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Central WIA Highlights

Eclipse Aerospace, U.S. Forest Service Jobs, and Larry H. Miller Dealership

Albuquerque Area, Bernalillo County:

Eclipse Aerospace will pay \$40 million for the former Eclipse Aviation assets. The old company filed for Chapter 11 protection with the U.S. Bankruptcy Court last November. In March, however, the Court granted a motion to convert the proceedings to Chapter 7 liquidation. The final sale will close on August 20, and the new company will start gradually hiring workers. At one point, the former company employed nearly 2,000 people. The new firm expects to employ a few hundred workers servicing existing Eclipse jets and make new planes.

The **U.S. Forest Service** plans to add 140 employ-

ees to its Albuquerque workforce by January 2010. The jobs typically pay between \$40,000 and \$70,000 annually. The Forest Service, currently housed in one of the Sun Healthcare buildings at Journal Center in north Albuquerque, has been consolidating its financial services and human resources in Albuquerque for the past two years. For more information about Forest Service jobs, go to www.usajobs.gov or call (toll free) 877-372-7248 ext. 2.

In February, Zangara Dodge at Lomas and Wyoming shut down suddenly, throwing 150 employees out of work. The **Larry H. Miller Group** recently took over the lot and began

moving in new inventory. The new dealership will sell Dodge, Chrysler, and Jeep vehicles. The old lot is not all the Larry H. Miller Group took from Zangara Dodge; it also recruited some former employees. The dealership is expected to have 100 employees within the next few months.

Economic activity in the Central WIA is gathered from published articles, government documents, private and public sector news releases, and reports from local NMDWS Workforce Centers.

If you would like to provide information about any business openings, closings, or economic activity in the Central WIA, please contact NMDWS Economic Research & Analysis Bureau at:

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New Data Released

THE QUARTERLY Census of Employment & Wages (QCEW) unit of the Economic Research & Analysis Bureau has released first quarter data this month. This unit produces a quarterly count of employment and wages by industry at the state-wide, WIA region, MSA, and county levels.

The total number of employees located in the Central WIA in first quarter was 366,252. The largest major industry sector was health care & social assistance followed by retail trade.

The first quarter QCEW data includes 2008 annual data. This employment data is available under the "Publications" tab at: www.dws.state.nm.us/dws-lmi.html

Data at the WIA level is also be available in New Mexico's online labor market information system, *LASER*, at:

<http://laser.state.nm.us>

QUICK FACTS

NATIONAL	NEW MEXICO	CENTRAL WIA
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE ¹ 9.6%	UNEMPLOYMENT RATE 7.6%	UNEMPLOYMENT RATE 7.9%
INITIAL UI CLAIMS ² 28.7%	INITIAL UI CLAIMS ³ 44.1%	INITIAL UI CLAIMS 26.4%
CONTINUED UI CLAIMS 81.3%	CONTINUED UI CLAIMS 116.4%	CONTINUED UI CLAIMS 99.1%

¹ Figures are not seasonally adjusted.

² Unemployment claims data is over-the-year percentage change.

³ State and WIA counts represent regular UI claims without earnings for the week that included the twelfth of the month.

National data source: U.S. Department of Labor, Employment & Training Administration

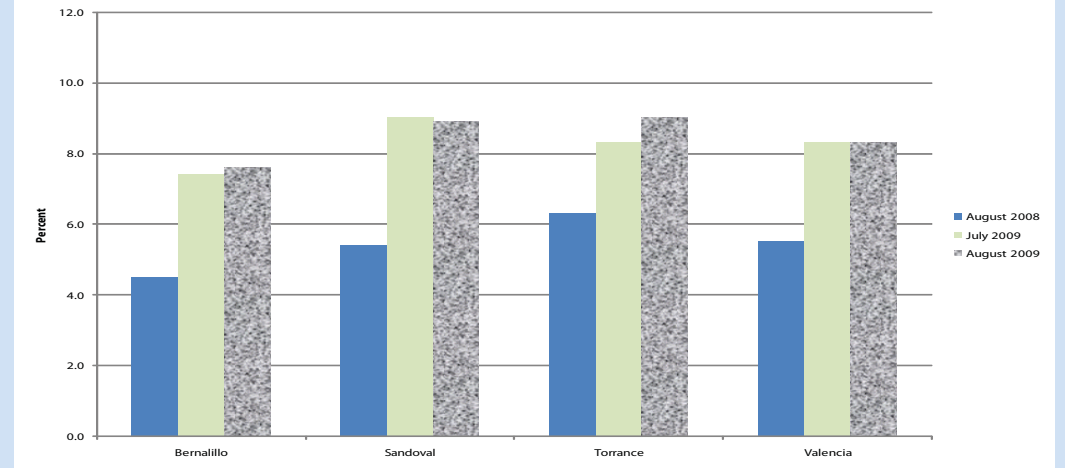
State and WIA data source: New Mexico Department of Workforce Solutions, Economic Research & Analysis Bureau, Program to Measure Insured Unemployed Statistics (PROMIS) database.

