

EMPLOYMENT NEWS RELEASE

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New Mexico's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 6.4 percent in September 2012, down from 6.5 percent in August and also down from 7.4 percent a year ago.

The rate of over-the-year job growth, comparing September 2012 with September 2011, was negative 1.1 percent, representing a loss of 9,200 jobs. The current round of job loss started in June after ten months of over-the-year job growth. Six industries are currently adding employment and seven industries are losing jobs.

Large gains were reported by the leisure and hospitality industry, adding 2,700 jobs over the year. Educational and health services added 1,000 jobs since this time last year, growing 0.8 percent. The mining industry gained 900 jobs, continuing a growth trend that has persisted for more than two years.

The professional and business services industry reported the loss of 3,200 jobs since this time last year, after briefly adding jobs last summer. Having made brief gains earlier this year, construction reported renewed losses of 3,000 jobs over the year. The miscellaneous *other services* industry lost 1,200 jobs. Government employment registered a net loss of 5,100 jobs since last year, with job losses reported at both the state and federal levels.

Due to a system upgrade, the *Labor Analysis Statistics and Economic Reserach (LASER)* online system will be unavailable October 19-20. The data in this Employment News Release will be available in the upgraded version of *LASER* on Monday, October 22, 2012. Detailed analysis will be provided in the Labor Market Review scheduled for release on October 26.

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

NEW MEXICO	Preliminary Sep-12	Revised Aug-12	Revised Sep-11	Change	
				Monthly	Yearly
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	801,000	794,100	810,200	6,900	-9,200
TOTAL PRIVATE	609,700	611,800	613,800	-2,100	-4,100
GOODS PRODUCING	93,900	95,600	95,300	-1,700	-1,400
SERVICE PROVIDING	707,100	698,500	714,900	8,600	-7,800
MINING & LOGGING	22,600	22,700	21,700	-100	900
CONSTRUCTION	40,400	42,100	43,400	-1,700	-3,000
MANUFACTURING	30,900	30,800	30,200	100	700
WHOLESALE TRADE	21,600	21,400	21,200	200	400
RETAIL TRADE	89,700	90,000	90,200	-300	-500
TRANSPORTATION, WAREHOUSING & UTILITIES	22,000	21,800	21,700	200	300
INFORMATION	13,300	13,100	14,500	200	-1,200
FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES	32,200	32,200	33,200	0	-1,000
PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS SERVICES	96,800	96,600	100,000	200	-3,200
EDUCATIONAL & HEALTH SERVICES	126,100	125,500	125,100	600	1,000
LEISURE & HOSPITALITY	88,200	89,000	85,500	-800	2,700
OTHER SERVICES	25,900	26,600	27,100	-700	-1,200
GOVERNMENT	191,300	182,300	196,400	9,000	-5,100
Federal Government	31,500	31,400	32,700	100	-1,200
State Government	55,700	51,900	59,700	3,800	-4,000
<i>State Government Education</i>	<i>26,500</i>	<i>22,900</i>	<i>26,900</i>	<i>3,600</i>	<i>-400</i>
Local Government	104,100	99,000	104,000	5,100	100
<i>Local Government Education</i>	<i>55,500</i>	<i>50,500</i>	<i>55,700</i>	<i>5,000</i>	<i>-200</i>

U.S. Labor Force Estimates

	SEPTEMBER 2012				AUGUST 2012				SEPTEMBER 2011			
	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate
Seasonally Adjusted	155,063	142,974	12,088	7.8%	154,645	142,101	12,544	8.1%	154,004	140,107	13,897	9.0%
Not Seasonally Adjusted	155,075	143,333	11,742	7.6%	155,255	142,558	12,696	8.2%	154,022	140,502	13,520	8.8%

Note: Numbers are in thousands.

