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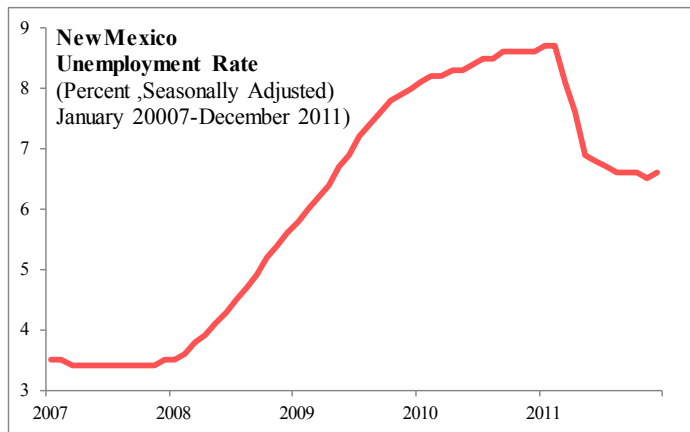
New Mexico's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 6.6 percent in December 2011, up slightly from 6.5 percent in November but down from 8.6 percent a year ago. The national unemployment rate dropped to 8.5 percent.

Retail trade has recovered from previous losses to report 3,700 additional jobs, while wholesale trade posted gains totaling 1,800 jobs. Employment also increased over the year in financial activities (up 2,800 jobs), mining (up 2,400 jobs), leisure & hospitality (up 1,400 jobs) and manufacturing (up 100 jobs).

The professional & business services industry reported employment that was unchanged from a year earlier. This marks improvement from the losses reported for most of 2011.

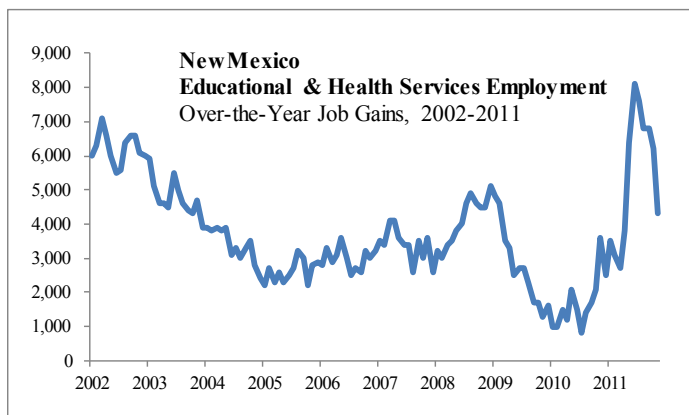
The remaining four private-sector industries each recorded declining employment. Construction was down 6,000 jobs over the year. Two industries—information and transportation, warehousing & utilities—each shed 200 jobs from their previous-year totals, while the miscellaneous *other services* category was down 1,400 jobs.

Government employment registered a net loss of 1,300 jobs over the year, with a small gain in state government (up 400 jobs) only slightly offsetting much larger losses at the federal (down 800 jobs) and local (down 900 jobs) levels. The government sector posted negative over-the-year growth for all but one month in 2011.



The rate of over-the-year job growth, comparing December 2011 with December 2010, was 0.9 percent, representing an increase of 7,400 jobs. New Mexico has now posted seven straight months of over-the-year job growth, following a sustained period of losses that began in November 2008. The employment survey showed seven industries adding jobs, five losing jobs, and one unchanged from a year earlier.

The largest private-sector industry group, educational & health services, continued to add a large proportion of the new jobs. This fast-growing group of firms, dominated by large health care providers, gained 4,300 jobs over the year, growing 3.5 percent.



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Albuquerque MSA (Bernalillo, Sandoval, Torrance, and Valencia Counties)

The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for the Albuquerque MSA edged up to 7.0 percent in December 2011 from 6.9 percent in November, marking its first increase in more than a year. The civilian labor force expanded for the fourth consecutive month, as both employment and unemployment increased in December. These over-the-month changes may indicate that discouraged workers have begun returning to the labor force, with still-temperid job growth insufficient to fully accommodate their reentry. The civilian labor force remained well below its year-earlier level, however, when the unemployment rate stood at 9.0 percent.

December nonfarm payroll employment was down 1,700 jobs or 0.5 percent over the year in the Albuquerque MSA, where job growth again lagged that of the state as a whole (up 0.9 percent) and the three other metropolitan areas (Santa Fe, up 1.6 percent; Las Cruces, down 0.4 percent; and Farmington, down 0.4 percent). Contraction in both government (down 1,000 jobs or 1.2 percent) and the private sector (down 700 jobs or 0.2 percent) pushed the Albuquerque MSA to its thirty-ninth consecutive month of year-over-year losses. Employment increased in four industries, decreased in six, and was unchanged in two.

Typically large over-the-month gains in September and November sharply increased educational & health services employment from the levels that persisted through the first two-thirds of 2011. The industry posted an over-the-year gain of 1,900 jobs or 3.5 percent for December, more than doubling combined job increases for the other three expanding industries. The late-year gains have again boosted educational & health services above professional & business services to the top spot in the ranking of the area's largest private industries.

Leisure & hospitality posted a modest over-the-year increase of 600 jobs or 1.6 percent, down from 3.7 percent the past two months, after a large over-the-month dip between November and December. This supersector, comprising NAICS 71 (arts, entertainment, and recreation) and NAICS 72 (accommodation and food services), recorded 2011 annual average employment growth of 3.7 percent (based on preliminary December data), its largest increase since 2006. Leisure & hospitality employment rebounded strongly in 2011, following a large 4.1 percent loss in 2009 and an incremental 0.3 percent gain in 2010.

