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March Employment Estimate Showed Loss of 3,100 Jobs; Unemployment Rate for the Month at 9.8 Percent

TRENTON, April 14, 2010 – Employment levels moved lower in March, with the largest losses occurring in the public sector. The state's March unemployment rate fell by 0.1 percentage point to 9.8 percent and remained above the national rate of 9.7 percent.

According to preliminary estimates, total nonfarm wage and salary employment in New Jersey declined by 3,100 over the month to 3,849,800. Public sector jobholding fell by 2,500, while private sector employment was slightly lower by 600.

Based on more complete reporting, the employment estimates for February was revised downward by 500, revealing that in February, nonfarm payroll employment rose by 3,200 jobs to a total nonfarm employment of 3,852,900. The revised estimates also revealed that public sector employers shed 1,000 jobs, while private sector employers added 4,200 jobs. February's unemployment rate of 9.8 percent was revised slightly higher by 0.1 percent to 9.9 percent.

In March, five of ten private sector industry supersectors recorded job losses, while the other half registered gains. Notable losses occurred in manufacturing (-3,400) jobs and education and health services (-1,000). In manufacturing, losses were concentrated in both the durable (-1,200) and nondurable (-2,200) components. In education and health services, losses occurred in both the educational services (-500) and healthcare and social services (-500) segments. Smaller losses occurred over the month in the professional and business services (-800), information (-400) and other services (-100) sectors.

Noteworthy job gains were recorded in trade, transportation and utilities (+2,500) and construction (+1,600). Gains in transportation, warehousing and utilities (+1,700) and retail trade (+700) were responsible for the jobs added in trade, transportation and utilities. Lesser gains occurred in leisure and hospitality (+600), financial activities (+300) and mining and logging (+100).

Over the month, public sector employment was lower by 2,500. Payrolls at the federal (-100) and state (-100) government levels were essentially unchanged; however, local government (includes county, municipal and local government education workers) was down by 2,300.

Over the month, the unadjusted workweek for manufacturing workers was increased by 0.3 to 40.0 hours, average hourly earnings decreased by $-\$0.06$ to $\$18.96$ and weekly earnings were up by $\$3.31$ to $\$758.40$. Compared with March of last year, the unadjusted workweek was lower by -1.3 hours, average hourly earnings increased by $\$0.43$ and weekly earnings were lower by $-\$6.89$.

Note: Estimates of industry employment and unemployment levels are arrived at through the use of two different monthly surveys.

Industry employment data are derived through the Current Employment Statistics (CES) survey, a monthly survey of business establishments conducted by the US Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) of the US Department of Labor, which provides estimates of employment, hours, and earnings data broken down by industry for the nation as a whole, all states, and most major metropolitan areas (often referred to as the "establishment" survey). Through a Federal-State cooperative endeavor, the employment security agency in each state analyzes and publishes industry employment data reports detailing the CES data compiled by BLS, using concepts, definitions, and technical procedures prescribed by BLS.

Resident employment and unemployment data are mainly derived from the New Jersey portion of the national Current Population Survey (CPS), a household survey conducted each month by the US Census Bureau under contract with BLS, which provides input to the Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS) program (often referred to as the "household" survey). Through a Federal-State cooperative endeavor, the employment security agency of each state analyzes and publishes reports detailing the LAUS data compiled by BLS using concepts, definitions, and technical procedures prescribed by BLS.

Both industry and household estimates are revised each month based on additional information from updated survey reports compiled by BLS. In addition, these estimates are benchmarked (revised) annually based on actual counts from New Jersey's Unemployment Insurance Compensation Law administrative records and other data.

Table 1: Major Indicators of Labor Market Activity for New Jersey
Seasonally Adjusted (thousands)
2009 Benchmark

