

EMPLOYMENT NEWS RELEASE

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New Mexico's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 6.9 percent in April 2012, down from 7.2 percent in March and 7.5 percent a year earlier.

The rate of over-the-year job growth, comparing April 2012 with April 2011, was 0.1 percent, representing an increase of 900 jobs. The state has now added jobs for nine straight months after posting losses for 32 of the preceding 33 months. Employment increased in six industries, decreased in six others, and remained unchanged in one.

Educational and health services again led the growing industries, up 5,000 jobs from its April 2011 total. Mining, up 2,100, and leisure and hospitality, up 1,400, also posted large increases.

Professional and business services, down 3,400 jobs, registered the largest over-the-year decline, followed by government, down 2,200, and construction, down 1,300. The net loss in government comprised decreases at the federal and local levels and a very small increase at the state level.

Detailed analysis will be provided in the *Labor Market Review* scheduled for release on May 25.

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

NEW MEXICO	Preliminary	Revised	Revised	Change	
	Apr-12	Mar-12	Apr-11	Monthly	Yearly
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	808,600	805,300	807,700	3,300	900
TOTAL PRIVATE	609,800	606,600	606,700	3,200	3,100
GOODS PRODUCING	93,500	92,100	92,400	1,400	1,100
SERVICE PROVIDING	715,100	713,200	715,300	1,900	-200
MINING & LOGGING	22,700	22,600	20,600	100	2,100
CONSTRUCTION	41,400	40,500	42,700	900	-1,300
MANUFACTURING	29,400	29,000	29,100	400	300
WHOLESALE TRADE	20,900	21,100	20,800	-200	100
RETAIL TRADE	90,100	88,900	89,500	1,200	600
TRANSPORTATION, WAREHOUSING & UTILITIES	21,900	22,100	22,200	-200	-300
INFORMATION	14,100	13,800	14,400	300	-300
FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES	32,600	32,500	32,600	100	0
PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS SERVICES	96,800	96,400	100,200	400	-3,400
EDUCATIONAL & HEALTH SERVICES	127,200	127,000	122,200	200	5,000
LEISURE & HOSPITALITY	86,300	85,500	84,900	800	1,400
OTHER SERVICES	26,400	27,200	27,500	-800	-1,100
GOVERNMENT	198,800	198,700	201,000	100	-2,200
Federal Government	31,500	31,200	32,900	300	-1,400
State Government	61,000	61,000	60,900	0	100
<i>State Government Education</i>	<i>28,000</i>	<i>28,100</i>	<i>29,100</i>	<i>-100</i>	<i>-1,100</i>
Local Government	106,300	106,500	107,200	-200	-900
<i>Local Government Education</i>	<i>57,900</i>	<i>58,100</i>	<i>58,900</i>	<i>-200</i>	<i>-1,000</i>

U.S. Labor Force Estimates

	APRIL 2012				MARCH 2012				APRIL 2011			
	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate
Seasonally Adjusted	154,365	141,865	12,500	8.1%	154,707	142,034	12,673	8.2%	153,420	139,628	13,792	9.0%
Not Seasonally Adjusted	153,905	141,995	11,910	7.7%	154,316	141,412	12,904	8.4%	152,898	139,661	13,237	8.7%

Note: Numbers are in thousands.

