



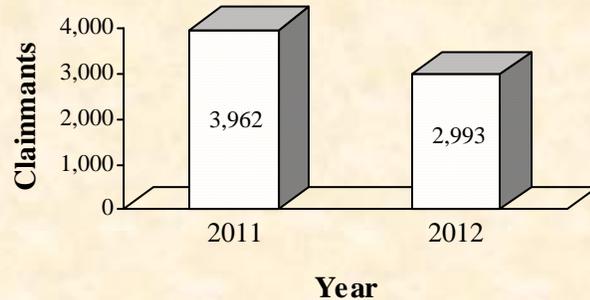
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Insured Unemployed Claimants
June, 2011 through June, 2012



Highlights

- ◆ During June 2012, the Civilian Labor Force in the area was estimated at 105,100.
- ◆ The Employment figure decrease by 1,700 when compared to last year.
- ◆ During June, 2012, the Unemployment Rate figure was 14.7 percent.
- ◆ The Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment was estimated at 47,500 during June, 2012.
- ◆ The Insured Unemployed claimants average was 2,993 during the second quarter 2012.

Labor Market Area and Municipality 1/	Civilian Labor Force			June 2011	May 2012	%	Net Change June, 2012 from:		June 2011	%
	June 2012	May 2012	Abril 2012				April 2012	% Change		
Aguadilla-Isabela- San Sebastián MSA	105,100	105,200	104,100	108,700	-100	-0.1	1,000	1.0	-3,600	-3.4
Aguada	15,000	15,100	14,900	15,500	-100	-0.7	100	0.7	-500	-3.3
Aguadilla	20,400	20,400	20,100	20,900	0	0.0	300	1.5	-500	-2.5
Añasco	10,600	10,700	10,600	10,900	-100	-0.9	0	0.0	-300	-2.8
Isabela	15,400	15,400	15,200	15,900	0	0.0	200	1.3	-500	-3.2
Lares	9,800	9,800	9,700	10,500	0	0.0	100	1.0	-700	-7.1
Moca	14,300	14,200	14,000	14,700	100	0.7	300	2.1	-400	-2.8
Rincón	5,300	5,300	5,400	5,400	0	0.0	-100	-1.9	-100	-1.9
San Sebastián	14,400	14,400	14,200	14,800	0	0.0	200	1.4	-400	-2.8
Puerto Rico	<u>1,267,000</u>	<u>1,268,000</u>	<u>1,258,000</u>	<u>1,278,000</u>	-1,000	-0.1	9,000	0.7	-11,000	-0.9

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Labor Market Area and Municipality 1/	Employment			June 2011	May 2012	%	Net Change June, 2012 from:		June 2011	%
	June 2012	May 2012	Abril 2012				April 2012	% Change		
Aguadilla-Isabela- San Sebastián MSA	89,600	90,100	88,000	91,300	-500	-0.6	1,600	1.8	-1,700	-1.9
Aguada	12,700	12,800	12,500	13,000	-100	-0.8	200	1.6	-300	-2.4
Aguadilla	17,400	17,500	17,100	17,700	-100	-0.6	300	1.7	-300	-1.7
Añasco	9,200	9,200	9,000	9,400	0	0.0	200	2.2	-200	-2.2
Isabela	13,200	13,300	12,900	13,400	-100	-0.8	300	2.3	-200	-1.5
Lares	8,500	8,500	8,300	8,600	0	0.0	200	2.4	-100	-1.2
Moca	12,100	12,200	11,900	12,300	-100	-0.8	200	1.7	-200	-1.7
Rincón	4,500	4,600	4,500	4,600	-100	-2.2	0	0.0	-100	-2.2
San Sebastián	12,000	12,100	11,800	12,300	-100	-0.8	200	1.7	-300	-2.5
Puerto Rico	<u>1,091,000</u>	<u>1,097,000</u>	<u>1,079,000</u>	<u>1,084,000</u>	-6,000	-0.5	12,000	1.1	7,000	0.6

