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## **- News Release -**

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### **New Jersey Employment Losses Slowed in June; Unemployment Rate Over the Month Rose to 9.2 Percent**

**Trenton, July 15, 2009** – New Jersey employers trimmed payrolls once again in June, however, the monthly decline was the smallest since February 2008. While job losses have moderated during the past two months, New Jersey's June unemployment rate rose by 0.4 percentage point to 9.2 percent and remained below the national rate of 9.5 percent.

According to preliminary estimates from the New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development's monthly survey of employers, nonfarm wage and salary employment in the Garden State decreased by 2,100 jobs in June, to a total of 3,931,200. Based on more complete reporting, the previously released May estimate was revised lower by -1,800 for a revised April-to-May loss of 8,000 jobs. Since the beginning of the recession in December 2007, New Jersey has lost 155,000 jobs (-3.8%). Nationally, employment has declined by 5.3 million jobs (-4.7%).

"Job losses in New Jersey were less severe in June than in any month since the national recession began," said New Jersey Labor Commissioner David J. Socolow. "The job losses were moderated by significant employment gains in the 'other services' sector, driven mainly by increased hiring at grant-making and nonprofit organizations creating jobs as a result of state and federal recovery efforts."

Over the month, five of ten private industry supersectors recorded declines while four realized gains; one was unchanged. Public sector employment was lower by 600.

The largest over-the-month losses occurred in leisure and hospitality (-2,600), professional and business services (-2,300), and financial activities (-1,400). In leisure and hospitality, the majority of the drop occurred in the accommodation and food services segment (-2,400). The job losses in professional and business services were largely attributable to decreased payrolls in the administrative support/waste management/remediation services component (-3,700). The decline in financial activities occurred in both the finance and insurance (-800) and real estate/rental and leasing categories (-600).

Job gains were concentrated in other services (+3,700), education and health services (+1,200) and transportation, trade and utilities (+900). The gain in other services was due to higher payrolls at employers such as nonprofit groups, grant-making organizations and industry associations. Gains in the educational services component (+1,600) of education and health services overshadowed a slight loss in the healthcare and social assistance component (-400). Hiring in transportation and

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warehousing (+1,500) and retail trade (+200) were responsible for the advance in trade, transportation and utilities, while wholesale trade contracted by 800.

Over the month, the unadjusted workweek for manufacturing workers increased by 0.1 hours to 41.3 hours, average hourly earnings increased by \$0.06 to \$18.57 and weekly earnings were increased by \$4.33 to \$766.94. Compared with June of last year, the unadjusted workweek was lower by -1.2 hours, average hourly earnings increased by \$0.74 and weekly earnings were higher by \$9.16.

**Table 1: Major Indicators of Labor Market Activity for New Jersey**  
**Seasonally Adjusted (thousands)**  
**2008 Benchmark**

<b>Labor Force Data (resident)</b>					
	<b>Current Month</b>	<b>Previous Month</b>	<b>One Year Ago</b>	<b>Net Change</b>	<b>Net Change</b>
	<b>June 09 (P)</b>	<b>May 09 (R)</b>	<b>June 08</b>	<b>over the Month</b>	<b>over the Year</b>
Civilian Labor Force	4,551,778	4,560,364	4,492,600	-8,586	59,178
Employment	4,130,991	4,160,325	4,256,900	-29,334	-125,909
Unemployment	420,787	400,039	235,700	20,748	185,087
Unemployment Rate	9.2%	8.8%	5.2%	+0.4 pt	+4.0 pt
<b>Employment Data (establishment)</b>					
	<b>Current Month</b>	<b>Previous Month</b>	<b>One Year Ago</b>	<b>Net Change</b>	<b>Net Change</b>
	<b>June 09 (P)</b>	<b>May 09 (R)</b>	<b>June 08</b>	<b>over the Month</b>	<b>over the Year</b>
<b>Total Nonfarm</b>	3931.2	3933.3	4066.2	-2.1	-135.0
<b>Total Private Sector</b>	3280.5	3282.0	3414.9	-1.5	-134.4
<b>Goods Producing</b>	414.4	414.4	467.8	0.0	-53.4
Natural Resources and Mining	1.7	1.7	1.7	0.0	0.0
Construction	140.7	141.3	164.8	-0.6	-24.1
Manufacturing	272.0	271.4	301.3	0.6	-29.3
<b>Service-Providing</b>	3516.8	3518.9	3598.4	-2.1	-81.6
<b>Private Service-Providing</b>	2866.1	2867.6	2947.1	-1.5	-81.0
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	844.8	843.9	866.8	0.9	-22.0
Information	87.8	88.8	92.7	-1.0	-4.9
Financial Activities	256.8	258.2	271.4	-1.4	-14.6
Professional and Business Services	576.0	578.3	616.4	-2.3	-40.4
Education and Health Services	598.9	597.7	590.2	1.2	8.7
Leisure and Hospitality	334.0	336.6	343.9	-2.6	-9.9
Other Services	167.8	164.1	165.7	3.7	2.1
<b>Public Sector</b>	650.7	651.3	651.3	-0.6	-0.6
<b>Weekly Hours of Work (not seasonally adjusted)</b>					
Manufacturing	41.3	41.2	42.5	0.1	-1.2
Durables	41.2	40.6	42.9	0.6	-1.7
Nondurables	41.5	41.7	42.2	-0.2	-0.7
Information	34.2	34.8	35.2	-0.6	-1.0
<b>Hourly Earnings (not seasonally adjusted)</b>					
Manufacturing	\$18.57	\$18.51	\$17.83	\$0.06	\$0.74
Durables	\$21.21	\$21.30	\$19.74	-\$0.09	\$1.47
Nondurables	\$16.26	\$16.18	\$16.10	\$0.08	\$0.16
Information	\$27.64	\$27.97	\$32.05	-\$0.33	-\$4.41
<b>Weekly Earnings (not seasonally adjusted)*</b>					
Manufacturing	\$766.94	\$762.61	\$757.78	\$4.33	\$9.16
Durable Goods	\$873.85	\$864.78	\$846.85	\$9.07	\$27.00
Nondurable Goods	\$607.13	\$604.78	\$590.47	\$2.35	\$16.66
Information	\$945.29	\$973.36	\$1,128.16	-\$28.07	-\$182.87