Labor Force Data (resident)					
	Current Month	Previous Month	One Year Ago	Net Change	Net Change
	March 10 (P)	February 10 (R)	March 09	over the Month	over the Year
Civilian Labor Force	4,563.4	4,553.7	4,539.8	9.7	23.6
Employment	4,114.7	4,105.1	4,154.3	9.6	-39.6
Unemployment	448.6	448.6	385.5	0.0	63.1
Unemployment Rate	9.8%	9.9%	8.5%	-0.1pt	+1.3 pt
Employment Data (establishment)					
	Current Month	Previous Month	One Year Ago	Net Change	Net Change
	March 10 (P)	February 10 (R)	March 09	over the Month	over the Year
Total Nonfarm	3,849.8	3,852.9	3,914.8	-3.1	-65.0
Total Private Sector	3,201.2	3,201.8	3,269.1	-0.6	-67.9
Goods Producing	383.7	385.4	420.0	-1.7	-36.3
Mining & Logging	1.5	1.4	1.4	0.1	0.1
Construction	128.3	126.7	145.4	1.6	-17.1
Manufacturing	253.9	257.3	273.2	-3.4	-19.3
Service-Providing	3,466.1	3,467.5	3,494.8	-1.4	-28.7
Private Service-Providing	2,817.5	2,816.4	2,849.1	1.1	-31.6
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	810.9	808.4	824.1	2.5	-13.2
Information	81.6	82.0	85.6	-0.4	-4.0
Financial Activities	246.9	246.6	259.1	0.3	-12.2
Professional and Business Services	576.9	577.7	590.1	-0.8	-13.2
Education and Health Services	605.0	606.0	594.7	-1.0	10.3
Leisure and Hospitality	337.0	336.4	333.5	0.6	3.5
Other Services	159.2	159.3	162.0	-0.1	-2.8
Public Sector	648.6	651.1	645.7	-2.5	2.9
Weekly Hours of Work (not seasonally adjusted)*					
Manufacturing	40.0	39.7	41.3	0.3	-1.3
Durables	39.3	38.9	41.0	0.4	-1.7
Nondurables	40.6	40.4	41.5	0.2	-0.9
Information	34.7	34.8	34.3	-0.1	0.4
Hourly Earnings (not seasonally adjusted)*					
Manufacturing	\$18.96	\$19.02	\$18.53	-\$0.06	\$0.43
Durables	\$22.69	\$22.83	\$21.33	-\$0.14	\$1.36
Nondurables	\$15.92	\$15.93	\$16.12	-\$0.01	-\$0.20
Information	\$25.47	\$25.48	\$29.16	-\$0.01	-\$3.69
Weekly Earnings (not seasonally adjusted)**					
Manufacturing	\$758.40	\$755.09	\$765.29	\$3.31	-\$6.89
Durable Goods	\$891.72	\$888.09	\$874.53	\$3.63	\$17.19
Nondurable Goods	\$646.35	\$643.57	\$668.98	\$2.78	-\$22.63
Information	\$883.81	\$886.70	\$1,000.19	-\$2.89	-\$116.38

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* Production workers.

** Weekly earnings are computed from not seasonally adjusted hourly earnings and hours of work data.

Source: New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Division of Labor Market and Demographic Research.

Table 2: New Jersey Civilian Labor Force Trends (thousands)
2009 Benchmark

	Not Seasonally Adjusted			Seasonally Adjusted		
	March 10 (P)	Feb. 10 (R)	March 09	March 10 (P)	Feb. 10 (R)	March 09
Civilian Labor Force	4,551.0	4,559.0	4,522.9	4,563.4	4,553.7	4,539.8
Resident Employment	4,087.3	4,088.3	4,120.5	4,114.7	4,105.1	4,154.3
Unemployment	463.6	470.7	402.4	448.6	448.6	385.5
Unemployment Rate	10.2%	10.3%	8.9%	9.8%	9.9%	8.5%
Labor Force Participation Rate	66.8%	66.9%	66.9%	66.9%	66.8%	67.1%
Employment/Population Ratio	60.0%	60.0%	60.9%	60.4%	60.3%	61.4%
New Jersey Civilian Labor Force Annual Averages 1990 - 2009 (thousands)						
Year	Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment Volume	Unemployment Rate (%)		
1990	4,072.5	3,865.0	207.5	5.1		
1991	4,050.4	3,776.6	273.7	6.8		
1992	4,051.9	3,709.5	342.4	8.5		
1993	4,034.6	3,727.3	307.3	7.6		
1994	4,067.5	3,790.0	277.5	6.8		
1995	4,111.8	3,846.3	265.5	6.5		
1996	4,184.1	3,925.8	258.3	6.2		
1997	4,257.4	4,031.0	226.4	5.3		
1998	4,242.4	4,047.1	195.3	4.6		
1999	4,284.6	4,092.7	191.8	4.5		
2000	4,287.8	4,130.3	157.5	3.7		
2001	4,302.3	4,117.5	184.8	4.3		
2002	4,370.8	4,117.3	253.5	5.8		
2003	4,363.9	4,108.4	255.5	5.9		
2004	4,358.9	4,144.2	214.7	4.9		
2005	4,404.5	4,207.7	196.7	4.5		
2006	4,467.1	4,260.1	207.1	4.6		
2007	4,457.6	4,267.1	190.5	4.3		
2008	4,502.8	4,257.0	245.8	5.5		
2009	4,536.7	4,118.4	418.3	9.2		
Seasonally Adjusted Civilian Labor Force Data for New Jersey (thousands) 2009-2010						
Date	Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment	Unemployment Rate (%)		
Jan 2009	4,526.6	4,185.7	340.9	7.5		
Feb	4,533.3	4,168.9	364.5	8.0		
Mar	4,539.8	4,154.3	385.5	8.5		
Apr	4,544.6	4,141.9	402.7	8.9		
May	4,546.5	4,130.1	416.4	9.2		
Jun	4,545.6	4,118.6	427.0	9.4		
Jul	4,542.5	4,107.7	434.8	9.6		
Aug	4,538.7	4,098.3	440.5	9.7		
Sep	4,535.2	4,090.6	444.6	9.8		
Oct	4,532.3	4,084.4	448.0	9.9		
Nov	4,529.9	4,079.3	450.7	9.9		
Dec	4,527.8	4,075.3	452.5	10.0		
Jan 2010	4,533.4	4,084.1	449.2	9.9		
Feb (R)	4,553.7	4,105.1	448.6	9.9		
Mar (P)	4,563.4	4,114.7	448.6	9.8		
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Source: New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Division of Labor Market & Demographic Research.
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Table 3: New Jersey Nonfarm Employment by Industry for March 2010
Not Seasonally Adjusted (thousands) 2009 Benchmark

