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November Employment Fell by 9,400; Unemployment Rate at 9.7 Percent

TRENTON, December 16, 2009 – Employment in New Jersey fell in November by 9,400 jobs, while the state's unemployment rate held steady at 9.7 percent. The state's unemployment rate remained below the national rate of 10.0 percent in November.

"The usual retail hiring increases at this time of year did not reach the levels recorded in prior years," said Labor Commissioner David J. Socolow. "The smaller-than-usual seasonal hiring resulted in a preliminary estimate finding a decline of almost 9,000 retail and wholesale jobs."

Total nonfarm wage and salary employment in the Garden State fell to 3,911,600 in November. Over the month, private sector employment was lower by 10,900, while public sector jobholding rose by 1,500. Based on more complete reporting, previously released estimates of October employment (preliminary estimate of -1,800 jobs) were revised higher by 3,000, resulting in a revised September-to-October gain of 1,200 jobs.

In November, six of ten private sector industry sectors suffered job losses while three recorded gains, one was unchanged. The largest over-the-month private sector job losses were recorded in trade, transportation and utilities (-9,700 jobs), construction (-2,800), professional and business services (-1,900), and financial activities (-1,200). The large drop in trade, transportation and utilities was due to less than seasonally expected hiring in the wholesale (-6,300) and retail (-2,600) trade components. Smaller over-the-month losses were evident in information (-700) and educational and health services (-200).

Sizeable employment gains occurred in the manufacturing (+2,500 jobs) and leisure and hospitality (+2,100) industry sectors. All of the employment gain in manufacturing occurred in the nondurable goods (+2,700) segment while the gain in leisure and hospitality was in the arts, entertainment and recreation component.

Public sector employment was up by +1,500 over the month with all of the gain at the local government level (+2,100).

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Over the month, the unadjusted workweek for manufacturing workers decreased by 0.1 to 41.5 hours, average hourly earnings decreased by \$0.02 to \$18.08 and weekly earnings were down by -\$2.64 to \$750.32. Compared with November of last year, the unadjusted workweek was higher by 0.4 hour, average hourly earnings increased by \$0.19 and weekly earnings were higher by \$15.04.

Note: Estimates of industry employment and unemployment levels are developed 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 U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) of the U.S. 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 derived from the New Jersey portion of the national Current Population Survey (CPS), a household survey conducted each month by the U.S. 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 in 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)
2008 Benchmark