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Labor Market Area and Municipality 1/	June 2012	Unemployment			June 2011	May 2012	% Change	Net Change June, 2011 from:			% Change
		May 2012	Abril 2012	June 2012				April 2012	% Change	June 2011	
Aguadilla-Isabela- San Sebastián MSA	15,500	15,100	16,100	17,400	400	2.6	-600	-3.9	-1,900	-12.3	
Aguada	2,200	2,300	2,400	2,500	-100	-4.5	-200	-9.1	-300	-13.6	
Aguadilla	3,100	2,900	3,100	3,200	200	6.5	0	0.0	-100	-3.2	
Añasco	1,400	1,400	1,500	1,600	0	0.0	-100	-7.1	-200	-14.3	
Isabela	2,200	2,100	2,300	2,500	100	4.5	-100	-4.5	-300	-13.6	
Lares	1,400	1,300	1,400	1,900	100	7.1	0	0.0	-500	-35.7	
Moca	2,200	2,000	2,100	2,400	200	9.1	100	4.5	-200	-9.1	
Rincón	700	700	900	800	0	0.0	-200	-28.6	-100	-14.3	
San Sebastián	2,300	2,300	2,400	2,600	0	0.0	-100	-4.3	-300	-13.0	
Puerto Rico	176,000	171,000	179,000	194,000	5,000	2.8	-3,000	-1.7	-18,000	-10.2	

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Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment Data
Aguadilla-Isabela-San Sebastián MSA
April to June 2012

INDUSTRY	Number of Workers				Net Change June 2012 from:					
	June 2012	May 2012	April 2012	June 2011	May 2012	% Change	April 2012	% Change	June 2011	% Change
Total Nonagricultural Employment 1/	47,500	46,900	46,300	49,500	600	1.3	1,200	2.5	-2,000	4.2
Total Private	30,300	30,400	29,800	32,200	-100	0.3	500	1.7	-1,900	6.3
Goods Producing	7,400	7,600	7,500	8,300	-200	2.7	-100	1.4	-900	12.2
Serving Providing	40,100	39,300	38,800	41,200	800	2.0	1,300	3.2	-1,100	2.7
Manufacturing	5,400	5,400	5,300	6,100	0	0.0	100	1.9	-700	13.0
Retail Trade	7,100	7,200	6,800	7,800	-100	1.4	300	4.2	-700	9.9
Government	17,200	16,500	16,500	17,300	700	4.1	700	4.1	-100	0.6

* Preliminary estimates

1/ Estimate measures the number of jobs by industry and reflects employment by place of work. Therefore, this figure is not strictly comparable to the employment data which represents persons by place of residence.

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics (CES 790 Program).

A: Labor Force Trends

The Civilian Labor Force in Aguadilla MSA was estimated at 105,100 during June, 2012. This figure decrease by 100 from May, and moved up by 1,000 from April. Since June, 2011 this figure decreased by 3,600. Aguadilla municipality reported the highest labor force (20,400). Meanwhile, Rincón has the lowest with (5,300). Lares reported the highest reduction of Civilian Labor over the year by 700.

Total employment was estimated at 89,600 during June, 2012. This figure decreased by 500 when compared to last month; increased by 1,600 was reported two months ago, and moved down by 1,700 from last year.

Aguadilla municipality reported the highest employment level (17,400). Rincón has the lowest (4,500). Meanwhile, Rincón showed the highest percent change of employment level 2.2%. During May, the employment data show a moderate increased. It was for the seasonal employment.

The unemployment figure stood at 15,500 during June, 2012 for the Aguadilla MSA. This figure moved up by 400 from May. The other hand, decreased by 600 from April, and 1,900 from last year figure.

B: Employment Trends

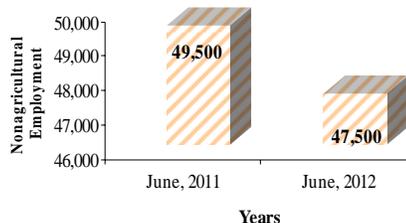
The Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment for Aguadilla MSA was estimated at 47,500 during June, 2012. This figure shows an increased of 600 jobs when compared to May, 2012. During April, it increased by 1,200. Since last year this figure reported a reduction of 2,000.

Goods producing reflects a decreased by 200 from June. From last year comparison this figure decreased by 900. Trade fell down by 100 on June. Manufacturing has no changes from May but has a reduction of 700 since last year.

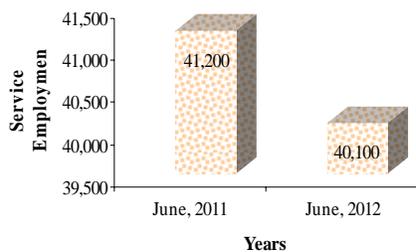
The private sector reported a reduction of 1,900 since last year.

Service providing increased by 800 from May, 1,300 from April. When compare to last year figure, it decreased by 1,100.

Nonagricultural Employment
June, 2011 through June, 2012



Service Providing
June, 2011 through June, 2012



C: Unemployment Trends

The unemployment rate is widely recognized as a key indicator of labor market performance. It is in large part because of the objective manner in which the concept of unemployment is defined. To be classified as unemployed, a person must be without work, be available for work, and have actively searching for work.

