

# Southwestern WIA

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## Southwestern WIA Highlights

### Grand openings in Las Cruces and Silver City

#### Las Cruces Area, Doña Ana County:

**Walgreens** plans to open its newest Las Cruces outlet, the company's fourth, on busy Lohman Avenue at Walton Boulevard later this fall, but no date has yet been announced. The new store will contain 16,510 square feet and have a drive-through pharmacy and one-hour photography service. The new store will employ about 30.

**Buffalo Wild Wings**, a Minneapolis-based company, opened a Las Cruces location at 2750 Mall Drive on July 27. The new 6,000-square-foot sports-themed restaurant,

featuring about 50 televisions spread throughout, will employ about 100 workers.

#### Silver City Area, Grant County:

Grant County's first **Walgreens** store opened for business just off Rosedale Road in Silver City. The main store hours will be 7a.m. to 10 p.m. seven days a week, and the pharmacy will be open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. seven days a week. The store's footprint covers 16,510 square feet, which is big for a Walgreens.

Economic activity in the Southwestern WIA is

gathered from published articles, government documents, private and public sector news releases, and reports from local NMDWS Workforce Centers.

If you would like to provide information about any business openings, closings, or economic activity in the Southwestern WIA, please contact NMDWS Economic Research & Analysis Bureau at:

(505) 841-8645



## Employment Data To Be Released

**THE QUARTERLY** Census of Employment & Wages (QCEW) unit of the Economic Research & Analysis Bureau will be releasing 1st quarter data within the month. This unit produces a quarterly count of employment and wages by industry at the statewide, WIA region, MSA, and county levels.

The 1st quarter QCEW data will also include 2008 annual data. This employment data will be available under the "Publications" tab at:

[www.dws.state.nm.us/dws-lmi.html](http://www.dws.state.nm.us/dws-lmi.html)

Data at the WIA-level will also be available in New Mexico's powerful, user-friendly online labor market information system, **LASER**, at:

<http://laser.state.nm.us>

### QUICK FACTS

NATIONAL	NEW MEXICO	SOUTHWESTERN WIA
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE <sup>1</sup> .....9.7%	UNEMPLOYMENT RATE .....7.5%	UNEMPLOYMENT RATE .....8.3%
INITIAL UI CLAIMS <sup>2</sup> .....40.4%	INITIAL UI CLAIMS <sup>3</sup> .....43.4%	INITIAL UI CLAIMS .....30.2%
CONTINUED UI CLAIMS .....94.0%	CONTINUED UI CLAIMS .....124.3%	CONTINUED UI CLAIMS .....115.4%

<sup>1</sup> Figures are not seasonally adjusted.

<sup>2</sup> Unemployment claims data is over-the-year percentage change.

<sup>3</sup> State and WIA counts represent regular UI claims without earnings for the week that included the twelfth of the month and exclude claims without a valid industry code.

National data source: U.S. Department of Labor, Employment & Training Administration

State and WIA data source: New Mexico Department of Workforce Solutions, Economic Research & Analysis Bureau, Program to Measure Insured Unemployed Statistics (PROMIS) database.

# Unemployment

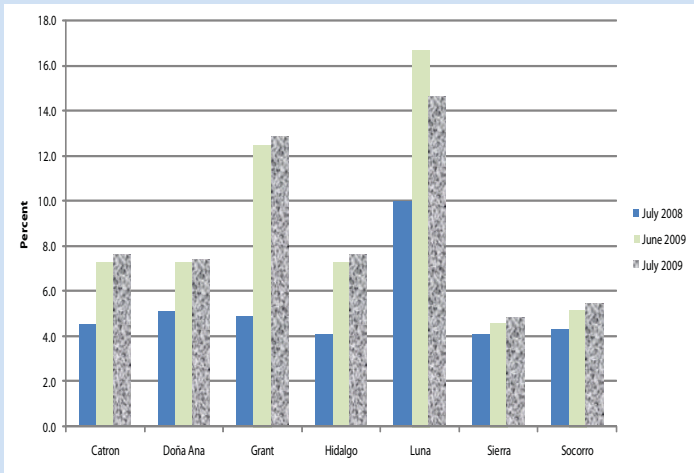
THE UNEMPLOYMENT rate, not seasonally adjusted, for the Southwestern WIA region was 8.3 percent, down from 8.4 percent in June. The highest unemployment rate in the Southwestern WIA region was Luna County (14.6 percent), and the lowest rate was in Socorro County (5.4 percent).