Information added 200 jobs, up 2.4 percent from a year earlier. Year-over-year gains for both November and December limited the industry's 2011 annual average loss to 4.0 percent, following losses of 5.6 percent in 2010 and 4.3 percent in 2009. Information industry employment has in recent years been subject to large fluctuations based on activity in its motion picture and sound

recording component. Wholesale trade, up 100 jobs or 0.8 percent, was the final industry to post an over-the-year increase in December.

Preliminary December 2011 data show construction down 2,600 jobs or 12.5 percent from a year earlier. The industry has registered an over-the-year loss for each month since January 2007, equaling five full years of negative growth, with December 2011 employment of 18,200 marking the lowest level since June 1993. Construction posted respective 2007–2011 annual average losses of 2.9 percent, 7.2 percent, 15.5 percent, 10.0 percent, and 11.3 percent, resulting in a decline of 12,300 jobs or 39.3 percent from the industry's 2006 employment total. The recent groundbreaking on residential development at Mesa del Sol, with homes expected to be available for sale in early spring 2012, was a welcome bit of news for a construction industry that has struggled to find a bottom.

Government was down 1,000 jobs or 1.2 percent for December, finishing 2011 with eight consecutive months of year-over-year losses and its first annual average employment decline during the current series. Losses were steepest at the local level, down 900 jobs or 2.1 percent, with federal government, down 200 jobs or 1.3 percent, also trending lower. State government inched up 100 jobs or 0.4 percent. Despite the recent losses, government employment represented 22.6 percent of the 2011 annual average nonfarm total, its fourth consecutive annual increase and highest level during the current series. In the six years prior to the onset of the national recession, government employment averaged 20.1 percent of the nonfarm total.

Employment in professional & business services was down 300 jobs or 0.5 percent, slipping to its lowest December level since 1998. Formerly the Albuquerque area's largest private-sector industry, professional & business services contracted by a combined 7,900 jobs or 12.3 percent during 2009 and 2010, before shedding another 400 jobs or 0.7 percent in 2011. Because this industry encompasses such a wide variety of activities in its three sectors—professional and technical services, management of companies and enterprises, and administrative and waste services—its return to growth will be an important indicator that recovery has taken hold in the area economy.

The financial activities industry was down 300 jobs or 1.7 percent over the year, with December employment of 17,300 matching the industry's 2011 annual average. Financial activities was the only private-sector industry to post a steeper annual average employment decline in 2011 (negative 3.2 percent) than in 2009 (negative 2.7 percent). Retail trade also posted a narrower loss

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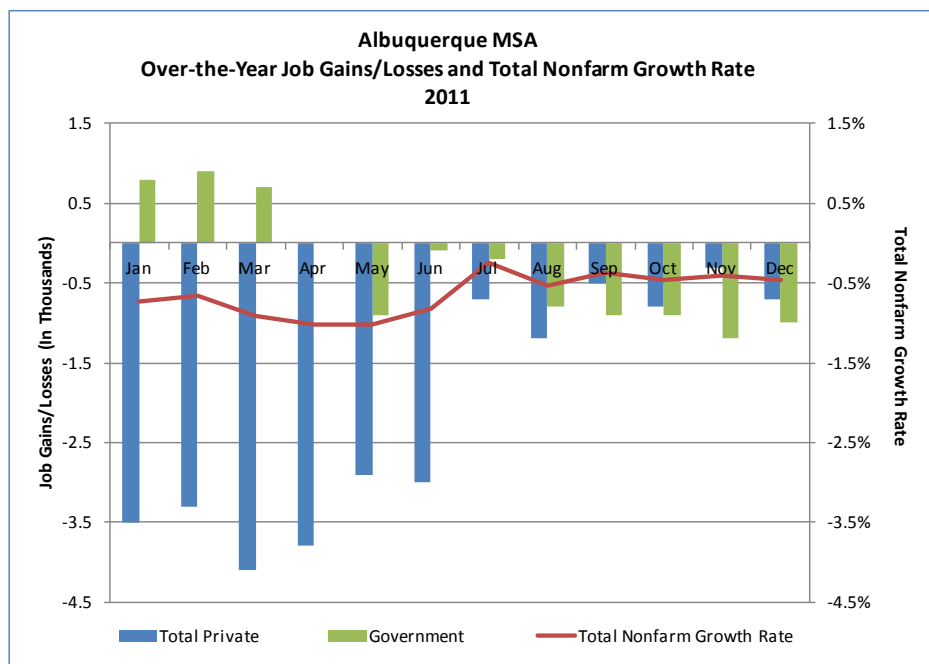
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in December, down 200 jobs or 0.5 percent, while miscellaneous *other services* slipped by 100 jobs or 0.9 percent. Manufacturing and transportation, warehousing & utilities both remained at their December 2010 employment levels.

The accompanying chart shows the Albuquerque area's 2011 over-the-year employment change by month for the private-sector industries and government, along with the total nonfarm growth rate.



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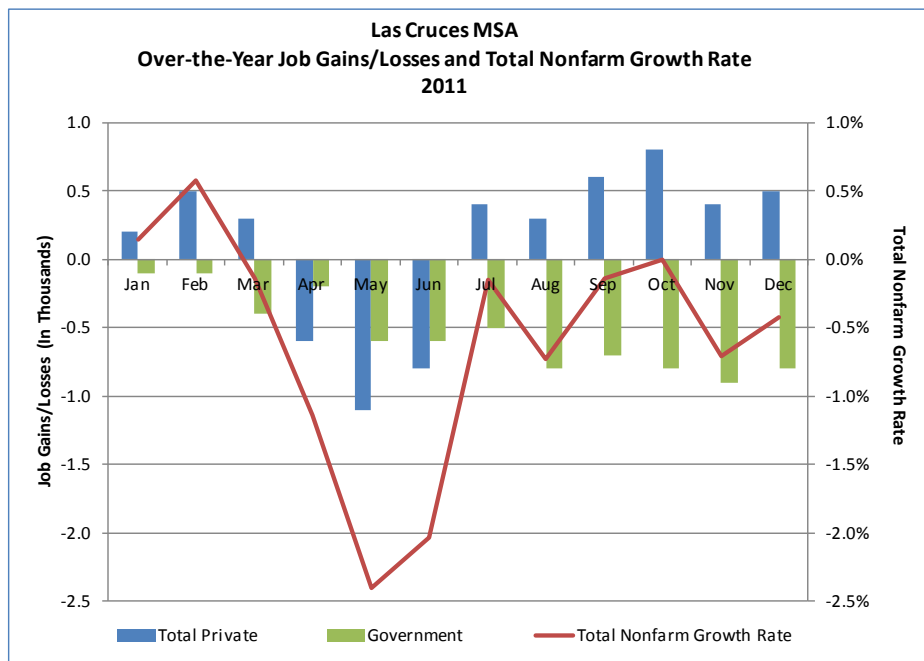
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Las Cruces MSA (Doña Ana County)

