

# EMPLOYMENT NEWS RELEASE

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## News Release For Business Editor

New Mexico's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 7.2 percent in March 2012, unchanged from February but down from 7.5 percent a year earlier.

The rate of over-the-year job growth, comparing March 2012 with March 2011, was 0.5 percent, representing an increase of 4,000 jobs. The state has now added jobs for eight straight months after posting losses for 32 of the preceding 33 months. The employment survey showed gains in seven industries and losses in five others, with one unchanged from its year-earlier level.

Educational & health services continued to add more new jobs than any other industry, up 5,800 over the year. Mining, up 2,300, and leisure & hospitality, up 2,200, also posted large gains.

Other industries posted decreased employment from a year earlier, with construction down 3,200 and professional & business services down 2,800. Government registered a net loss of 1,100 jobs that included declines at the federal and local levels.

Detailed analysis will be provided in the *Labor Market Review* scheduled for release on April 27.

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**Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment**  
**(Not Seasonally Adjusted)**

NEW MEXICO	Preliminary Mar-12	Revised Feb-12	Revised Mar-11	Change	
				Monthly	Yearly
<b>TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT</b>	<b>804,400</b>	<b>800,900</b>	<b>800,400</b>	<b>3,500</b>	<b>4,000</b>
TOTAL PRIVATE	605,600	603,500	600,500	2,100	5,100
GOODS PRODUCING	90,200	90,600	91,100	-400	-900
SERVICE PROVIDING	714,200	710,300	709,300	3,900	4,900
<b>MINING &amp; LOGGING</b>	<b>22,500</b>	<b>22,500</b>	<b>20,200</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2,300</b>
<b>CONSTRUCTION</b>	<b>38,700</b>	<b>39,400</b>	<b>41,900</b>	<b>-700</b>	<b>-3,200</b>
<b>MANUFACTURING</b>	<b>29,000</b>	<b>28,700</b>	<b>29,000</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>WHOLESALE TRADE</b>	<b>21,100</b>	<b>20,800</b>	<b>20,700</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>400</b>
<b>RETAIL TRADE</b>	<b>88,900</b>	<b>88,800</b>	<b>88,500</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>400</b>
<b>TRANSPORTATION, WAREHOUSING &amp; UTILITIES</b>	<b>22,000</b>	<b>22,500</b>	<b>22,100</b>	<b>-500</b>	<b>-100</b>
<b>INFORMATION</b>	<b>13,800</b>	<b>14,100</b>	<b>13,600</b>	<b>-300</b>	<b>200</b>
<b>FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES</b>	<b>32,500</b>	<b>32,100</b>	<b>32,400</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>100</b>
<b>PROFESSIONAL &amp; BUSINESS SERVICES</b>	<b>96,800</b>	<b>96,300</b>	<b>99,600</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>-2,800</b>
<b>EDUCATIONAL &amp; HEALTH SERVICES</b>	<b>127,400</b>	<b>127,400</b>	<b>121,600</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5,800</b>
<b>LEISURE &amp; HOSPITALITY</b>	<b>85,700</b>	<b>83,500</b>	<b>83,500</b>	<b>2,200</b>	<b>2,200</b>
<b>OTHER SERVICES</b>	<b>27,200</b>	<b>27,400</b>	<b>27,400</b>	<b>-200</b>	<b>-200</b>
<b>GOVERNMENT</b>	<b>198,800</b>	<b>197,400</b>	<b>199,900</b>	<b>1,400</b>	<b>-1,100</b>
Federal Government	31,300	31,100	32,400	200	-1,100
State Government	61,000	60,200	60,700	800	300
<i>State Government Education</i>	<i>28,100</i>	<i>26,700</i>	<i>29,300</i>	<i>1,400</i>	<i>-1,200</i>
Local Government	106,500	106,100	106,800	400	-300
<i>Local Government Education</i>	<i>58,200</i>	<i>58,100</i>	<i>58,800</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>-600</i>

## U.S. Labor Force Estimates

	MARCH 2012				FEBRUARY 2012				MARCH 2011			
	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate
Seasonally Adjusted	154,707	142,034	12,673	8.2%	154,871	142,065	12,806	8.3%	153,392	139,764	13,628	8.9%
Not Seasonally Adjusted	154,316	141,412	12,904	8.4%	154,114	140,684	13,430	8.7%	153,022	138,962	14,060	9.2%

