

EMPLOYMENT NEWS RELEASE

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New Mexico's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 6.4 percent in December 2012, up from 6.2 percent in November but down from 7.0 percent a year earlier. The national unemployment rate was 7.8 percent.

The rate of over-the-year job growth, comparing December 2012 with December 2011, was negative 0.4 percent, representing a loss of 3,200 jobs. The current round of job losses started in June after ten months of over-the-year job growth. In December, five industries added employment over the year, while eight industries lost jobs.

The largest employment gains were reported by the leisure and hospitality industry, adding 3,700 jobs since last year. Job growth in the large educational and health services industry has dropped, with an over-the-year increase of 1,200 jobs in December, compared to growth of about 5,000 jobs reported at the start of 2012. The professional and business services industry reported the largest over-the-year employment losses in the private sector, with a loss of 2,900 jobs. The information, and transportation, warehousing, and utilities industries each reported employment levels that were down 900 jobs from last year. Government employment registered a net loss of 5,600 jobs, with job losses reported at the state and federal levels. State employment reported an over-the-year loss of 4,500 jobs, while employment in Federal government was down 1,100 jobs.

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

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

NEW MEXICO	Preliminary Dec-12	Revised Nov-12	Revised Dec-11	Change	
				Monthly	Yearly
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	804,800	804,600	808,000	200	-3,200
TOTAL PRIVATE	612,700	610,800	610,300	1,900	2,400
GOODS PRODUCING	93,900	93,900	92,300	0	1,600
SERVICE PROVIDING	710,900	710,700	715,700	200	-4,800
MINING & LOGGING	21,800	22,200	22,100	-400	-300
CONSTRUCTION	42,400	41,800	40,800	600	1,600
MANUFACTURING	29,700	29,900	29,400	-200	300
WHOLESALE TRADE	21,200	21,300	21,400	-100	-200
RETAIL TRADE	93,200	91,500	92,200	1,700	1,000
TRANSPORTATION, WAREHOUSING & UTILITIES	21,800	22,100	22,700	-300	-900
INFORMATION	13,600	13,700	14,500	-100	-900
FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES	33,300	33,000	33,400	300	-100
PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS SERVICES	95,700	95,200	98,600	500	-2,900
EDUCATIONAL & HEALTH SERVICES	127,100	127,600	125,900	-500	1,200
LEISURE & HOSPITALITY	86,800	86,300	83,100	500	3,700
OTHER SERVICES	26,100	26,200	26,200	-100	-100
GOVERNMENT	192,100	193,800	197,700	-1,700	-5,600
Federal Government	30,500	30,500	31,600	0	-1,100
State Government	55,600	56,500	60,100	-900	-4,500
<i>State Government Education</i>	<i>28,300</i>	<i>28,500</i>	<i>27,900</i>	<i>-200</i>	<i>400</i>
Local Government	106,000	106,800	106,000	-800	0
<i>Local Government Education</i>	<i>57,500</i>	<i>57,900</i>	<i>57,400</i>	<i>-400</i>	<i>100</i>

U.S. Labor Force Estimates

	DECEMBER 2012				NOVEMBER 2012				DECEMBER 2011			
	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate
Seasonally Adjusted	155,511	143,305	12,206	7.8%	155,319	143,277	12,042	7.8%	153,945	140,896	13,049	8.5%
Not Seasonally Adjusted	154,904	143,060	11,844	7.6%	154,953	143,549	11,404	7.4%	153,373	140,681	12,692	8.3%

Note: Numbers are in thousands.