The jobless rate in Aguadilla MSA stood at 14.7 during June, 2012; showing an increment of 0.3 percent over last month and a reduction of 1.3 if compared to a year ago.

Over the year, Lares was the municipality that reported the highest reduction by 4.5 or 32.6 percent.

During June, San Sebastián municipality has the highest unemployment rate 16.2. Aguada, Añasco, Rincón and San Sebastián reported an unemployment rate reduction over the year.

Labor Market Area and Municipality 1/	Unemployment Rate%				Net Change June, 2012 from:					
	June 2012	May 2012	Abril 2012	June 2011	May 2012	% Change	April 2012	% Change	June 2011	% Change
Aguadilla-Isabela- San Sebastián MSA	14.7	14.4	15.5	16.0	0.3	2.0	-0.8	-5.4	-1.3	-8.8
Aguada	15.0	15.1	16.2	16.1	-0.1	-0.7	-1.2	-8.0	-1.1	-7.3
Aguadilla	15.0	14.2	15.2	15.2	0.8	5.3	-0.2	-1.3	-0.2	-1.3
Añasco	13.3	13.5	14.5	14.5	-0.2	-1.5	-1.2	-9.0	-1.2	-9.0
Isabela	14.5	13.8	14.9	15.8	0.7	4.8	-0.4	-2.8	-1.3	-9.0
Lares	13.8	13.4	14.2	18.3	0.4	2.9	-0.4	-2.9	-4.5	-32.6
Moca	15.1	14.1	15.3	16.3	1.0	6.6	-0.2	-1.3	-1.2	-7.9
Rincón	13.6	13.9	17.2	14.0	-0.3	-2.2	-3.6	-26.5	-0.4	-2.9
San Sebastián	16.2	16.2	17.0	17.3	0.0	0.0	-0.8	-4.9	-1.1	-6.8
Puerto Rico	14.8	13.5	14.2	15.2	1.3	8.8	0.6	4.1	-0.4	-2.7

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D: Characteristics of The Insured Unemployed

The term-insured unemployed is used to defined those individuals receiving unemployment compensation benefits during the week including the 19th. of each month. In the second quarter, 2012 the number of unemployed claimants in Aguadilla MSA was 2,967 in April, 2,791 on May and 3,221 in June, 2012. The unemployed claimants average 2,993 during this quarter.

The apportionment by sex group showed that the male registered the largest average figure with 1,618 for a 54.1 percent. The female stood at an average of 1,375 or 45.9 percent. During this period June reported the largest number of unemployed insurance beneficiaries.

The distribution by age group showed that persons 25 to 34 years old registered the largest number with 1,020 for a 34.1 percent of the total. The smallest one, on the other hand, was represented by persons 65 and over with only 32 or 1.1 average percent.

Industry category provides information on industries registering the highest unemployment rates. During the second quarter, 2012 the services sector registered the largest amount with 647 or 21.6 claims, followed by trade sector with 450 or 15.0 average percent. The industries sectors with the minor percent of distribution was Mining with one claimant.

The occupational distribution shows that the production sector registered the highest number of claimants with 748 or 25.0 of the total. Followed by construction and extraction occupations with 393 or 13.1 claimants.

Data for the quarter ending on June, 2012 was taken to study characteristics of the claimants as gender, age, industry and occupational categories.

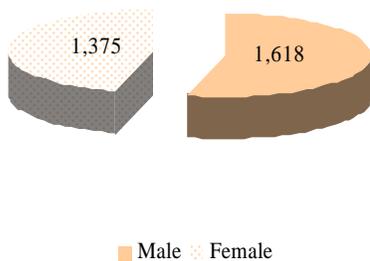
Gender

Gender	June	May	April	Average	Percent
Male	1,637	1,563	1,655	1,618	54.1
Female	1,584	1,228	1,312	1,375	45.9
Total	3,221	2,791	2,967	2,993	100.0

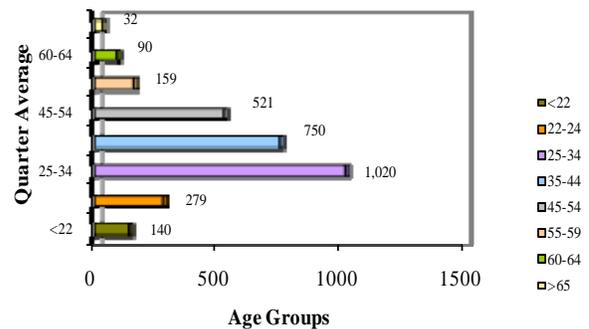
Age Groups

Gender	June	May	April	Average	Percent
<22	135	134	152	140	4.7
22-24	266	274	297	279	9.3
25-34	1,125	952	982	1,020	34.1
35-44	819	695	737	750	25.1
45-54	577	465	522	521	17.4
55-59	166	155	157	159	5.3
60-64	99	84	85	90	3.0
>65	32	30	34	32	1.1
INA	2	2	1	2	0.0
Total	3,221	2,791	2,967	2,993	100.0