The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for the Las Cruces MSA inched up to 6.8 percent in December 2011 from 6.7 percent in November, but was down sharply from 8.6 percent a year earlier.

Over the month, Las Cruces MSA nonfarm payroll employment slipped by 100 jobs or 0.1 percent. Private-sector employment was unchanged, with 100-job losses in financial services and professional & business services fully offsetting 100-job gains in retail trade and transportation, warehousing & utilities. The seven remaining private-sector industries—construction, manufacturing, wholesale trade, information, educational & health services, leisure & hospitality, and miscellaneous *other services*—remained at their November employment levels. Government employment was down 100 jobs at the state level and unchanged at both the federal and local levels.

Over the year, employment in the Las Cruces MSA was down 300 jobs or 0.4 percent, as a 500-job private-sector gain was erased by an 800-job government loss. Employment increased in four private-sector industries (retail trade, up 200 jobs or 2.8 percent; educational & health services, up 200 jobs or 1.7 percent; wholesale trade, up 100 jobs or 8.3 percent; and transportation, warehousing & utilities, up 100 jobs or 5.9 percent), decreased in one (manufacturing, down 100 jobs or 3.7 percent), and was unchanged in six (construction, information, financial activities, professional & business services, leisure & hospitality, and miscellaneous *other services*). The government sector continued to be a drag on the area economy, down 800 jobs or 3.6 percent over the year, will all three components shedding jobs: state, down 400 jobs or 4.3 percent; federal, down 300 jobs or 7.3 percent; and local, down 100 jobs or 1.1 percent. The accompanying chart shows the Las Cruces area's 2011 over-the-year employment change by month for the private-sector industries and government, along with the total nonfarm growth rate



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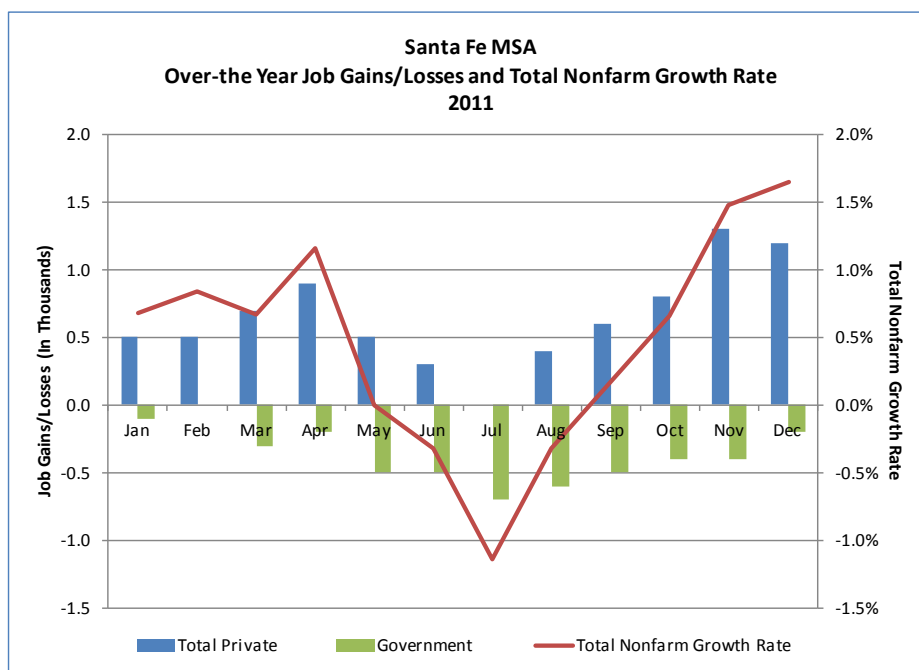
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Santa Fe MSA (Santa Fe County)

The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for the Santa Fe MSA was unchanged in December 2011 from a revised 5.3 percent in November, but down 2.0 percentage points from 7.3 percent a year earlier.

Over the month, Santa Fe MSA employment fell by 100 jobs or 0.2 percent, with a 200-job loss in the private sector more than offsetting a 100-job gain in government. Two private-sector industries posted increases (leisure & hospitality and retail trade, each up 100 jobs or 1.1 percent), three posted decreases (educational & health services, down 200 jobs or 1.8 percent; construction, down 100 jobs or 3.6 percent; and professional & business services, down 100 jobs or 2.3 percent), and the remaining six were unchanged from November (manufacturing; wholesale trade; transportation, warehousing & utilities; information; financial activities; and miscellaneous *other services*.) The 100-job gain in government came at the state level, with employment flat over the month at both the federal and local levels.