Unemployment

THE UNEMPLOYMENT rate, not seasonally adjusted, for the Central WIA region was 7.9 percent, up from 7.7 percent in June. The highest unemployment rate in the Central WIA region was Torrance County (9.0 percent), and the lowest rate was in Bernalillo County (7.6 percent).

The total number of initial claims for the WIA region was 3,737, a 26 percent increase from the total number in August 2008. Continued claims have nearly doubled since last year.

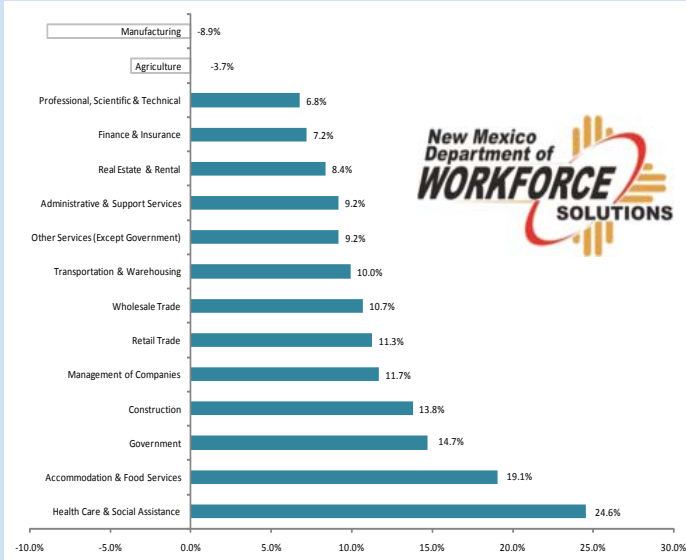
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE BY COUNTY



Note: Figures not seasonally adjusted.

Source: New Mexico Department of Workforce Solutions, Economic Research & Analysis Bureau, LAUS Unit in conjunction with the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

CENTRAL WIA PROJECTED INDUSTRY PERCENT CHANGE 2008-2018



Source: New Mexico Department of Workforce Solutions, Economic Research & Analysis Bureau, 2008-2018 Projections.

2008-2018 Employment Projections "In Brief"

THE 2018 Central WIA Employment Projections In Brief presents a summary of information about the region's job market and economy for ten years from 2008 to 2018. Additional information can be found in the 2018 In Brief, the Employment Projections 2018 for the other WIA regions and MSAs, and on our website at:

www.dws.state.nm.us/dws-lmi.html

The Central WIA economy is expected to generate about 50,010 new jobs through the

year 2018. This represents growth of about 12.2 percent.

The healthcare & social assistance sector leads the growth by adding over 12,360 alone, followed by accommodation & food services and education, projected to add over 12,600 jobs combined. Occupations with the highest annual openings make up a diverse group. Examples include personal care aides, retail salespersons, registered nurses, administrative support workers, and teachers.

WIA LABOR FORCE

Civilian Labor Force
.....407,774

Employment
.....375,717

Unemployment
.....32,057

Unemployment Rate
.....7.9%

OCCUPATIONAL SHORTAGES & SURPLUSES

Shortages	Surpluses
Business Operations Specialists Computer Hardware Engineers Lic Practical & Lic Vocational Nurses Managers Registered Nurses Sales Managers	Accountants Administrative Services Managers Cashiers Construction Carpenters Construction Laborers Customer Service Representatives Exec Secretaries & Admin Assts Home Health Aides Human Resources Assistants Managers Office Clerks Receptionists & Information Clerks Truck Drivers, Heavy & Tractor-Trailer
Statewide Occupational Rollover Statistics	
Cashiers Customer Service Representatives Nursing Aides, Orderlies & Attendants Retail Salespersons	Sales Representatives, Services

Notes: Based on posted job orders & resumes entered in the NM Workforce Connection System by occupation in the last 30 days (August 24, 2009). Occupational Rollover Statistics is an indicator of occupational activity with both numerous job orders and resumes in NM Workforce Connection.

Source: New Mexico Department of Workforce Solutions, Economic Research & Analysis Bureau.