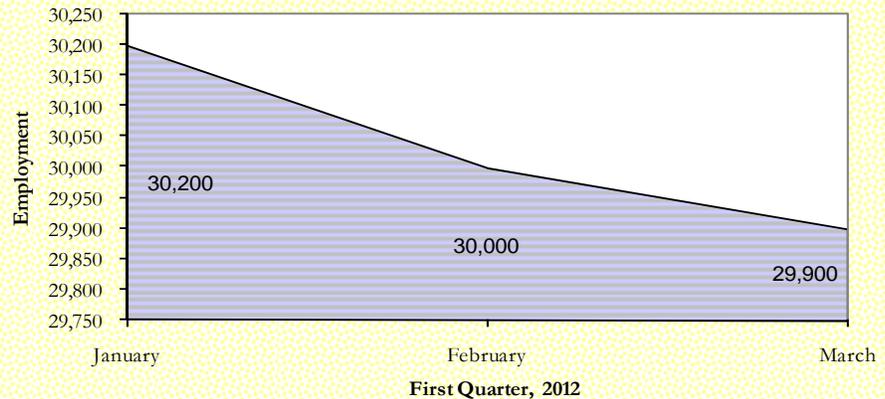
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January to March, 2012

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**Employment Trend
Yauco MSA**



Highlights

- ⇒ In March, 2012 the Civilian labor Force was estimated in 36,200 persons. Since March 2011, the Civilian Labor Force increased by 400 persons.
- ⇒ The employment figure stood at 29,900 during March, 2012. It increased by 900 if compared to a year ago.
- ⇒ The unemployment figure was estimated at 6,300 during the same period. The unemployment rate was 17.3 for the Yauco MSA. It remain above the national unemployment rate (14.9).
- ⇒ The Nonagricultural Wage And Salary stood at 13,700 during March, 2012 going up by 200 if compared to the previous month and increased by 200 to last year figure.
- ⇒ The average number of claimants according to the Unemployment Insurance Program, was divides into 672 males and 457 females, during the first quarter, 2012.

**Population, Civilian Labor Force, Employment & Unemployment Data
Yauco MSA and Puerto Rico
January to March 2012**

Labor Market Area and Municipality 1/	Population Estimates April 1, 2010*	CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE						EMPLOYMENT						UNEMPLOYMENT																	
		March 2012	Feb 2012	Jan 2012	March 2011	March 2012	Feb 2012	Jan 2012	March 2011	March 2012	Feb 2012	Jan 2012	March 2011	March 2012	Feb 2012	Jan 2012	March 2011	March 2012	Feb 2012	Jan 2012	March 2011	March 2012	Feb 2012	Jan 2012	March 2011	March 2012	Feb 2012	Jan 2012	March 2011	March 2012	Feb 2012
Yauco MSA	107,333	36,200	36,400	36,800	35,800	29,900	30,000	30,200	28,800	6,300	6,400	6,600	7,100	17.3	17.5	17.9	19.7														
Guánica	19,427	6,100	6,100	6,200	6,000	4,900	4,900	4,900	4,700	1,300	1,200	1,300	1,300	20.8	20.0	20.6	22.4														
Guayanilla	21,581	6,700	6,800	6,900	6,700	5,500	5,600	5,600	5,300	1,200	1,200	1,300	1,400	17.5	17.8	18.8	20.4														
Peñuelas	24,282	7,900	8,000	8,100	8,000	6,600	6,600	6,700	6,400	1,300	1,300	1,400	1,600	16.2	16.7	17.2	20.1														
Yauco	42,043	15,500	15,600	15,700	15,200	12,900	13,000	13,000	12,400	2,600	2,600	2,600	2,800	16.5	16.9	16.8	18.1														
Puerto Rico	3,725,789	1,273,000	1,286,000	1,298,000	1,271,000	1,083,000	1,094,000	1,099,000	1,057,000	190,000	191,000	199,000	214,000	14.9	14.9	15.3	16.8														