## New Mexico Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted Unless Noted as "SA")

	PRELIMINARY MARCH 2012				REVISED FEBRUARY 2012				REVISED MARCH 2011			
	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate
STATEWIDE SA	933,550	866,609	66,941	7.2%	932,004	865,217	66,787	7.2%	929,971	859,915	70,056	7.5%
STATEWIDE	925,578	860,747	64,831	7.0%	933,344	860,166	73,178	7.8%	923,769	854,445	69,324	7.5%
Albuquerque MSA SA	See note below.				See note below.				BLS 2011 MSA SA estimates not yet revised.			
Albuquerque MSA	396,612	367,157	29,455	7.4%	400,662	367,830	32,832	8.2%	395,794	364,942	30,852	7.8%
Bernalillo	303,649	281,724	21,925	7.2%	306,549	282,240	24,309	7.9%	302,908	280,024	22,884	7.6%
Sandoval	55,792	51,271	4,521	8.1%	56,399	51,365	5,034	8.9%	55,674	50,961	4,713	8.5%
Torrance	6,417	5,926	491	7.7%	6,534	5,937	597	9.1%	6,519	5,890	629	9.6%
Valencia	30,755	28,237	2,518	8.2%	31,181	28,289	2,892	9.3%	30,692	28,066	2,626	8.6%
Farmington MSA SA	See note below.				See note below.				BLS 2011 MSA SA estimates not yet revised.			
Farmington MSA	54,110	50,266	3,844	7.1%	54,901	50,501	4,400	8.0%	54,727	50,285	4,442	8.1%
Las Cruces MSA SA	See note below.				See note below.				BLS 2011 MSA SA estimates not yet revised.			
Las Cruces MSA	93,002	86,297	6,705	7.2%	92,592	85,064	7,528	8.1%	92,043	85,053	6,990	7.6%
Santa Fe MSA SA	See note below.				See note below.				BLS 2011 MSA SA estimates not yet revised.			
Santa Fe MSA	75,276	71,170	4,106	5.5%	75,696	70,891	4,805	6.3%	74,341	69,714	4,627	6.2%
Catron	1,405	1,290	115	8.2%	1,388	1,256	132	9.5%	1,499	1,349	150	10.0%
Chaves	26,047	24,316	1,731	6.6%	26,258	24,311	1,947	7.4%	26,542	24,707	1,835	6.9%
Cibola	12,065	11,322	743	6.2%	12,155	11,291	864	7.1%	12,078	11,233	845	7.0%
Colfax	6,306	5,811	495	7.8%	6,391	5,837	554	8.7%	6,356	5,820	536	8.4%
Curry	21,427	20,441	986	4.6%	21,594	20,385	1,209	5.6%	21,454	20,412	1,042	4.9%
De Baca	781	751	30	3.8%	789	746	43	5.4%	810	773	37	4.6%
Eddy	29,468	28,266	1,202	4.1%	29,794	28,355	1,439	4.8%	28,584	27,315	1,269	4.4%
Grant	11,688	10,847	841	7.2%	11,778	10,794	984	8.4%	11,597	10,635	962	8.3%
Guadalupe	1,703	1,512	191	11.2%	1,722	1,514	208	12.1%	1,731	1,537	194	11.2%
Harding	403	386	17	4.2%	396	376	20	5.1%	400	380	20	5.0%
Hidalgo	2,417	2,274	143	5.9%	2,443	2,279	164	6.7%	2,467	2,282	185	7.5%
Lea	29,714	28,429	1,285	4.3%	30,037	28,478	1,559	5.2%	28,341	26,817	1,524	5.4%
Lincoln	10,161	9,603	558	5.5%	10,250	9,572	678	6.6%	10,317	9,691	626	6.1%
Los Alamos	9,682	9,379	303	3.1%	9,815	9,425	390	4.0%	9,802	9,505	297	3.0%
Luna	12,139	9,726	2,413	19.9%	12,164	9,653	2,511	20.6%	12,114	9,552	2,562	21.1%
McKinley	26,007	23,755	2,252	8.7%	26,431	23,916	2,515	9.5%	26,357	24,011	2,346	8.9%
Mora	1,871	1,610	261	13.9%	1,888	1,600	288	15.3%	1,955	1,636	319	16.3%
Otero	25,395	23,883	1,512	6.0%	25,756	23,960	1,796	7.0%	25,805	24,179	1,626	6.3%
Quay	3,673	3,407	266	7.2%	3,714	3,407	307	8.3%	3,770	3,436	334	8.9%
Rio Arriba	18,540	16,981	1,559	8.4%	18,738	17,031	1,707	9.1%	18,903	17,234	1,669	8.8%
Roosevelt	9,215	8,788	427	4.6%	9,263	8,736	527	5.7%	9,296	8,866	430	4.6%
San Miguel	13,054	12,100	954	7.3%	13,096	12,028	1,068	8.2%	13,058	12,000	1,058	8.1%
Sierra	5,660	5,280	380	6.7%	5,714	5,269	445	7.8%	5,673	5,280	393	6.9%
Socorro	9,025	8,578	447	5.0%	9,168	8,641	527	5.7%	9,161	8,671	490	5.3%
Taos	16,840	15,312	1,528	9.1%	16,873	15,254	1,619	9.6%	16,925	15,363	1,562	9.2%
Union	1,897	1,812	85	4.5%	1,876	1,766	110	5.9%	1,867	1,768	99	5.3%

Note: BLS 2012 SA rates will be published April 27 in the March Labor Market Review and earlier during week in Table A at <http://www.dws.state.nm.us/LMI/pdf/TA>

**County Unemployment Rates, March 2012  
(Not Seasonally Adjusted)**