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

	PRELIMINARY SEPTEMBER 2012				REVISED AUGUST 2012				REVISED SEPTEMBER 2011			
	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate
STATEWIDE SA	922,092	863,293	58,799	6.4%	920,048	860,320	59,728	6.5%	926,092	857,891	68,201	7.4%
STATEWIDE	926,656	871,073	55,583	6.0%	922,980	864,173	58,807	6.4%	926,828	860,097	66,731	7.2%
Albuquerque MSA SA	See notes below.				See notes below.				397,015	366,221	30,794	7.8%
Albuquerque MSA	394,412	369,089	25,323	6.4%	392,580	365,814	26,766	6.8%	396,500	365,592	30,908	7.8%
Bernalillo	302,182	283,206	18,976	6.3%	300,625	280,693	19,932	6.6%	303,314	280,523	22,791	7.5%
Sandoval	55,425	51,540	3,885	7.0%	55,252	51,083	4,169	7.5%	55,852	51,052	4,800	8.6%
Torrance	6,408	5,957	451	7.0%	6,360	5,904	456	7.2%	6,518	5,901	617	9.5%
Valencia	30,396	28,385	2,011	6.6%	30,343	28,134	2,209	7.3%	30,817	28,116	2,701	8.8%
Farmington MSA SA	See notes below.				See notes below.				55,536	51,355	4,181	7.5%
Farmington MSA	54,272	50,946	3,326	6.1%	53,580	49,940	3,640	6.8%	55,647	51,536	4,111	7.4%
Las Cruces MSA SA	See notes below.				See notes below.				92,337	85,545	6,792	7.4%
Las Cruces MSA	91,659	86,040	5,619	6.1%	91,347	85,390	5,957	6.5%	92,525	86,097	6,428	6.9%
Santa Fe MSA SA	See notes below.				See notes below.				74,362	69,988	4,374	5.9%
Santa Fe MSA	75,901	72,226	3,675	4.8%	75,104	71,342	3,762	5.0%	74,053	69,620	4,433	6.0%
Catron	1,612	1,519	93	5.8%	1,642	1,551	91	5.5%	1,502	1,391	111	7.4%
Chaves	26,471	24,981	1,490	5.6%	26,268	24,703	1,565	6.0%	26,295	24,517	1,778	6.8%
Cibola	12,048	11,377	671	5.6%	11,864	11,142	722	6.1%	11,966	11,136	830	6.9%
Colfax	6,096	5,695	401	6.6%	7,127	6,699	428	6.0%	6,185	5,680	505	8.2%
Curry	21,308	20,391	917	4.3%	20,916	19,980	936	4.5%	21,183	20,087	1,096	5.2%
De Baca	770	738	32	4.2%	779	749	30	3.9%	783	743	40	5.1%
Eddy	30,163	29,092	1,071	3.6%	30,081	28,989	1,092	3.6%	29,426	28,122	1,304	4.4%
Grant	12,031	11,285	746	6.2%	11,819	11,054	765	6.5%	11,532	10,670	862	7.5%
Guadalupe	1,727	1,586	141	8.2%	1,730	1,580	150	8.7%	1,724	1,543	181	10.5%
Harding	390	372	18	4.6%	384	369	15	3.9%	374	354	20	5.3%
Hidalgo	2,825	2,667	158	5.6%	2,905	2,727	178	6.1%	2,666	2,515	151	5.7%
Lea	30,867	29,700	1,167	3.8%	30,501	29,334	1,167	3.8%	29,670	28,210	1,460	4.9%
Lincoln	10,547	10,067	480	4.6%	10,886	10,390	496	4.6%	10,455	9,893	562	5.4%
Los Alamos	9,567	9,258	309	3.2%	9,571	9,262	309	3.2%	9,927	9,606	321	3.2%
Luna	13,279	11,719	1,560	11.7%	13,750	11,954	1,796	13.1%	13,516	11,764	1,752	13.0%
McKinley	25,964	23,996	1,968	7.6%	25,946	23,776	2,170	8.4%	26,236	23,861	2,375	9.1%
Mora	1,862	1,659	203	10.9%	1,869	1,649	220	11.8%	1,890	1,639	251	13.3%
Otero	25,418	23,971	1,447	5.7%	25,372	23,923	1,449	5.7%	25,196	23,574	1,622	6.4%
Quay	3,737	3,501	236	6.3%	3,704	3,458	246	6.6%	3,779	3,486	293	7.8%
Rio Arriba	18,493	17,241	1,252	6.8%	18,667	17,310	1,357	7.3%	18,522	17,070	1,452	7.8%
Roosevelt	9,135	8,755	380	4.2%	8,700	8,293	407	4.7%	8,965	8,516	449	5.0%
San Miguel	12,897	12,070	827	6.4%	12,424	11,531	893	7.2%	12,831	11,848	983	7.7%
Sierra	5,964	5,646	318	5.3%	5,925	5,608	317	5.4%	6,068	5,703	365	6.0%
Socorro	9,083	8,680	403	4.4%	9,020	8,597	423	4.7%	9,043	8,535	508	5.6%
Taos	16,216	14,941	1,275	7.9%	16,579	15,197	1,382	8.3%	16,422	14,939	1,483	9.0%
Union	1,937	1,861	76	3.9%	1,937	1,862	75	3.9%	1,945	1,849	96	4.9%

Notes: BLS 2012 MSA SA unemployment rates will be published October 26 in the September *Labor Market Review* and in Table A at <http://www.dws.state.nm.us/Portals/0/DM/LMI/TA2012.pdf>. BLS MSA SA series from January 2000 forward are available at <http://www.bls.gov/lau/metrosa.htm>.

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