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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		
	June 09 (P)	May 09 (R)	June 08	June 09 (P)	May 09 (R)	June 08
Civilian Labor Force	4,599,418	4,547,301	4,536,800	4,551,778	4,560,364	4,492,600
Resident Employment	4,174,978	4,154,131	4,302,000	4,130,991	4,160,325	4,256,900
Unemployment	424,440	393,170	234,800	420,787	400,039	235,700
Unemployment Rate	9.2%	8.6%	5.2%	9.2%	8.8%	5.2%
Labor Force Participation Rate	67.6%	66.9%	67.2%	66.9%	67.1%	66.5%
Employment/Population Ratio	61.4%	61.1%	63.7%	60.8%	61.2%	63.1%

**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 (R)	4,560.4	4,160.3	400.0	8.8
Jun (P)	4,551.8	4,131.0	420.8	9.2
Jul				
Aug				
Sep				
Oct				
Nov				
Dec				

Source: New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Division of Labor Market & Demographic Research.  
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Industry	Current Month	Previous Month	One Year Ago	Net Change
	June 09 (P)	May 09 (R)	June 08	over the Year
<b>Total Nonfarm</b>	<b>3,993.9</b>	<b>3,952.0</b>	<b>4,140.3</b>	<b>-146.4</b>
Total Private Sector	3,333.2	3,291.5	3,478.1	-144.9
Goods Producing	421.4	416.1	475.9	-54.5
<b>Natural Resources &amp; Mining</b>	<b>1.7</b>	<b>1.7</b>	<b>1.7</b>	<b>0.0</b>
<b>Construction</b>	<b>145.9</b>	<b>143.3</b>	<b>170.7</b>	<b>-24.8</b>
<b>Manufacturing</b>	<b>273.8</b>	<b>271.1</b>	<b>303.5</b>	<b>-29.7</b>
Durable Goods	121.4	120.2	136.9	-15.5
Fabricated Metal Products	25.4	25.2	26.6	-1.2
Machinery Manufacturing	16.1	16.0	16.6	-0.5
Computer and Electronic Products	30.3	30.0	30.6	-0.3
Transportation Equipment Manufacturing	5.3	5.3	6.0	-0.7
Miscellaneous Manufacturing	19.7	19.6	20.5	-0.8
Nondurable Goods	152.4	150.9	166.6	-14.2
Food Manufacturing	30.8	30.6	30.0	0.8
Paper Manufacturing	13.0	13.0	13.7	-0.7
Printing and Related Support	19.9	20.0	21.6	-1.7
Chemical Manufacturing	63.6	63.2	66.1	-2.5
Pharmaceutical and Medicine	37.5	37.3	38.3	-0.8
Service-Providing	3,572.5	3,535.9	3,664.4	-91.9
Private Service-Providing	2,911.8	2,875.4	3,002.2	-90.4
<b>Trade, Transportation, and Utilities</b>	<b>850.2</b>	<b>840.8</b>	<b>874.0</b>	<b>-23.8</b>
Wholesale Trade*	226.5	226.1	234.1	-7.6
Retail Trade*	456.0	449.3	463.0	-7.0
Building Material & Garden Equip. and Supplies Dealers	34.0	34.1	35.9	-1.9
Food and Beverage Stores	111.5	110.0	111.8	-0.3
Health and Personal Care Stores	37.2	36.7	39.1	-1.9
Clothing and Clothing Accessories Stores	61.6	60.5	60.0	1.6
Sporting Goods, Hobby, Book and Music Stores	19.0	18.6	19.6	-0.6
General Merchandise Stores	65.2	64.5	65.5	-0.3
Transportation, Warehousing and Utilities	167.7	165.4	176.9	-9.2
Utilities*	12.9	12.6	12.1	0.8
Transportation & Warehousing*	154.8	152.8	164.8	-10.0