Over the year, Santa Fe MSA employment expanded by 1,000 jobs or 1.6 percent. Four private-sector industries recorded gains (leisure & hospitality, up 800 jobs or 9.1 percent; retail trade, up 400 jobs or 4.6 percent; educational & health services, up 400 jobs or 3.8 percent; and financial activities, up 100 jobs or 3.8 percent), three registered losses (construction, down 300 jobs or 10.0 percent; information, down 100 jobs or 10.0 percent; and miscellaneous *other services*, down 100 jobs or 3.4 percent), and the remaining three were unchanged (manufacturing, wholesale trade, and professional & business services). Government employment fell by 200 jobs or 1.2 percent, with the federal and state levels each down 100 and the local level unchanged from a year earlier. The accompanying chart shows the Santa Fe area's 2011 over-the-year employment change by month for the private-sector industries and government, along with the total nonfarm growth rate.



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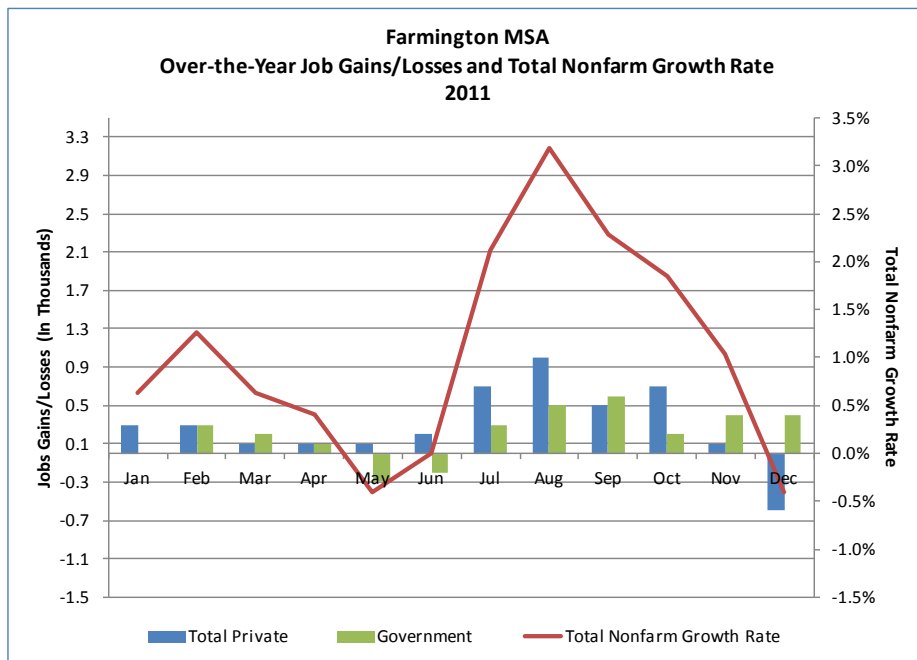
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Farmington MSA (San Juan County)

The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for the Farmington MSA was unchanged in December 2011 from a revised 6.6 percent in November, but down sharply from 9.5 percent a year earlier.

Over the month, the Farmington MSA posted a net employment decline of 600 jobs or 1.2 percent, with the private sector down 700 jobs or 1.9 percent and the government sector up 100 jobs or 0.8 percent. Private service-providing industries shed 500 jobs, down 1.9 percent, while goods-producing industries trimmed 200 jobs, also down 1.9 percent. The government increase came entirely at the local level, up 100 jobs or 1.1 percent, as federal and state payrolls were unchanged from November.

Over the year, total nonfarm employment in the Farmington area fell by 200 jobs or 0.4 percent, as a government sector gain of 400 jobs or 3.5 percent was not enough to offset a private-sector loss of 600 jobs or 1.6 percent. Private service-providing industries accounted all of the private-sector loss, with the goods-producing industries holding steady at their previous-year total. Local government was up 400 jobs or 4.3 percent over the year, while federal and state payrolls were unchanged. The accompanying chart shows the Farmington area's 2011 over-the-year employment change by month for the private-sector industries and government, along with the total nonfarm growth rate.



**New Mexico - Seasonally Adjusted
Labor Force, Employment,
Unemployment & Unemployment Rate**

		Civilian Labor Force	Employ- ment	Un- employ- ment	Rate %	Unadj. Rate %
1990		711,891	663,698	48,193	6.8%	
1991		719,243	667,698	51,545	7.2%	
1992		735,447	680,463	54,984	7.5%	
1993		755,053	700,258	54,795	7.3%	
1994		776,827	725,387	51,440	6.6%	
1995		798,621	744,557	54,064	6.8%	
1996		812,862	751,826	61,036	7.5%	
1997		822,627	768,596	54,031	6.6%	
1998		835,879	783,661	52,218	6.2%	
1999		839,988	793,052	46,936	5.6%	
2000		852,293	810,024	42,269	5.0%	
2001		863,682	821,003	42,679	4.9%	
2002		871,512	823,191	48,321	5.5%	
2003		888,468	835,835	52,633	5.9%	
2004		901,833	849,970	51,863	5.8%	
2005		913,453	866,349	47,104	5.2%	
2006		924,516	886,708	37,808	4.1%	
2007		933,616	901,704	31,912	3.4%	
2008		952,217	909,809	42,408	4.5%	
2009		942,273	876,218	66,055	7.0%	
2010	JAN	946,360	869,464	76,896	8.1%	8.3%
	FEB	949,344	871,702	77,642	8.2%	8.5%
	MAR	951,919	873,638	78,281	8.2%	8.4%
	APR	953,519	874,626	78,893	8.3%	8.1%
	MAY	954,066	874,589	79,477	8.3%	8.2%
	JUN	953,926	873,890	80,036	8.4%	8.8%
	JUL	953,605	873,011	80,594	8.5%	9.0%
	AUG	953,727	872,597	81,130	8.5%	8.7%
	SEP	954,325	872,719	81,606	8.6%	8.2%
	OCT	955,118	873,107	82,011	8.6%	8.2%
	NOV	955,788	873,432	82,356	8.6%	8.4%
	DEC	956,479	873,840	82,639	8.6%	8.2%
2011	JAN	955,756	872,952	82,804	8.7%	8.8%
	FEB	955,544	872,765	82,779	8.7%	8.8%
	MAR	951,595	874,075	77,520	8.1%	7.4%
	APR	948,752	877,119	71,633	7.6%	6.9%
	MAY	944,252	878,765	65,487	6.9%	6.5%
	JUN	938,271	874,325	63,946	6.8%	7.8%
	JUL	932,594	870,148	62,446	6.7%	7.2%
	AUG	929,783	868,389	61,394	6.6%	6.6%
	SEP	930,908	869,380	61,528	6.6%	6.4%
	OCT	932,387	870,930	61,457	6.6%	6.4%
	NOV	935,860	874,576	61,284	6.5%	6.3%
	DEC	939,916	877,927	61,989	6.6%	6.4%
# CHANGE FROM						
	Month Ago	4,056	3,351	705	0.1%	0.1%
	Year Ago	-16,563	4,087	-20,650	-2.0%	-1.8%
	2 Yrs. Ago	-3,879	10,077	-13,956	-1.4%	-1.2%
	3 Yrs. Ago	-14,257	-22,658	8,401	1.0%	1.1%
% CHANGE FROM						
	Month Ago	0.4%	0.4%	1.2%		
	Year Ago	-1.7%	0.5%	-25.0%		
	2 Yrs. Ago	-0.4%	1.2%	-18.4%		
	3 Yrs. Ago	-1.5%	-2.5%	15.7%		