Industry	Current Month	Previous Month	One Year Ago	Net Change
	March 10 (P)	February 10 (R)	March 09	over the Year
Total Nonfarm	3,803.7	3,781.1	3,867.1	-63.4
Total Private Sector	3,144.6	3,121.4	3,209.9	-65.3
Goods Producing	371.5	368.2	408.3	-36.8
Mining & Logging	1.5	1.4	1.4	0.1
Construction	118.0	112.2	135.7	-17.7
Manufacturing	252.0	254.6	271.2	-19.2
Durable Goods	112.6	113.4	121.8	-9.2
Fabricated Metal Products	20.4	20.6	23.2	-2.8
Machinery Manufacturing	13.3	13.4	14.8	-1.5
Computer and Electronic Products	27.3	27.4	28.4	-1.1
Transportation Equipment Manufacturing	4.0	4.0	4.6	-0.6
Miscellaneous Manufacturing	18.8	18.8	19.8	-1.0
Nondurable Goods	139.4	141.2	149.4	-10.0
Food Manufacturing	29.4	29.4	29.0	0.4
Paper Manufacturing	11.9	11.9	12.6	-0.7
Printing and Related Support	17.2	17.1	18.9	-1.7
Chemical Manufacturing	55.3	55.6	58.6	-3.3
Pharmaceutical and Medicine	33.5	33.5	34.7	-1.2
Service-Providing	3,432.2	3,412.9	3,458.8	-26.6
Private Service-Providing	2,773.1	2,753.2	2,801.6	-28.5
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	800.1	794.9	810.4	-10.3
Wholesale Trade*	211.7	211.5	218.1	-6.4
Retail Trade*	422.6	419.5	426.7	-4.1
Building Material & Garden Equip. and Supplies Dealers	29.0	28.2	29.9	-0.9
Food and Beverage Stores	107.0	108.0	107.0	0.0
Health and Personal Care Stores	34.3	34.6	36.1	-1.8
Clothing and Clothing Accessories Stores	53.5	52.8	53.7	-0.2
Sporting Goods, Hobby, Book and Music Stores	17.4	17.6	17.6	-0.2
General Merchandise Stores	64.7	63.9	63.9	0.8
Transportation, Warehousing and Utilities	165.8	163.9	165.6	0.2
Utilities*	11.7	11.6	11.6	0.1
Transportation & Warehousing*	154.1	152.3	154.0	0.1
Information	81.2	81.3	86.1	-4.9
Publishing Industries (except Internet)	22.8	22.9	24.6	-1.8
Telecommunications	37.4	37.2	37.4	0.0
Internet Service Providers, Web Portals, Data Processing Svcs.	8.3	8.3	8.7	-0.4