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**Table 3: New Jersey Nonfarm Employment by Industry for June 2009**  
**Not Seasonally Adjusted (thousands) 2008 Benchmark**

Industry	Current Month	Previous Month	One Year Ago	Net Change
	June 09 (P)	May 09 (R)	June 08	over the Year
<b>Information</b>	<b>88.2</b>	<b>88.6</b>	<b>93.4</b>	<b>-5.2</b>
Publishing Industries (except Internet)	25.4	25.3	27.1	-1.7
Telecommunications	39.8	39.7	40.8	-1.0
Internet Service Providers, Web Portals, Data Processing Svcs.	8.5	8.5	9.2	-0.7
<b>Financial Activities</b>	<b>259.3</b>	<b>258.1</b>	<b>274.2</b>	<b>-14.9</b>
Finance and Insurance*	203.5	203.0	212.5	-9.0
Securities, Commodity Contracts and Other Fin. Investments	50.5	50.4	54.6	-4.1
Insurance Carriers and Related Activities	81.8	82.2	82.3	-0.5
Real Estate and Rental/Leasing*	55.8	55.1	61.7	-5.9
<b>Professional and Business Services</b>	<b>582.7</b>	<b>579.3</b>	<b>625.5</b>	<b>-42.8</b>
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services*	276.1	272.1	290.8	-14.7
Management of Companies and Enterprises*	75.1	74.7	75.3	-0.2
Administrative Support & Waste Management/Remediation*	231.5	232.5	259.4	-27.9
<b>Education, Health and Social Assistance Services</b>	<b>601.6</b>	<b>601.7</b>	<b>593.7</b>	<b>7.9</b>
Educational Services*	94.2	95.4	91.5	2.7
Health Care and Social Assistance*	507.4	506.3	502.2	5.2
Hospitals	154.3	152.9	156.9	-2.6
Nursing and Residential Care Facilities	84.5	84.6	84.6	-0.1
Social Assistance	78.8	80.6	77.2	1.6
<b>Leisure and Hospitality</b>	<b>358.5</b>	<b>341.6</b>	<b>371.8</b>	<b>-13.3</b>
Arts, Entertainment and Recreation*	61.5	53.6	64.9	-3.4
Accommodation and Food Services*	297.0	288.0	306.9	-9.9
Food Services and Drinking Places	234.2	226.5	237.6	-3.4
<b>Other Services</b>	<b>171.3</b>	<b>165.3</b>	<b>169.6</b>	<b>1.7</b>
Repair and Maintenance	33.8	34.1	36.5	-2.7
Personal and Laundry Services	54.5	51.9	51.3	3.2
Religious, Grantmaking, Civic, Professional and Similar Org.	83.0	79.3	81.8	1.2
<b>Government</b>	<b>660.7</b>	<b>660.5</b>	<b>662.2</b>	<b>-1.5</b>

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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.

<b>Table 4: New Jersey Nonfarm Employment (in thousands) 2008 Benchmark</b>						
<b>Annual Averages</b>						
	<b>Total</b>	<b>Private Sector</b>			<b>Public</b>	
<b>Year</b>		<b>Total</b>	<b>Manufacturing</b>	<b>Construction</b>	<b>Service-Providing</b>	
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	648.3
2008	4,058.3	3,407.1	298.9	164.8	2,941.8	651.2
<b>Seasonally Adjusted Monthly Data</b>						
<b>2008</b>						
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
<b>2009</b>						
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 (R)	3,933.3	3,282.0	271.4	141.3	2,867.6	651.3
Jun (P)	3,931.2	3,280.5	272.0	140.7	2,866.1	650.7
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## Key Economic Indicators: June 2009 Seasonally Adjusted