**Total Nonfarm Employment
Growth Rankings
New Mexico and United States**

State	Rank	December 2010	December 2011	Change	% Change
North Dakota	1	385.7	407.7	22.0	5.7%
Utah	2	1,199.1	1,235.4	36.3	3.0%
Oklahoma	3	1,543.2	1,584.9	41.7	2.7%
Louisiana	4	1,899.3	1,946.7	47.4	2.5%
Wyoming	5	282.6	289.0	6.4	2.3%
Texas	6	10,512.9	10,718.0	205.1	2.0%
California	7	14,055.1	14,320.1	265.0	1.9%
Kentucky	8	1,791.3	1,823.1	31.8	1.8%
Michigan	9	3,900.6	3,968.4	67.8	1.7%
Florida	10	7,244.3	7,358.9	114.6	1.6%
Arizona	10	2,407.7	2,445.2	37.5	1.6%
South Dakota	12	402.7	408.9	6.2	1.5%
Vermont	12	306.3	310.8	4.5	1.5%
Washington	14	2,790.3	2,830.6	40.3	1.4%
Ohio	14	5,077.7	5,150.5	72.8	1.4%
Nebraska	14	949.4	962.6	13.2	1.4%
West Virginia	17	751.1	761.2	10.1	1.3%
Idaho	17	605.0	612.9	7.9	1.3%
United States		131,050.0	132,721.0	1,671.0	1.3%
Massachusetts	17	3,212.8	3,253.3	40.5	1.3%
Tennessee	20	2,644.4	2,675.6	31.2	1.2%
New Hampshire	20	630.6	637.9	7.3	1.2%
Colorado	22	2,243.4	2,267.8	24.4	1.1%
Oregon	22	1,616.5	1,634.0	17.5	1.1%
Pennsylvania	24	5,681.5	5,740.3	58.8	1.0%
Hawaii	24	597.4	603.5	6.1	1.0%
New York	24	8,659.0	8,747.0	88.0	1.0%
District of Columbia	24	713.1	720.1	7.0	1.0%
South Carolina	24	1,816.9	1,834.7	17.8	1.0%
Virginia	24	3,644.5	3,680.1	35.6	1.0%
Maryland	24	2,529.3	2,554.0	24.7	1.0%
Minnesota	24	2,642.6	2,668.1	25.5	1.0%
New Jersey	24	3,877.7	3,914.6	36.9	1.0%
Kansas	33	1,330.1	1,342.5	12.4	0.9%
Illinois	33	5,663.1	5,715.7	52.6	0.9%
New Mexico	33	802.2	809.6	7.4	0.9%
Montana	33	428.5	432.4	3.9	0.9%
Iowa	33	1,482.8	1,495.9	13.1	0.9%
Arkansas	38	1,172.1	1,179.8	7.7	0.7%
Indiana	39	2,805.8	2,822.5	16.7	0.6%
Connecticut	40	1,637.6	1,646.1	8.5	0.5%
North Carolina	40	3,885.9	3,904.8	18.9	0.5%
Alabama	42	1,870.6	1,877.5	6.9	0.4%
Nevada	43	1,120.7	1,124.2	3.5	0.3%
Mississippi	44	1,099.2	1,101.9	2.7	0.2%
Rhode Island	45	461.6	462.1	0.5	0.1%
Wisconsin	45	2,747.2	2,749.7	2.5	0.1%
Maine	47	597.3	597.4	0.1	0.0%
Alaska	48	313.4	313.1	-0.3	-0.1%
Missouri	48	2,656.5	2,652.6	-3.9	-0.1%
Georgia	50	3,840.9	3,826.9	-14.0	-0.4%
Delaware	51	416.4	413.5	-2.9	-0.7%

Source: U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics
Employment numbers are not seasonally adjusted.
Employment numbers are in thousands.

