The average weekly wage for Eddy County in third quarter of 2009 was $790. This would be equivalent to $19.75 per hour or $41,080 per year, assuming a 40-hour week worked the year around. The average weekly wage statewide was $722, which is equivalent to $18.05 per hour or $37,544 per year.

As a part of the Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS) program, employment figures are calculated based on the number of residents working. The total civilian labor force in the Eddy County for March 2010 was 29,226, of which 27,284 people were employed and 1,942 were unemployed. The unemployment rate was 6.6 percent as compared to the statewide unadjusted rate of 9 percent.

The Quarterly Census of Employment & Wages (QCEW) program also calculates an employment number, but this number is based on data for workers covered by state of New Mexico unemployment insurance laws and federal workers covered by the Unemployment Compensation for Federal Employees program. This program reports the number of jobs in an area regardless of where the employees live. QCEW data is currently available for the third quarter of 2009. The largest major industry sector was mining (with 15.3 percent of the employment), followed by health care & social assistance (with 12 percent) and retail trade (with 10 percent).