Labor Force Data (resident)					
	Current Month	Previous Month	One Year Ago	Net Change	Net Change
	Nov. 09 (P)	Oct. 09 (R)	Nov. 08	over the Month	over the Year
Civilian Labor Force	4,539.0	4,526.3	4,510.4	12.7	28.6
Employment	4,098.5	4,087.0	4,224.9	11.5	-126.4
Unemployment	440.5	439.3	285.5	1.2	155.0
Unemployment Rate	9.7%	9.7%	6.3%	0.0pt	+3.4 pt
Employment Data (establishment)					
	Current Month	Previous Month	One Year Ago	Net Change	Net Change
	Nov. 09 (P)	Oct. 09 (R)	Nov. 08	over the Month	over the Year
Total Nonfarm	3,911.6	3,921.0	4,014.6	-9.4	-103.0
Total Private Sector	3,260.1	3,271.0	3,361.5	-10.9	-101.4
Goods Producing	414.1	414.4	450.5	-0.3	-36.4
Natural Resources and Mining	1.7	1.7	1.7	0.0	0.0
Construction	137.2	140.0	158.7	-2.8	-21.5
Manufacturing	275.2	272.7	290.1	2.5	-14.9
Service-Providing	3,497.5	3,506.6	3,564.1	-9.1	-66.6
Private Service-Providing	2,846.0	2,856.6	2,911.0	-10.6	-65.0
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	825.6	835.3	848.6	-9.7	-23.0
Information	87.9	88.6	90.2	-0.7	-2.3
Financial Activities	251.4	252.6	260.1	-1.2	-8.7
Professional and Business Services	576.4	578.3	603.7	-1.9	-27.3
Education and Health Services	597.9	598.1	599.9	-0.2	-2.0
Leisure and Hospitality	340.9	338.8	346.0	2.1	-5.1
Other Services	165.9	164.9	162.5	1.0	3.4
Public Sector	651.5	650.0	653.1	1.5	-1.6
Weekly Hours of Work (not seasonally adjusted)					
Manufacturing	41.5	41.6	41.1	-0.1	0.4
Durables	40.8	41.1	41.5	-0.3	-0.7
Nondurables	42.1	42.0	40.8	0.1	1.3
Information	34.9	34.7	34.8	0.2	0.1
Hourly Earnings (not seasonally adjusted)					
Manufacturing	\$18.08	\$18.10	\$17.89	-\$0.02	\$0.19
Durables	\$21.18	\$21.02	\$20.25	\$0.16	\$0.93
Nondurables	\$15.73	\$15.75	\$15.81	-\$0.02	-\$0.08
Information	\$27.22	\$26.88	\$29.86	\$0.34	-\$2.64
Weekly Earnings (not seasonally adjusted)*					
Manufacturing	\$750.32	\$752.96	\$735.28	-\$2.64	\$15.04
Durable Goods	\$864.14	\$863.92	\$840.38	\$0.22	\$23.76
Nondurable Goods	\$662.23	\$661.50	\$645.05	\$0.73	\$17.18
Information	\$949.98	\$932.74	\$1,039.13	\$17.24	-\$89.15

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* 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)
2008 Benchmark

	Not Seasonally Adjusted			Seasonally Adjusted		
	Nov. 09 (P)	Oct. 09 (R)	Nov. 08	Nov. 09 (P)	Oct. 09 (R)	Nov. 08
Civilian Labor Force	4,530.8	4,511.3	4,493.9	4,539.0	4,526.3	4,510.4
Resident Employment	4,105.6	4,091.1	4,223.4	4,098.5	4,087.0	4,224.9
Unemployment	425.2	420.2	270.5	440.5	439.3	285.5
Unemployment Rate	9.4%	9.3%	6.0%	9.7%	9.7%	6.3%
Labor Force Participation Rate	66.4%	66.2%	66.3%	66.5%	66.4%	66.6%
Employment/Population Ratio	60.2%	60.0%	62.3%	60.1%	59.9%	62.4%

New Jersey Civilian Labor Force Annual Averages 1990 - 2008 (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	4,373.0	4,157.5	215.5	4.9
2005	4,431.6	4,232.9	198.7	4.5
2006	4,492.8	4,283.6	209.2	4.7
2007	4,466.3	4,276.6	189.7	4.2
2008	4,496.7	4,251.2	245.5	5.5

Seasonally Adjusted Civilian Labor Force Data for New Jersey (thousands) 2008-2009

Date	Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment	Unemployment Rate (%)
Jan 2008	4,478.7	4,272.3	206.4	4.6
Feb	4,483.9	4,272.1	211.8	4.7
Mar	4,485.5	4,268.9	216.6	4.8
Apr	4,487.7	4,265.5	222.2	5.0
May	4,491.3	4,261.2	230.1	5.1
Jun	4,492.6	4,256.9	235.7	5.2
Jul	4,497.8	4,252.6	245.2	5.5
Aug	4,502.1	4,247.3	254.8	5.7
Sep	4,502.5	4,241.9	260.6	5.8
Oct	4,507.4	4,235.6	271.8	6.0
Nov	4,510.4	4,224.9	285.5	6.3
Dec	4,520.8	4,215.1	305.7	6.8
Jan 2009	4,503.0	4,172.5	330.5	7.3
Feb	4,514.6	4,144.6	370.0	8.2
Mar	4,540.6	4,163.8	376.8	8.3
Apr	4,572.4	4,188.0	384.4	8.4
May	4,560.4	4,160.3	400.0	8.8
Jun	4,550.5	4,130.9	419.6	9.2
Jul	4,561.8	4,138.6	423.1	9.3
Aug	4,541.3	4,104.4	436.9	9.6
Sep	4,536.9	4,091.0	445.9	9.8
Oct (R)	4,526.3	4,087.0	439.3	9.7
Nov (P)	4,539.0	4,098.5	440.5	9.7
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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 November 2009
Not Seasonally Adjusted (thousands) 2008 Benchmark