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

	PRELIMINARY APRIL 2012				REVISED MARCH 2012				REVISED APRIL 2011			
	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate
STATEWIDE SA	932,846	868,587	64,259	6.9%	933,676	866,761	66,915	7.2%	929,016	859,394	69,622	7.5%
STATEWIDE	923,885	866,744	57,141	6.2%	925,875	861,105	64,770	7.0%	925,521	858,630	66,891	7.2%
Albuquerque MSA SA	See note below.				See note below.				BLS is currently revising 2011 SA estimates.			
Albuquerque MSA	396,976	371,108	25,868	6.5%	396,805	367,375	29,430	7.4%	397,010	367,171	29,839	7.5%
Bernalillo	303,965	284,755	19,210	6.3%	303,801	281,891	21,910	7.2%	303,961	281,734	22,227	7.3%
Sandoval	55,738	51,822	3,916	7.0%	55,813	51,301	4,512	8.1%	55,781	51,273	4,508	8.1%
Torrance	6,458	5,990	468	7.2%	6,421	5,929	492	7.7%	6,506	5,926	580	8.9%
Valencia	30,815	28,541	2,274	7.4%	30,770	28,254	2,516	8.2%	30,763	28,238	2,525	8.2%
Farmington MSA SA	See note below.				See note below.				BLS is currently revising 2011 SA estimates.			
Farmington MSA	54,494	51,105	3,389	6.2%	54,389	50,551	3,838	7.1%	55,440	51,223	4,217	7.6%
Las Cruces MSA SA	See note below.				See note below.				BLS is currently revising 2011 SA estimates.			
Las Cruces MSA	92,033	85,966	6,067	6.6%	92,895	86,194	6,701	7.2%	92,019	85,186	6,833	7.4%
Santa Fe MSA SA	See note below.				See note below.				BLS is currently revising 2011 SA estimates.			
Santa Fe MSA	75,087	71,539	3,548	4.7%	75,181	71,084	4,097	5.4%	74,047	69,712	4,335	5.9%
Catron	1,429	1,338	91	6.4%	1,384	1,269	115	8.3%	1,593	1,468	125	7.8%
Chaves	26,393	24,908	1,485	5.6%	26,435	24,706	1,729	6.5%	26,529	24,752	1,777	6.7%
Cibola	12,055	11,412	643	5.3%	12,059	11,317	742	6.2%	12,060	11,259	801	6.6%
Colfax	6,017	5,551	466	7.7%	6,293	5,801	492	7.8%	6,007	5,478	529	8.8%
Curry	21,367	20,555	812	3.8%	21,472	20,485	987	4.6%	21,449	20,479	970	4.5%
De Baca	786	760	26	3.3%	793	763	30	3.8%	804	768	36	4.5%
Eddy	29,827	28,800	1,027	3.4%	29,772	28,568	1,204	4.0%	28,838	27,632	1,206	4.2%
Grant	12,053	11,340	713	5.9%	11,950	11,110	840	7.0%	11,679	10,801	878	7.5%
Guadalupe	1,761	1,594	167	9.5%	1,762	1,572	190	10.8%	1,786	1,600	186	10.4%
Harding	377	363	14	3.7%	397	380	17	4.3%	373	357	16	4.3%
Hidalgo	2,429	2,294	135	5.6%	2,397	2,255	142	5.9%	2,561	2,374	187	7.3%
Lea	29,758	28,691	1,067	3.6%	29,695	28,412	1,283	4.3%	28,435	26,988	1,447	5.1%
Lincoln	10,166	9,676	490	4.8%	10,083	9,525	558	5.5%	10,184	9,610	574	5.6%
Los Alamos	9,308	9,059	249	2.7%	9,647	9,345	302	3.1%	9,762	9,489	273	2.8%
Luna	11,786	9,482	2,304	19.5%	11,768	9,357	2,411	20.5%	12,341	9,745	2,596	21.0%
McKinley	25,890	23,881	2,009	7.8%	25,951	23,704	2,247	8.7%	26,399	24,124	2,275	8.6%
Mora	1,851	1,608	243	13.1%	1,864	1,605	259	13.9%	1,928	1,613	315	16.3%
Otero	25,232	23,958	1,274	5.0%	25,321	23,811	1,510	6.0%	25,641	24,113	1,528	6.0%
Quay	3,594	3,366	228	6.3%	3,635	3,370	265	7.3%	3,791	3,475	316	8.3%
Rio Arriba	18,253	16,877	1,376	7.5%	18,360	16,802	1,558	8.5%	19,139	17,539	1,600	8.4%
Roosevelt	9,191	8,836	355	3.9%	9,291	8,864	427	4.6%	9,220	8,805	415	4.5%
San Miguel	12,943	12,114	829	6.4%	12,914	11,962	952	7.4%	13,091	12,108	983	7.5%
Sierra	5,595	5,263	332	5.9%	5,634	5,254	380	6.7%	5,519	5,155	364	6.6%
Socorro	8,996	8,613	383	4.3%	9,010	8,564	446	5.0%	9,173	8,716	457	5.0%
Taos	16,340	14,851	1,489	9.1%	16,816	15,285	1,531	9.1%	16,796	15,072	1,724	10.3%
Union	1,901	1,836	65	3.4%	1,896	1,812	84	4.4%	1,909	1,819	90	4.7%

Note: BLS 2012 MSA SA rates will be published May 25 in the April Labor Market Review and in Table A at <http://www.dws.state.nm.us/LMI/pdf/TA2012.pdf>.

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