The total number of initial claims for the WIA region was 1,203, a 30 percent increase from the total number in July 2008. Continued claims have more than doubled since last

year, rising to 4,389 from 2,038 last July.

Continued claim counts were highest in the mining & construction grouping, with 1,026 more claims than last July. Claims in the professional & business services, educational & health services, and manufacturing industries constituted over 30 percent of total continued claims this month.

## UNEMPLOYMENT RATE BY COUNTY



Note: Figures not seasonally adjusted.  
Source: New Mexico Department of Workforce Solutions, Economic Research & Analysis Bureau, LAUS Unit in conjunction with the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

## WIA LABOR FORCE

**Civilian Labor Force**  
..... 135,613

**Employment**  
..... 124,291

**Unemployment**  
..... 11,322

**Unemployment Rate**  
..... 8.3%



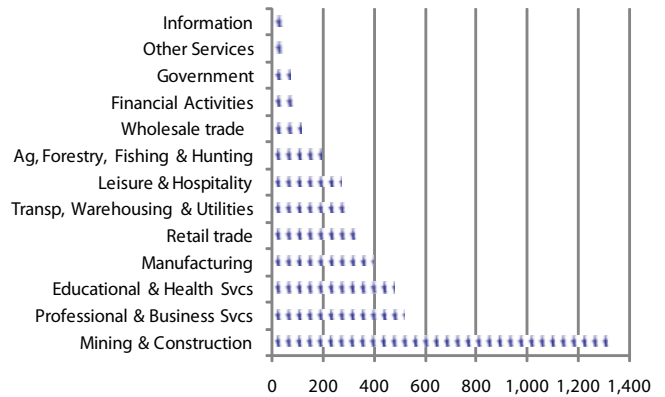
## OCCUPATIONAL SHORTAGES & SURPLUSES

Shortages		Surpluses	
Construction Carpenters		Accountants	Personal & Home Care Aides
Farmworkers & Laborers, Crop		Cashiers	Production Workers
Nursing Aides, Orderlies & Attendants		Computer Support Specialists	Retail Salespersons
Registered Nurses		Construction Carpenters	Truck Drivers, Heavy & Tractor-Trailer
Sales & Related Workers		Construction Laborers	Truck Drivers, Light or Delivery Services
Welders, Cutters & Welder Fitters		Cooks, Fast Food	
		Exec Secretaries & Admin Assistants	
		Home Health Aides	
		Nursing Aides, Orderlies & Attendants	
		Office Clerks	
Statewide Occupational Rollover Statistics			
Cashiers	Helpers--Production Wrks	Nursing Aides, Orderlies & Attendants	Sales Representatives
Computer Support Specialists	Janitors & Cleaners	Office Clerks	Security Guards
Customer Service Representatives	Laborers & Freight, Stock & Material Movers	Personal & Home Care Aides	Truck Drivers, Heavy & Tractor-Trailer
Electricians	Maids & Housekeeping Cleaners	Retail Salespersons	

Notes: Based on posted job orders & resumes entered in the NM Workforce Connection System by occupation in the last 30 days (August 24, 2009). Occupational Rollover Statistics is an indicator of occupational activity with both numerous job orders and resumes in NM Workforce Connection.  
Source: New Mexico Department of Workforce Solutions, Economic Research & Analysis Bureau.

## CONTINUED CLAIMANTS BY SELECTED INDUSTRIES

### July 2009



Note: Counts represent regular UI claims without earnings for the week that included the twelfth of the month and exclude claims without a valid industry code.  
Source: New Mexico Department of Workforce Solutions, Economic Research & Analysis Bureau, Program to Measure Insured Unemployed Statistics (PROMIS) database.

# Quick Reference Wage Information Sheets

WAGE INFO sheets are now available online for the Southwestern WIA region. NMDWS ER&A Bureau produces these pamphlets to serve the needs of the people in the WIA region and to help job seekers, businesses, and those looking for general wage information in southwestern New Mexico.

The wage data is presented by major occupational group from ranging from computer occupations to construction & extraction occupations. The data includes starting wages

and the wage range that about half the workers in that occupation earn.

The wage sheets are available online under the "Wages" tab at:

[www.dws.state.nm.us/dws-lmi.html](http://www.dws.state.nm.us/dws-lmi.html)