Source: * Bureau of the Census

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Labor Market Area and Municipality 1/	Civilian Labor Force			Net Change March, 2012 from:						
	March 2012	Feb 2012	Jan 2012	March 2011	Feb 2012	% Change	Jan 2012	% Change	March 2011	% Change
Yauco MSA	36,200	36,400	36,800	35,800	-200	-0.6	-600	-1.7	400	1.1
Guánica	6,100	6,100	6,200	6,000	0	0.0	-100	-1.6	100	1.6
Guayanilla	6,700	6,800	6,900	6,700	-100	-1.5	-200	-3.0	0	0.0
Peñuelas	7,900	8,000	8,100	8,000	-100	-1.3	-200	-2.5	-100	-1.3
Yauco	15,500	15,600	15,700	15,200	-100	-0.6	-200	-1.3	300	1.9
Puerto Rico	1,273,000	1,286,000	1,298,000	1,271,000	-13,000	-1.0	-25,000	-2.0	2,000	0.2

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Labor Market Area and Municipality 1/	Employment			Net Change March, 2012 from:						
	March 2012	Feb 2012	Jan 2012	March 2011	Feb 2012	% Change	Jan 2012	% Change	March 2011	% Change
Yauco MSA	29,900	30,000	30,200	28,800	-100	-0.3	-300	-1.0	1,100	3.7
Guánica	4,900	4,900	4,900	4,700	0	0.0	0	0.0	200	4.1
Guayanilla	5,500	5,600	5,600	5,300	-100	-1.8	-100	-1.8	200	3.6
Peñuelas	6,600	6,600	6,700	6,400	0	0.0	-100	-1.5	200	3.0
Yauco	12,900	13,000	13,000	12,400	-100	-0.8	-100	-0.8	500	3.9
Puerto Rico	1,083,000	1,094,000	1,099,000	1,057,000	-11,000	-1.0	-16,000	-1.5	26,000	2.4

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Labor Market Area and Municipality 1/	March 2012	Unemployment			March 2011	Feb 2012	%	Net Change March, 2012 from:			
		Feb 2012	Jan 2012	March 2011				Jan 2012	% Change	March 2011	% Change
Yauco MSA	6,300	6,400	6,600	7,100	-100	-1.6	-300	-4.8	-800	-12.7	
Guánica	1,300	1,200	1,300	1,300	100	7.7	0	0.0	0	0.0	
Guayanilla	1,200	1,200	1,300	1,400	0	0.0	-100	-8.3	-200	-16.7	
Peñuelas	1,300	1,300	1,400	1,600	0	0.0	-100	-7.7	-300	-23.1	
Yauco	2,600	2,600	2,600	2,800	0	0.0	0	0.0	-200	-7.7	
Puerto Rico	190,000	191,000	199,000	214,000	-1,000	-0.5	-9,000	-4.7	-24,000	-12.6	

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Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment Data
Yauco MSA
January to March 2012

INDUSTRY TITLE	March 2012	Feb 2012	Jan 2012	March 2011	March '12 to Feb '12		March '12 to Jan '12		March '12 to March '11	
					Absolute	%	Absolute	%	Absolute	%
					Change	Change	Change	Change	Change	Change
Total Nonagricultural 1/	13,700	13,500	13,500	13,500	200	1.5	200	1.5	200	0.0
Total Private	7,500	7,300	7,400	7,800	200	2.7	100	1.3	-300	0.0
Goods Producing	2,000	1,800	1,800	2,000	200	10.0	200	10.0	0	0.0
Service Providing	11,700	11,700	11,700	11,500	0	0.0	0	0.0	200	0.0
<i>Trade, Trans. & Utilities</i>	2,200	2,200	2,300	2,600	0	0.0	-100	4.5	-400	0.2
<i>Retail Trade</i>	1,700	1,700	1,700	2,000	0	0.0	0	0.0	-300	0.2
<i>Government</i>	6,200	6,200	6,100	5,700	0	0.0	100	1.6	500	0.1
<i>State Government</i>	3,900	3,900	4,000	3,500	0	0.0	-100	-2.6	400	0.1

1/ Estimate measures the number 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.

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics (CES 790 Program).