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Industry	Current Month	Previous Month	One Year Ago	Net Change
	March 10 (P)	February 10 (R)	March 09	over the Year
Financial Activities	246.1	245.0	256.8	-10.7
Finance and Insurance*	194.5	194.5	202.2	-7.7
Securities, Commodity Contracts and Other Fin. Investments	47.0	47.4	49.1	-2.1
Insurance Carriers and Related Activities	78.9	78.7	81.4	-2.5
Real Estate and Rental/Leasing*	51.6	50.5	54.6	-3.0
Professional and Business Services	566.3	559.0	578.1	-11.8
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services*	275.5	274.1	282.0	-6.5
Management of Companies and Enterprises*	74.1	73.6	76.6	-2.5
Administrative Support & Waste Management/Remediation*	216.7	211.3	219.5	-2.8
Education, Health and Social Assistance Services	606.3	604.7	597.0	9.3
Educational Services*	94.5	93.6	92.4	2.1
Health Care and Social Assistance*	511.8	511.1	504.6	7.2
Hospitals	155.3	155.5	155.7	-0.4
Nursing and Residential Care Facilities	88.5	88.1	86.2	2.3
Social Assistance	81.8	80.1	78.7	3.1
Leisure and Hospitality	316.4	311.4	313.0	3.4
Arts, Entertainment and Recreation*	46.6	45.0	43.8	2.8
Accommodation and Food Services*	269.8	266.4	269.2	0.6
Food Services and Drinking Places	212.2	209.6	210.6	1.6
Other Services	156.7	156.9	160.2	-3.5
Repair and Maintenance	31.6	31.4	32.6	-1.0
Personal and Laundry Services	48.1	48.5	48.9	-0.8
Religious, Grantmaking, Civic, Professional and Similar Org.	77.0	77.0	78.7	-1.7
Government	659.1	659.7	657.2	1.9

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Shaded rows denote supersector series, * denote sector series.

Source: New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Division of Labor Market and Demographic Research.

Table 4: New Jersey Nonfarm Employment (in thousands) 2009 Benchmark						
Annual Averages						
	Total	Private Sector			Public	
Year		Total	Manufacturing	Construction	Service-Providing	
1990	3,635.1	3,058.4	529.5	147.7	2,378.1	576.7
1991	3,498.7	2,927.1	498.3	122.6	2,303.7	571.6
1992	3,457.9	2,886.0	474.1	112.1	2,297.5	571.9
1993	3,493.0	2,922.3	462.9	116.3	2,340.8	570.7
1994	3,552.8	2,979.4	456.0	121.7	2,399.3	573.4
1995	3,600.6	3,027.2	448.6	123.3	2,452.9	573.4
1996	3,638.9	3,068.3	437.4	125.0	2,503.8	570.6
1997	3,724.5	3,154.3	435.4	131.8	2,584.8	570.3
1998	3,801.3	3,229.6	429.4	136.1	2,661.8	571.7
1999	3,901.1	3,323.5	422.5	143.6	2,755.3	577.6
2000	3,994.5	3,405.7	421.6	149.6	2,832.6	588.9
2001	3,997.2	3,394.6	401.2	158.8	2,832.8	602.6
2002	3,983.9	3,370.4	367.5	162.6	2,838.8	613.5
2003	3,978.8	3,356.9	350.4	160.5	2,844.5	621.9
2004	3,999.1	3,365.7	338.2	165.9	2,860.0	633.4
2005	4,039.1	3,397.5	330.4	169.1	2,896.3	641.6
2006	4,071.0	3,423.7	323.8	174.9	2,923.3	647.3
2007	4,078.9	3,431.2	311.3	172.3	2,946.0	647.7
2008	4,048.4	3,401.0	298.8	164.5	2,936.1	647.4
2009	3,891.7	3,243.0	267.3	139.0	2,835.2	648.7
Seasonally Adjusted Monthly Data						
2009						
Jan	3,952.4	3,305.3	280.2	149.6	2,874.1	647.1
Feb	3,935.1	3,289.9	276.7	147.9	2,863.9	645.2
Mar	3,914.8	3,269.1	273.2	145.4	2,849.1	645.7
Apr	3,905.1	3,256.8	270.0	142.2	2,843.1	648.3
May	3,900.6	3,252.2	268.0	140.1	2,842.6	648.4
Jun	3,886.2	3,238.9	265.9	138.0	2,833.5	647.3
Jul	3,875.9	3,227.0	264.0	136.6	2,824.9	648.9
Aug	3,870.7	3,221.1	262.1	135.2	2,822.2	649.6
Sep	3,866.1	3,220.1	260.7	133.4	2,824.4	646.0
Oct	3,867.6	3,217.5	261.8	134.5	2,819.6	650.1
Nov	3,864.7	3,212.9	264.1	132.1	2,815.1	651.8
Dec	3,858.7	3,207.4	259.1	130.7	2,816.0	651.3
2010						
Jan	3,849.7	3,197.6	257.8	126.5	2,811.9	652.1
Feb (R)	3,852.9	3,201.8	257.3	126.7	2,816.4	651.1
Mar (P)	3,849.8	3,201.2	253.9	128.3	2,817.5	648.6
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Key Economic Indicators: March 2010 Seasonally Adjusted