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

	PRELIMINARY DECEMBER 2012				REVISED NOVEMBER 2012				REVISED DECEMBER 2011			
	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate
STATEWIDE SA	933,696	874,135	59,561	6.4%	928,803	871,318	57,485	6.2%	927,292	862,672	64,620	7.0%
STATEWIDE	938,982	878,400	60,582	6.5%	935,333	879,444	55,889	6.0%	929,230	867,670	61,560	6.6%
Albuquerque MSA SA	See notes below.				See notes below.				396,983	367,405	29,578	7.5%
Albuquerque MSA	400,499	373,684	26,815	6.7%	399,398	374,363	25,035	6.3%	398,129	370,278	27,851	7.0%
Bernalillo	306,657	286,732	19,925	6.5%	305,821	287,253	18,568	6.1%	304,563	284,118	20,445	6.7%
Sandoval	56,344	52,182	4,162	7.4%	56,187	52,277	3,910	7.0%	56,135	51,706	4,429	7.9%
Torrance	6,507	6,031	476	7.3%	6,513	6,042	471	7.2%	6,513	5,976	537	8.2%
Valencia	30,991	28,739	2,252	7.3%	30,878	28,791	2,087	6.8%	30,916	28,477	2,439	7.9%
Farmington MSA SA	See notes below.				See notes below.				55,061	51,153	3,908	7.1%
Farmington MSA	54,895	51,318	3,577	6.5%	54,681	51,418	3,263	6.0%	54,608	50,963	3,645	6.7%
Las Cruces MSA SA	See notes below.				See notes below.				92,472	85,944	6,528	7.1%
Las Cruces MSA	92,300	86,012	6,288	6.8%	91,590	85,975	5,615	6.1%	93,165	86,905	6,260	6.7%
Santa Fe MSA SA	See notes below.				See notes below.				75,201	71,019	4,182	5.6%
Santa Fe MSA	77,171	73,247	3,924	5.1%	76,822	73,175	3,647	4.7%	75,439	71,456	3,983	5.3%
Catron	1,440	1,331	109	7.6%	1,497	1,396	101	6.7%	1,396	1,282	114	8.2%
Chaves	26,425	24,790	1,635	6.2%	26,414	24,911	1,503	5.7%	26,123	24,448	1,675	6.4%
Cibola	12,209	11,497	712	5.8%	12,181	11,528	653	5.4%	12,039	11,293	746	6.2%
Colfax	6,306	5,844	462	7.3%	6,096	5,661	435	7.1%	6,327	5,835	492	7.8%
Curry	21,813	20,793	1,020	4.7%	21,739	20,825	914	4.2%	21,446	20,449	997	4.6%
De Baca	781	747	34	4.4%	783	752	31	4.0%	763	728	35	4.6%
Eddy	31,198	30,035	1,163	3.7%	31,104	30,038	1,066	3.4%	29,605	28,401	1,204	4.1%
Grant	12,227	11,389	838	6.9%	12,313	11,528	785	6.4%	11,651	10,814	837	7.2%
Guadalupe	1,748	1,597	151	8.6%	1,700	1,561	139	8.2%	1,685	1,525	160	9.5%
Harding	402	383	19	4.7%	404	387	17	4.2%	392	377	15	3.8%
Hidalgo	2,510	2,331	179	7.1%	2,532	2,372	160	6.3%	2,529	2,396	133	5.3%
Lea	31,827	30,575	1,252	3.9%	31,837	30,708	1,129	3.5%	29,870	28,571	1,299	4.3%
Lincoln	10,130	9,568	562	5.5%	10,147	9,629	518	5.1%	10,232	9,673	559	5.5%
Los Alamos	9,601	9,260	341	3.6%	9,525	9,226	299	3.1%	9,892	9,589	303	3.1%
Luna	12,199	10,024	2,175	17.8%	12,363	10,400	1,963	15.9%	12,067	10,002	2,065	17.1%
McKinley	26,301	24,122	2,179	8.3%	26,016	23,999	2,017	7.8%	26,219	24,085	2,134	8.1%
Mora	1,854	1,595	259	14.0%	1,839	1,608	231	12.6%	1,848	1,593	255	13.8%
Otero	26,355	24,766	1,589	6.0%	26,008	24,548	1,460	5.6%	25,663	24,135	1,528	6.0%
Quay	3,719	3,473	246	6.6%	3,748	3,522	226	6.0%	3,771	3,501	270	7.2%
Rio Arriba	18,784	17,356	1,428	7.6%	18,717	17,410	1,307	7.0%	18,694	17,295	1,399	7.5%
Roosevelt	9,061	8,614	447	4.9%	9,144	8,749	395	4.3%	8,999	8,581	418	4.6%
San Miguel	13,163	12,267	896	6.8%	13,238	12,403	835	6.3%	12,905	12,003	902	7.0%
Sierra	5,770	5,408	362	6.3%	5,968	5,650	318	5.3%	5,834	5,474	360	6.2%
Socorro	9,429	8,981	448	4.8%	9,349	8,945	404	4.3%	9,118	8,676	442	4.8%
Taos	17,016	15,635	1,381	8.1%	16,340	14,996	1,344	8.2%	16,965	15,574	1,391	8.2%
Union	1,848	1,757	91	4.9%	1,842	1,762	80	4.3%	1,857	1,769	88	4.7%

Notes: BLS MSA SA unemployment rates will be released by January 22 in the revised *Table A 2012* file and on January 25 in the December *Labor Market Review* publica under the *Labor Market Information* tab at <http://www.dws.state.nm.us/>. All BLS MSA SA series from January 2000 forward are available at <http://www.bls.gov/lau/metros>

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