New Mexico Labor Force Estimates – Not Seasonally Adjusted

	PRELIMINARY DECEMBER 2011				REVISED NOVEMBER 2011				REVISED DECEMBER 2010			
	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate
STATEWIDE	944,552	883,655	60,897	6.4%	943,155	883,859	59,296	6.3%	956,065	877,287	78,778	8.2%
Albuquerque MSA	403,769	376,326	27,443	6.8%	403,811	376,668	27,143	6.7%	409,834	374,929	34,905	8.5%
Bernalillo	309,609	289,494	20,115	6.5%	309,685	289,757	19,928	6.4%	314,409	288,419	25,990	8.3%
Sandoval	56,407	52,026	4,381	7.8%	56,377	52,073	4,304	7.6%	57,007	51,833	5,174	9.1%
Torrance	6,859	6,315	544	7.9%	6,859	6,320	539	7.9%	7,063	6,291	772	10.9%
Valencia	30,894	28,492	2,402	7.8%	30,889	28,517	2,372	7.7%	31,354	28,386	2,968	9.5%
Farmington MSA	55,369	51,789	3,580	6.5%	55,871	52,354	3,517	6.3%	56,441	51,444	4,997	8.9%
Las Cruces MSA	93,154	86,989	6,165	6.6%	92,769	86,923	5,846	6.3%	94,685	86,934	7,751	8.2%
Santa Fe MSA	77,601	73,551	4,050	5.2%	77,437	73,586	3,851	5.0%	77,335	71,909	5,426	7.0%
Catron	1,406	1,296	110	7.8%	1,451	1,344	107	7.4%	1,442	1,286	156	10.8%
Chaves	26,612	24,958	1,654	6.2%	26,537	24,944	1,593	6.0%	27,557	25,284	2,273	8.2%
Cibola	12,519	11,772	747	6.0%	12,466	11,750	716	5.7%	12,723	11,737	986	7.7%
Colfax	6,449	5,970	479	7.4%	6,227	5,756	471	7.6%	6,661	6,069	592	8.9%
Curry	21,678	20,734	944	4.4%	21,567	20,683	884	4.1%	22,100	20,897	1,203	5.4%
De Baca	780	747	33	4.2%	784	753	31	4.0%	807	764	43	5.3%
Eddy	29,870	28,684	1,186	4.0%	29,698	28,568	1,130	3.8%	29,006	27,388	1,618	5.6%
Grant	11,803	10,962	841	7.1%	11,842	11,028	814	6.9%	11,498	10,335	1,163	10.1%
Guadalupe	1,767	1,610	157	8.9%	1,718	1,570	148	8.6%	1,826	1,617	209	11.4%
Harding	400	385	15	3.8%	396	382	14	3.5%	416	393	23	5.5%
Hidalgo	2,608	2,467	141	5.4%	2,730	2,589	141	5.2%	2,614	2,397	217	8.3%
Lea	29,689	28,448	1,241	4.2%	29,568	28,394	1,174	4.0%	28,358	26,446	1,912	6.7%
Lincoln	10,622	10,055	567	5.3%	10,619	10,086	533	5.0%	10,939	10,190	749	6.8%
Los Alamos	10,218	9,904	314	3.1%	10,162	9,885	277	2.7%	10,379	9,976	403	3.9%
Luna	12,271	10,193	2,078	16.9%	12,600	10,584	2,016	16.0%	12,419	10,000	2,419	19.5%
McKinley	26,846	24,736	2,110	7.9%	26,634	24,555	2,079	7.8%	27,746	25,078	2,668	9.6%
Mora	1,917	1,657	260	13.6%	1,910	1,662	248	13.0%	1,990	1,657	333	16.7%
Otero	26,578	25,033	1,545	5.8%	26,173	24,707	1,466	5.6%	26,840	24,844	1,996	7.4%
Quay	3,838	3,567	271	7.1%	3,857	3,592	265	6.9%	3,993	3,622	371	9.3%
Rio Arriba	19,510	18,107	1,403	7.2%	19,473	18,112	1,361	7.0%	20,522	18,691	1,831	8.9%
Roosevelt	9,298	8,886	412	4.4%	9,369	9,000	369	3.9%	9,368	8,806	562	6.0%
San Miguel	13,285	12,400	885	6.7%	13,313	12,473	840	6.3%	13,381	12,237	1,144	8.5%
Sierra	6,010	5,644	366	6.1%	6,182	5,841	341	5.5%	6,128	5,679	449	7.3%
Socorro	9,449	8,999	450	4.8%	9,371	8,940	431	4.6%	9,559	8,944	615	6.4%
Taos	17,419	16,045	1,374	7.9%	16,807	15,392	1,415	8.4%	17,658	16,004	1,654	9.4%
Union	1,819	1,741	78	4.3%	1,813	1,739	74	4.1%	1,839	1,729	110	6.0%

Unemployment Rates in New Mexico (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