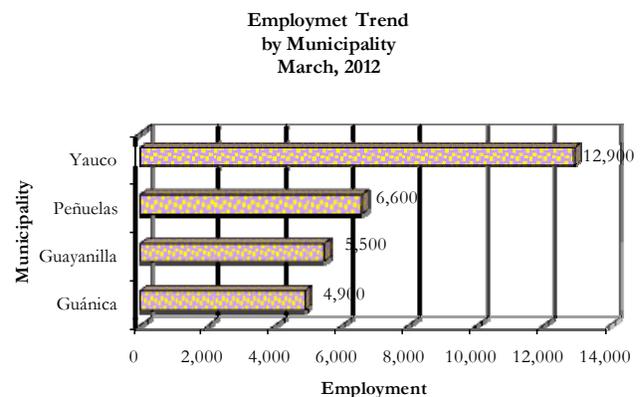
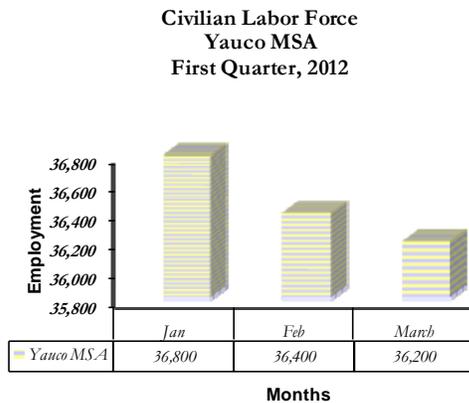
A: Labor Force Trends

The Civilian labor Force was estimated at 36,200 during March, 2012. The data of this quarter show a decreased of 200 in the Yauco's Civilian Labor Force. This figure decrease by 600 from two months ago and went up by 400 if compared to a year ago. Yauco municipality reported the highest labor force (15,500) for the area. Meanwhile, Guánica has the lowest labor force 6,100.

The employment figure stood at 29,900 during March, 2012. It decreased by 100 compared to month ago and increased by 1,100 if compared to a year ago.

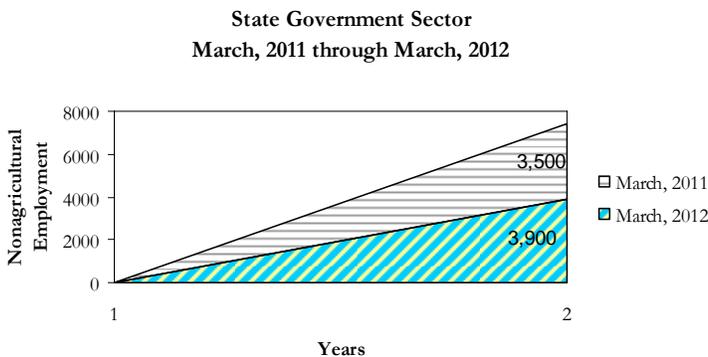
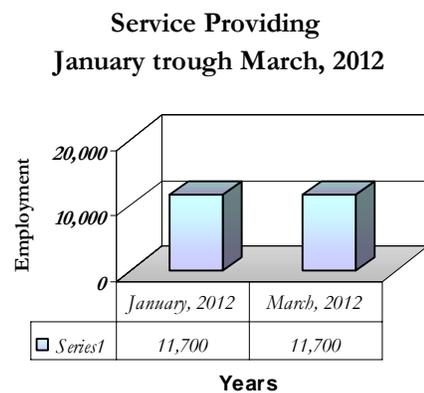
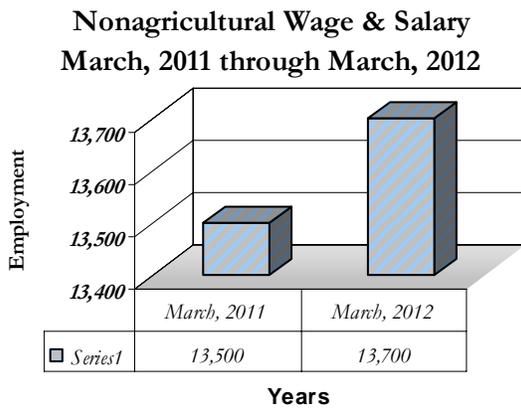
The unemployment figure was estimated at 6,300 during March, 2012. It has a reduction of 100 when compared to last month and 300 two month. Since las year figure, the unemployment sector reported a redution of 800.

The unemployment rate was 17.3 for the Yauco MSA during March, 2012. When compare to last year figure we notice a decrease by 2.4 percent.



B: Employment Trends

The Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment was estimated at 13,700 for Yauco MSA. The information show that the estimate moved up by 200 during March, 2012. This figure shows a gain of 200 jobs if compared to February, 2012. When compare to last year figure we notice an increase of 200 jobs.



C: Unemployment Trend

The unemployment rate is widely recognized as a key indicator of labor market performance. It is in large part because of the objective manner in which the concept of unemployment is defined. To be classified as unemployed, a person must be without work, be available for it, and actively searching for work.