Industry	Current Month	Previous Month	One Year Ago	Net Change
	Nov. 09 (P)	Oct. 09 (R)	Nov. 08	over the Year
Total Nonfarm	3,948.7	3,943.0	4,052.3	-103.6
Total Private Sector	3,285.1	3,284.8	3,387.2	-102.1
Goods Producing	418.8	420.5	455.2	-36.4
Natural Resources & Mining	1.7	1.7	1.7	0.0
Construction	140.7	145.3	162.2	-21.5
Manufacturing	276.4	273.5	291.3	-14.9
Durable Goods	119.6	119.9	130.9	-11.3
Fabricated Metal Products	25.1	25.2	25.8	-0.7
Machinery Manufacturing	15.8	15.9	16.3	-0.5
Computer and Electronic Products	29.5	29.6	30.6	-1.1
Transportation Equipment Manufacturing	5.1	5.1	5.7	-0.6
Miscellaneous Manufacturing	19.4	19.5	20.2	-0.8
Nondurable Goods	156.8	153.6	160.4	-3.6
Food Manufacturing	31.5	31.4	31.0	0.5
Paper Manufacturing	12.7	12.8	13.4	-0.7
Printing and Related Support	19.7	19.7	20.8	-1.1
Chemical Manufacturing	62.7	62.2	64.8	-2.1
Pharmaceutical and Medicine	36.8	36.8	37.7	-0.9
Service-Providing	3,529.9	3,522.5	3,597.1	-67.2
Private Service-Providing	2,866.3	2,864.3	2,932.0	-65.7
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	847.0	838.3	870.4	-23.4
Wholesale Trade*	225.1	225.7	234.9	-9.8
Retail Trade*	459.1	449.0	460.8	-1.7
Building Material & Garden Equip. and Supplies Dealers	31.8	31.9	33.1	-1.3
Food and Beverage Stores	106.5	105.5	107.2	-0.7
Health and Personal Care Stores	36.5	36.6	38.3	-1.8
Clothing and Clothing Accessories Stores	62.0	60.7	66.0	-4.0
Sporting Goods, Hobby, Book and Music Stores	20.4	19.3	21.3	-0.9
General Merchandise Stores	70.4	65.2	70.3	0.1
Transportation, Warehousing and Utilities	162.8	163.6	174.7	-11.9
Utilities*	12.9	12.8	12.0	0.9
Transportation & Warehousing*	149.9	150.8	162.7	-12.8
Information	88.3	88.7	90.7	-2.4
Publishing Industries (except Internet)	24.9	24.9	26.6	-1.7
Telecommunications	38.8	38.7	40.3	-1.5
Internet Service Providers, Web Portals, Data Processing Svcs.	8.2	8.2	8.9	-0.7