**Characteristics of the Insured Unemployed
Gender
Second Quarter, 2012**



**Characteristics of Insured Unemployed
Age Groups
Second Quarter, 2012**



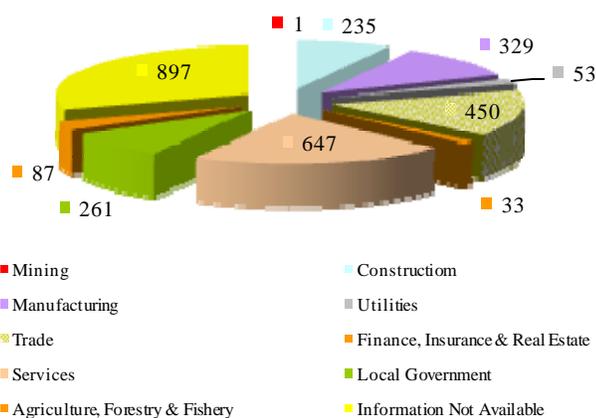
Industry Category

Industry	June	May	April	Average	Percent
Mining	2	1	1	1	0.0
Construction	242	236	226	235	7.9
Manufacturing	298	316	372	329	11.0
Durable	240	264	302	269	9.0
Nondurable	58	52	70	60	2.0
Utilities	51	51	56	53	1.8
Trade	424	470	456	450	15.0
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	33	33	33	33	1.1
Services	837	536	568	647	21.6
Local Government	309	211	264	261	8.7
Other	93	87	80	87	2.9
Information Not Available	932	850	911	897	30.0
Total	3,221	2,791	2,967	2,993	100.0

Characteristics of the Insured Unemployed

Industry

Second Quarter, 2012



Occupational Category

Occupational Category	June	May	April	Average	Percent
Management	59	62	68	63	2.1
Business and financial	43	35	36	38	1.3
Computer and mathematical	5	7	7	6	0.2
Architecture and engineering	48	51	57	52	1.7
Life, physical, and social science	13	16	15	15	0.5
Community and social services	10	9	12	10	0.3
Legal	3	3	6	4	0.2
Education, training and library	363	64	65	164	5.5
Arts, design, entertainment, sports and media	17	14	13	15	0.5
Healthcare practitioners and technical	49	44	47	47	1.6
Healthcare support	74	98	110	94	3.1
Protective service	165	117	126	136	4.5
Food preparation and serving related	152	100	109	120	4.0
Building and grounds cleaning & maintenance	93	77	80	83	2.8
Personal care and service	34	36	45	38	1.3
Sales and related	308	312	306	309	10.3
Office and administrative support	384	366	362	371	12.4
Farming, fishing, and forestry	74	78	88	80	2.7
Construction and extraction	410	385	385	393	13.1
Installation, maintenance, and repair	75	74	77	75	2.5
Production	720	712	812	748	25.0
Transportation and material moving	108	112	118	113	3.8
Military specific	14	18	22	18	0.6
INA*	0	1	1	1	0.0
Total	3,221	2,791	2,967	2,993	100.0

E: Employment and Unemployment Outlook

Employment Outlook

In Aguadilla Metropolitan Statistical Area the total employment is anticipated to move slightly in the next three months. The job opportunities will be available in the construction sector.

In the construction industry some projects are getting underway providing new job opportunities in the Labor Market of Aguadilla. Among them are:

With an investment of one million dollars in Añasco municipality, will be remodeled the Market Place. Also, Pepin Boulevard will be constructed. They will begin with the construction of a basketball court, a running track and a ball park.

Although, in Añasco is expected to add one hundred new jobs at a company that manufactures military clothing.

Meanwhile, in the Isabela, is expected to construction of Costa Isabela Complex. It is a tourism project, with private investment of \$ 51.6 million and is expected to generate 356 jobs. This project will promote tourism in the area, it includes a golf course, 20 villages, a spa, clubhouse and tennis courts.

Unemployment Outlook

On this quarter, there are three companies that report mass-layoff events. The number of employees in the area who were affected was 168. This loss was particularity in the manufacturing and educational services sectors.

The unemployment rate was moving down during the quarter. On June 2011, the rate was 16.0 percent. On June 2012 the rate was 14.7 percent. The unemployment rate is expected to move slowly because election period.

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