PRELIMINARY DECEMBER 2011			REVISED NOVEMBER 2011			REVISED DECEMBER 2010		
AREAS	RANK	RATE	AREAS	RANK	RATE	AREAS	RANK	RATE
LUNA	1	16.9%	LUNA	1	16.0%	LUNA	1	19.5%
MORA	2	13.6%	MORA	2	13.0%	MORA	2	16.7%
GUADALUPE	3	8.9%	GUADALUPE	3	8.6%	GUADALUPE	3	11.4%
TAOS	4	7.9%	TAOS	4	8.4%	CATRON	4	10.8%
MCKINLEY	4	7.9%	MCKINLEY	5	7.8%	GRANT	5	10.1%
CATRON	6	7.8%	COLFAX	6	7.6%	MCKINLEY	6	9.6%
COLFAX	7	7.4%	CATRON	7	7.4%	TAOS	7	9.4%
RIO ARRIBA	8	7.2%	RIO ARRIBA	8	7.0%	QUAY	8	9.3%
GRANT	9	7.1%	GRANT	9	6.9%	RIO ARRIBA	9	8.9%
QUAY	9	7.1%	QUAY	9	6.9%	COLFAX	9	8.9%
ALBUQUERQUE MSA	11	6.8%	ALBUQUERQUE MSA	11	6.7%	FARMINGTON MSA	9	8.9%
SAN MIGUEL	12	6.7%	SAN MIGUEL	12	6.3%	SAN MIGUEL	12	8.5%
LAS CRUCES MSA	13	6.6%	LAS CRUCES MSA	12	6.3%	ALBUQUERQUE MSA	12	8.5%
FARMINGTON MSA	14	6.5%	FARMINGTON MSA	12	6.3%	HIDALGO	14	8.3%
STATEWIDE		6.4%	STATEWIDE		6.3%	CHAVES	15	8.2%
CHAVES	15	6.2%	CHAVES	15	6.0%	STATEWIDE		8.2%
SIERRA	16	6.1%	CIBOLA	16	5.7%	LAS CRUCES MSA	15	8.2%
CIBOLA	17	6.0%	OTERO	17	5.6%	CIBOLA	17	7.7%
OTERO	18	5.8%	SIERRA	18	5.5%	OTERO	18	7.4%
HIDALGO	19	5.4%	HIDALGO	19	5.2%	SIERRA	19	7.3%
LINCOLN	20	5.3%	LINCOLN	20	5.0%	SANTA FE MSA	20	7.0%
SANTA FE MSA	21	5.2%	SANTA FE MSA	20	5.0%	LINCOLN	21	6.8%
SOCORRO	22	4.8%	SOCORRO	22	4.6%	LEA	22	6.7%
ROOSEVELT	23	4.4%	CURRY	23	4.1%	SOCORRO	23	6.4%
CURRY	23	4.4%	UNION	23	4.1%	ROOSEVELT	24	6.0%
UNION	25	4.3%	LEA	25	4.0%	UNION	24	6.0%
DE BACA	26	4.2%	DE BACA	25	4.0%	EDDY	26	5.6%
LEA	26	4.2%	ROOSEVELT	27	3.9%	HARDING	27	5.5%
EDDY	28	4.0%	EDDY	28	3.8%	CURRY	28	5.4%
HARDING	29	3.8%	HARDING	29	3.5%	DE BACA	29	5.3%
LOS ALAMOS	30	3.1%	LOS ALAMOS	30	2.7%	LOS ALAMOS	30	3.9%

Unemployment Rate by State

(Seasonally Adjusted)

**New Mexico Nonagricultural Wage
and Salary Employment**

Annual Growth Rates by Industry



NAICS Industries

Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment

NEW MEXICO	Preliminary	Revised	Revised	Change	
	Dec-11	Nov-11	Dec-10	Monthly	Yearly
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	809,600	809,800	802,200	-200	7,400
TOTAL PRIVATE	610,800	610,800	602,100	0	8,700
GOODS PRODUCING	88,300	89,700	91,800	-1,400	-3,500
SERVICE PROVIDING	721,300	720,100	710,400	1,200	10,900
MINING & LOGGING	21,100	20,700	18,700	400	2,400
CONSTRUCTION	38,100	39,600	44,100	-1,500	-6,000
MANUFACTURING	29,100	29,400	29,000	-300	100
WHOLESALE TRADE	23,700	23,300	21,900	400	1,800
RETAIL TRADE	95,900	94,100	92,200	1,800	3,700
TRANSPORTATION, WAREHOUSING & UTILITIES	22,600	22,100	22,800	500	-200
INFORMATION	14,100	14,100	14,300	0	-200
FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES	35,000	35,100	32,200	-100	2,800
PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS SERVICES	92,000	92,500	92,000	-500	0
EDUCATIONAL & HEALTH SERVICES	127,900	128,300	123,600	-400	4,300
LEISURE & HOSPITALITY	83,900	83,700	82,500	200	1,400
OTHER SERVICES	27,400	27,900	28,800	-500	-1,400
GOVERNMENT	198,800	199,000	200,100	-200	-1,300
Federal Government	32,200	32,200	33,000	0	-800
State Government	59,600	60,300	59,200	-700	400
<i>State Government Education</i>	26,200	26,200	28,300	0	-2,100
Local Government	107,000	106,500	107,900	500	-900
<i>Local Government Education</i>	57,600	58,100	58,800	-500	-1,200

ALBUQUERQUE MSA	Preliminary	Revised	Revised	Change	
	Dec-11	Nov-11	Dec-10	Monthly	Yearly
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	371,100	372,100	372,800	-1,000	-1,700
TOTAL PRIVATE	287,400	288,500	288,100	-1,100	-700
GOODS PRODUCING	35,500	35,900	38,100	-400	-2,600
SERVICE PROVIDING	335,600	336,200	334,700	-600	900
MINING, LOGGING & CONSTRUCTION	18,200	18,500	20,800	-300	-2,600
MANUFACTURING	17,300	17,400	17,300	-100	0
WHOLESALE TRADE	12,500	12,400	12,400	100	100
RETAIL TRADE	42,200	41,800	42,400	400	-200
TRANSPORTATION, WAREHOUSING & UTILITIES	9,600	9,300	9,600	300	0
INFORMATION	8,400	8,400	8,200	0	200
FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES	17,300	17,200	17,600	100	-300
PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS SERVICES	55,500	56,000	55,800	-500	-300
EDUCATIONAL AND HEALTH SERVICES	56,700	56,800	54,800	-100	1,900
LEISURE AND HOSPITALITY	38,100	39,100	37,500	-1,000	600
OTHER SERVICES	11,600	11,600	11,700	0	-100
GOVERNMENT	83,700	83,600	84,700	100	-1,000
Federal Government	15,200	15,300	15,400	-100	-200
State Government	27,100	27,100	27,000	0	100
Local Government	41,400	41,200	42,300	200	-900

Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment

LAS CRUCES MSA	Preliminary Dec-11	Revised Nov-11	Revised Dec-10	Change	
				Monthly	Yearly
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	69,600	69,700	69,900	-100	-300
TOTAL PRIVATE	48,100	48,100	47,600	0	500
GOODS PRODUCING	6,200	6,200	6,300	0	-100
SERVICE PROVIDING	63,400	63,500	63,600	-100	-200
MINING, LOGGING & CONSTRUCTION	3,600	3,600	3,600	0	0
MANUFACTURING	2,600	2,600	2,700	0	-100
WHOLESALE TRADE	1,300	1,300	1,200	0	100
RETAIL TRADE	7,300	7,200	7,100	100	200
TRANSPORTATION, WAREHOUSING & UTILITIES	1,800	1,700	1,700	100	100
INFORMATION	900	900	900	0	0
FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES	2,300	2,400	2,300	-100	0
PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS SERVICES	7,500	7,600	7,500	-100	0
EDUCATIONAL & HEALTH SERVICES	12,100	12,100	11,900	0	200
LEISURE & HOSPITALITY	7,100	7,100	7,100	0	0
OTHER SERVICES	1,600	1,600	1,600	0	0
GOVERNMENT	21,500	21,600	22,300	-100	-800
Federal	3,800	3,800	4,100	0	-300
State	9,000	9,100	9,400	-100	-400
Local	8,700	8,700	8,800	0	-100
SANTA FE MSA	Preliminary Dec-11	Revised Nov-11	Revised Dec-10	Change	
				Monthly	Yearly
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	61,800	61,900	60,800	-100	1,000
TOTAL PRIVATE	45,400	45,600	44,200	-200	1,200
GOODS PRODUCING	3,500	3,600	3,800	-100	-300
SERVICE PROVIDING	58,300	58,300	57,000	0	1,300
MINING, LOGGING & CONSTRUCTION	2,700	2,800	3,000	-100	-300
MANUFACTURING	800	800	800	0	0
WHOLESALE TRADE	1,000	1,000	1,000	0	0
RETAIL TRADE	9,100	9,000	8,700	100	400
TRANSPORTATION, WAREHOUSING & UTILITIES	700	700	700	0	0
INFORMATION	900	900	1,000	0	-100
FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES	2,700	2,700	2,600	0	100
PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS SERVICES	4,300	4,400	4,300	-100	0
EDUCATIONAL & HEALTH SERVICES	10,800	11,000	10,400	-200	400
LEISURE & HOSPITALITY	9,600	9,500	8,800	100	800
OTHER SERVICES	2,800	2,800	2,900	0	-100
GOVERNMENT	16,400	16,300	16,600	100	-200
Federal	1,000	1,000	1,100	0	-100
State	8,200	8,100	8,300	100	-100
Local	7,200	7,200	7,200	0	0
FARMINGTON MSA	Preliminary Dec-11	Revised Nov-11	Revised Dec-10	Change	
				Monthly	Yearly
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	48,400	49,000	48,600	-600	-200
TOTAL PRIVATE	36,500	37,200	37,100	-700	-600
GOODS PRODUCING	10,300	10,500	10,300	-200	0
SERVICE PROVIDING	38,100	38,500	38,300	-400	-200
PRIVATE SERVICE PROVIDING	26,200	26,700	26,800	-500	-600
GOVERNMENT	11,900	11,800	11,500	100	400
Federal	1,800	1,800	1,800	0	0
State	500	500	500	0	0
Local	9,600	9,500	9,200	100	400

Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment

- Seasonally Adjusted -

NEW MEXICO	Preliminary	Revised	Revised	Monthly	Yearly
	Dec-11	Nov-11	Dec-10	Change	Change
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT*	804,000	803,900	796,900	100	7,100
MINING & LOGGING	21,000	20,500	18,600	500	2,400
CONSTRUCTION	37,900	38,900	43,900	-1,000	-6,000
MANUFACTURING	29,300	29,400	29,200	-100	100
TRADE, TRANSPORTATION & UTILITIES	138,900	137,100	133,800	1,800	5,100
Wholesale Trade	23,700	23,300	21,900	400	1,800
Retail Trade	93,300	92,000	89,700	1,300	3,600
Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities	21,900	21,800	22,200	100	-300
INFORMATION (Not Seasonally Adjusted)	14,100	13,800	14,300	300	-200
FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES	35,100	35,300	32,300	-200	2,800
PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS SERVICES	91,700	92,400	91,700	-700	0
EDUCATION & HEALTH SERVICES	126,600	126,800	122,400	-200	4,200
LEISURE & HOSPITALITY	85,200	85,800	83,800	-600	1,400
OTHER SERVICES	27,600	28,200	29,000	-600	-1,400
GOVERNMENT	196,600	195,700	197,900	900	-1,300
Federal Government	32,600	32,800	33,400	-200	-800
State Government	58,200	58,100	57,800	100	400
Local Government	105,800	104,800	106,700	1,000	-900
ALBUQUERQUE	367,100	368,100	368,800	-1,000	-1,700
FARMINGTON	48,100	48,700	48,300	-600	-200
LAS CRUCES	68,600	68,500	68,900	100	-300
SANTA FE	61,700	61,800	60,700	-100	1,000

* Total includes the Information sector, which is not seasonally adjusted.

Average Hours and Earnings

Prepared in cooperation with the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

NEW MEXICO	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	Dec 11	Nov 11	Dec 10	Dec 11	Nov 11	Dec 10	Dec 11	Nov 11	Dec 10
MANUFACTURING	\$677.66	\$676.27	\$621.73	41.6	41.9	39.3	\$16.29	\$16.14	\$15.82

U.S. Consumer Price Index

	Index Base Year 1982-84 = 100			PERCENT CHANGE	
	Dec11	Nov 11	Dec10	Month to Month	Year to Year
CPI-U	225.7	226.2	219.2	-0.2%	3.0%
CPI-W	222.2	222.8	215.3	-0.3%	3.2%

*CPI-U - All Urban Consumers

*CPI-W - Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers - Source: U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics