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(continued) Table 3: New Jersey Nonfarm Employment by Industry for November 2009 Not Seasonally Adjusted (thousands) 2008 Benchmark				
Industry	Current Month	Previous Month	One Year Ago	Net Change
	Nov. 09 (P)	Oct. 09 (R)	Nov. 08	over the Year
Financial Activities	251.0	252.2	259.7	-8.7
Finance and Insurance*	198.0	197.5	198.9	-0.9
Securities, Commodity Contracts and Other Fin. Investments	48.9	49.0	52.5	-3.6
Insurance Carriers and Related Activities	80.4	80.2	80.7	-0.3
Real Estate and Rental/Leasing*	53.0	54.7	60.8	-7.8
Professional and Business Services	581.8	585.4	609.2	-27.4
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services*	274.3	273.6	290.3	-16.0
Management of Companies and Enterprises*	74.5	74.9	74.1	0.4
Administrative Support & Waste Management/Remediation*	233.0	236.9	244.8	-11.8
Education, Health and Social Assistance Services	601.6	599.8	603.6	-2.0
Educational Services*	92.4	92.0	96.4	-4.0
Health Care and Social Assistance*	509.2	507.8	507.2	2.0
Hospitals	154.2	154.0	156.6	-2.4
Nursing and Residential Care Facilities	85.7	85.1	85.1	0.6
Social Assistance	79.0	79.9	79.4	-0.4
Leisure and Hospitality	331.9	335.4	337.0	-5.1
Arts, Entertainment and Recreation*	50.4	51.1	50.8	-0.4
Accommodation and Food Services*	281.5	284.3	286.2	-4.7
Food Services and Drinking Places	220.9	223.4	222.9	-2.0
Other Services	164.7	164.5	161.4	3.3
Repair and Maintenance	34.1	34.3	34.7	-0.6
Personal and Laundry Services	54.0	54.1	48.5	5.5
Religious, Grantmaking, Civic, Professional and Similar Org.	76.6	76.1	78.2	-1.6
Government	663.6	658.2	665.1	-1.5

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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) 2008 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	3423.7	323.8	174.9	2923.3	647.3
2007	4,078.9	3431.2	311.3	172.3	2946.0	648.3
2008	4,058.3	3,407.1	298.9	164.8	2,941.8	651.2
Seasonally Adjusted Monthly Data						
2008						
Jan	4,091.0	3,441.2	305.7	170.5	2,963.4	649.8
Feb	4,089.8	3,440.0	304.5	170.9	2,963.1	649.8
Mar	4,086.4	3,436.7	303.5	169.8	2,961.8	649.7
Apr	4,080.1	3,430.4	303.8	167.2	2,957.8	649.7
May	4,070.2	3,419.8	301.9	165.8	2,950.4	650.4
Jun	4,066.2	3,414.9	301.3	164.8	2,947.1	651.3
Jul	4,058.3	3,406.5	300.0	164.4	2,940.4	651.8
Aug	4,051.1	3,401.4	298.8	163.1	2,937.8	649.7
Sep	4,046.6	3,396.5	297.6	162.3	2,934.9	650.1
Oct	4,037.4	3,382.9	292.5	161.8	2,926.9	654.5
Nov	4,014.6	3,361.5	290.1	158.7	2,911.0	653.1
Dec	4,000.5	3,348.1	286.2	156.6	2,903.6	652.4
2009						
Jan	3,987.8	3,335.8	280.1	153.8	2,900.4	652.0
Feb	3,973.3	3,322.8	276.9	151.2	2,893.2	650.5
Mar	3,960.0	3,309.1	273.2	151.9	2,882.4	650.9
Apr	3,941.3	3,289.2	271.4	146.8	2,869.4	652.1
May	3,933.3	3,282.0	271.4	141.3	2,867.6	651.3
Jun	3,930.2	3,279.8	272.8	140.9	2,864.4	650.4
Jul	3,929.7	3,285.4	275.5	144.0	2,864.2	644.3
Aug	3,930.4	3,287.3	273.2	143.8	2,868.6	643.1
Sep	3,919.8	3,272.9	272.6	138.5	2,860.1	646.9
Oct (R)	3,921.0	3,271.0	272.7	140.0	2,856.6	650.0
Nov (P)	3,911.6	3,260.1	275.2	137.2	2,846.0	651.5
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Key Economic Indicators: November 2009 Seasonally Adjusted