The unemployment sector continues move down during the year in the Yauco Labor Market Area. The jobless rate in Yauco MSA stood at 17.3 percent during March, 2012; showing a decrease of 0.2 percent compare to preview month. During the past 12 months the unemployment rate has decreased by 2.4 percent.

The unemployment rate for Guánica municipality during March, 2012 was 20.8 percent; the highest of the Yauco Metropolitan Area, and still mayor than Puerto Rico rate of 14.9 percent.

Labor Market Area and Municipality 1/	Unemployment Rate %						Net Change March, 2012 from:			
	March 2012	Feb 2012	Jan 2012	March 2011	Feb 2012	% Change	Jan 2012	% Change	March 2011	% Change
Yauco MSA	17.3	17.5	17.9	19.7	-0.2	-1.2	-0.6	-3.5	-2.4	-13.9
Guánica	20.8	20.0	20.6	22.4	0.8	3.8	0.2	1.0	-1.6	-7.7
Guayanilla	17.5	17.8	18.8	20.4	-0.3	-1.7	-1.3	-7.4	-2.9	-16.6
Peñuelas	16.2	16.7	17.2	20.1	-0.5	-3.1	-1.0	-6.2	-3.9	-24.1
Yauco	16.5	16.9	16.8	18.1	-0.4	-2.4	-0.3	-1.8	-1.6	-9.7
Puerto Rico	14.9	14.9	15.3	16.8	0.0	0.0	-0.4	-2.7	-1.9	-12.8

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D: Characteristics of the Insured Unemployed

The term Insured Unemployed is used to defined those receiving unemployment compensation benefits. During the week including the 19th of each month of first quarter, 2012 the number of unemployed claimants in the Yauco MSA was 1,149 in January; 1,165 on February and 1,072 during March, 2012.

The apportionment by sex showed that the male registered the largest average figure 672 during the quarter. The female stood at an average of 457. During this period, February (1,165) reported the highest number of unemployed insurance beneficiaries.

The distribution by age group shows that persons from 25 to 34 years old registered the largest number with 379 or 33.6 percent of the total. The smallest one, on the other hand, was represented by persons 65 and over with only 17 or 1.4 average percent.

Industry category provides information about which industry registered the highest unemployment rate. During the first quarter 2012, the services sector registered the largest amount with 260 or 23.0 claims. It was followed by the trade sector with 155 or 13.7 percent.

During this period, the occupational group shows a percent distribution of the unemployment insurance claimants. The information brings the idea about what occupation has the fates unemployment growing during this time. The distribution shows that production (16.1) percent and construction and extraction (14.7) percent registered the highest number of claimants. It was followed by claimants that pertain to Office and administrative occupations with 140 or 12.4 average percent.

The following tables and graphics will show the different groups.

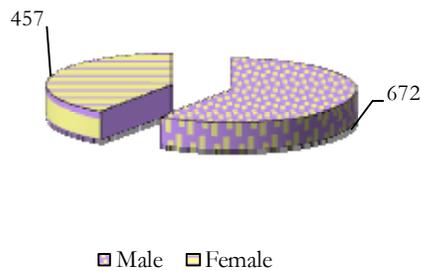
Gender

Gender	March	Feb	Jan	Average	Percent
Male	641	696	679	672	59.5
Female	431	469	470	457	40.5
Total	1,072	1,165	1,149	1,129	100.0

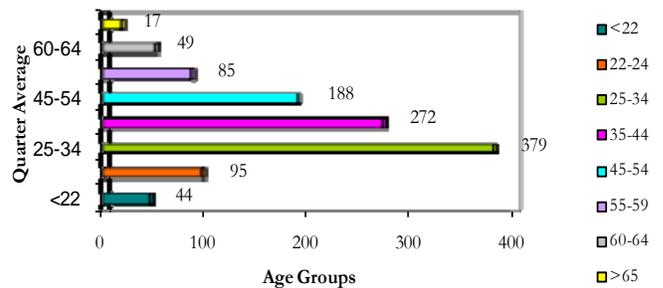
Age Groups

Age	March	Feb	Jan	Average	Percent
<22	49	43	39	44	3.9
22-24	83	100	103	95	8.4
25-34	345	394	399	379	33.6
35-44	267	283	265	272	24.1
45-54	179	190	195	188	16.6
55-59	86	84	86	85	7.6
60-64	49	52	46	49	4.3
>65	14	19	16	17	1.5
Total	1,072	1,165	1,149	1,129	100.0

**Characteristics of the Insured
Unemployed Gender
First Quarter, 2012**



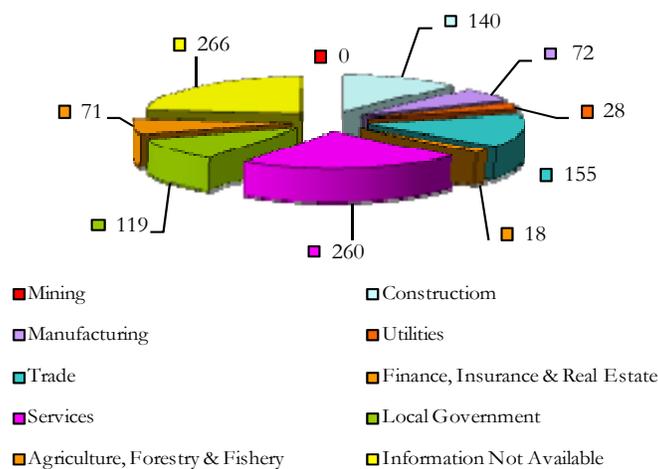
**Characteristics of Insured Unemployed
Age Groups
First Quarter, 2012**



Industry Category

Industry	March	Feb	Jan	Average	Percent
Mining	0	0	0	0	0.0
Construction	148	145	128	140	12.4
Manufacturing	59	92	65	72	6.4
<i>Durable</i>	22	49	23	31	2.8
<i>Nondurable</i>	37	43	42	41	3.6
Utilities	30	30	23	28	2.5
Trade	132	167	165	155	13.7
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	16	18	19	18	1.6
Services	243	268	268	260	23.0
Local Government	113	117	128	119	10.5
Agriculture, Forestry & Fishery	67	68	79	71	6.3
Information Not Available	264	260	274	266	23.6
Total	1,072	1,165	1,149	1,129	100.0

**Characteristics of the Insured Unemployed
Industry
First Quarter, 2012**



Occupational Category

Occupational Category	March	Feb	Jan	Average	Percent
Management	32	37	42	37	3.3
Business and financial	15	13	10	13	1.2
Computer and mathematical	2	1	3	2	0.2
Architecture and engineering	10	11	11	11	0.9
Life, physical, and social science	8	9	6	8	0.7
Community and social services	7	9	9	8	0.7
Legal	0	0	0	0	0.0
Education, training and library	19	33	44	32	2.8
Arts, design, entertainment, sports and media	10	10	9	10	0.9
Healthcare practitioners and technical	37	34	32	34	3.0
Healthcare support	37	29	29	31	2.7
Protective service	38	41	48	42	3.7
Food preparation and serving related	25	32	39	32	2.8
Building and grounds cleaning & maintenance	38	40	29	36	3.2
Personal care and service	21	20	16	19	1.7
Sales and related	103	128	116	116	10.2
Office and administrative support	130	139	151	140	12.4
Farming, fishing, and forestry	55	50	62	56	4.9
Construction and extraction	171	173	154	166	14.7
Installation, maintenance, and repair	66	75	63	68	6.0
Production	173	193	179	182	16.1
Transportation and material moving	53	64	72	63	5.6
Military specific	9	9	9	9	0.8
INA	13	15	16	14	1.2
Total	1,072	1,165	1,149	1,129	100.0

E: Employment and Unemployment Outlook

Employment Outlook

In Yauco Metropolitan Statistical Area the total employment is anticipated to move slightly in the next three months. The job opportunities will be available in trade and construction sectors.

The local government of Yauco, are developing some construction projects. Among them are: the construction a urban park, athletic track and a football park. They also are constructing apartment building, a health center , and a homeless center. They will construct a town south detour and some bridges.

In the Peñuelas municipality, the local government will construct a convention center an a public parking. Also they will improve the town square.

In Guayanilla, the local government will develop a town square. They will construct an Olympic pool and improvement for the history museum.

Unemployment Outlook

On this quarter, there are two mass-layoff events reported in the Yauco Labor Market. The number of employees in the area who were affected was 71. This loss was particularity in the manufacturing sector.

The unemployment rate was moving down during the year. On March 2011, the rate was 19.7 percent. But on March 2012 the rate was 17.3 percent. The unemployment rate is expected to move down in the coming months.

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