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New Jersey Employers Add Jobs in April; Unemployment Rate Unchanged

TRENTON, May19, 2010 – Employment in New Jersey advanced in April, fueled by widespread hiring in the private sector. The state's unemployment rate was unchanged in April at 9.8 percent and was below the national rate (9.9%) for the first time since November of last year.

According to preliminary estimates, total nonfarm wage and salary employment in New Jersey increased by 10,500 jobs in April to 3,858,500. The gain represents the largest monthly increase in over two years (January 2008, +5,500). Private sector employment advanced by 8,100 jobs while public sector payrolls increased by 2,400.

Based on more complete reporting, previously released March estimates were revised downward by 1,800 jobs to a total of 3,848,000, reflecting an over-the-month (February to March) loss of 4,900 jobs. Preliminary estimates indicated an over-the-month loss of -3,100.

In April, job gains were realized in nearly all private sector industries. Sizeable increases occurred in the professional and business services (+3,700 jobs), manufacturing (+2,500), financial activities (+1,100) and leisure and hospitality (+1,100) supersectors. The gain in professional and business services was due to hiring in the administrative support/waste management/remediation segment which added 5,000 jobs. In manufacturing, small gains were scattered among companies in both the durable (+1,800) and nondurable (+700) components. Increased employment in the finance and insurance (+1,000) component accounted for the majority of the gain in financial activities, while the advance in leisure and hospitality was due to hiring in the accommodations and food services segment. Smaller gains were recorded in education and health services (+800), information (+600), trade transportation and utilities (+600), and mining and logging (+100). The only industry to register a decrease was construction, which saw employment fall by 2,400.

Public sector employment was higher by 2,400 over the month boosted by hiring of temporary workers at the federal level (+2,100) to perform canvassing activities for Census 2010.

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Over the month, the unadjusted workweek for manufacturing workers decreased by -0.1 to 40.2 hours, average hourly earnings increased by \$0.03 to \$18.91 and weekly earnings were down by -\$0.68 to \$760.18. Compared with April of last year, the unadjusted workweek was lower by -0.4 hours, average hourly earnings increased by \$0.30 and weekly earnings were higher by \$4.61.

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
	April 10 (P)	March 10 (R)	April 09	over the Month	over the Year
Civilian Labor Force	4,570.8	4,563.4	4,544.6	7.4	26.2
Employment	4,123.2	4,114.4	4,141.9	8.8	-18.7
Unemployment	447.6	449.0	402.7	-1.4	44.9
Unemployment Rate	9.8%	9.8%	8.9%	-0.0 pt	+0.9 pt
Employment Data (establishment)					
	Current Month	Previous Month	One Year Ago	Net Change	Net Change
	April 10 (P)	March 10 (R)	April 09	over the Month	over the Year
Total Nonfarm	3,858.5	3,848.0	3,905.1	10.5	-46.6
Total Private Sector	3,207.3	3,199.2	3,256.8	8.1	-49.5
Goods Producing	384.4	384.2	413.7	0.2	-29.3
Mining & Logging	1.6	1.5	1.5	0.1	0.1
Construction	126.1	128.5	142.2	-2.4	-16.1
Manufacturing	256.7	254.2	270.0	2.5	-13.3
Service-Providing	3,474.1	3,463.8	3,491.4	10.3	-17.3
Private Service-Providing	2,822.9	2,815.0	2,843.1	7.9	-20.2
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	811.6	811.0	819.5	0.6	-7.9
Information	81.8	81.2	85.0	0.6	-3.2
Financial Activities	248.4	247.3	258.4	1.1	-10.0
Professional and Business Services	576.4	572.7	589.5	3.7	-13.1
Education and Health Services	606.0	605.2	596.6	0.8	9.4
Leisure and Hospitality	339.3	338.2	333.8	1.1	5.5
Other Services	159.4	159.4	160.3	0.0	-0.9
Public Sector	651.2	648.8	648.3	2.4	2.9
Weekly Hours of Work (not seasonally adjusted)*					
Manufacturing	40.2	40.3	40.6	-0.1	-0.4
Durables	40.0	39.5	40.6	0.5	-0.6
Nondurables	40.4	40.9	40.7	-0.5	-0.3
Information	34.6	34.8	34.4	-0.2	0.2
Hourly Earnings (not seasonally adjusted)*					
Manufacturing	\$18.91	\$18.88	\$18.61	\$0.03	\$0.30
Durables	\$22.49	\$22.58	\$21.32	-\$0.09	\$1.17
Nondurables	\$15.91	\$15.89	\$16.24	\$0.02	-\$0.33
Information	\$25.30	\$25.39	\$28.27	-\$0.09	-\$2.97
Weekly Earnings (not seasonally adjusted)**					
Manufacturing	\$760.18	\$760.86	\$755.57	-\$0.68	\$4.61
Durable Goods	\$899.60	\$891.91	\$865.59	\$7.69	\$34.01
Nondurable Goods	\$642.76	\$649.90	\$660.97	-\$7.14	-\$18.21
Information	\$875.38	\$883.57	\$972.49	-\$8.19	-\$97.11

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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		
	April 10 (P)	March 10 (R)	April 09	April 10 (P)	March 10 (R)	April 09
Civilian Labor Force	4,541.2	4,550.9	4,527.1	4,570.8	4,563.4	4,544.6
Resident Employment	4,105.0	4,086.5	4,141.0	4,123.2	4,114.4	4,141.9
Unemployment	436.1	464.5	386.1	447.6	449.0	402.7
Unemployment Rate	9.6%	10.2%	8.5%	9.8%	9.8%	8.9%
Labor Force Participation Rate	66.6%	66.8%	66.9%	67.0%	66.9%	67.1%
Employment/Population Ratio	60.2%	60.0%	61.2%	60.5%	60.4%	61.2%

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	4,553.7	4,105.1	448.6	9.9
Mar (R)	4,563.4	4,114.4	449.0	9.8
Apr (P)	4,570.8	4,123.2	447.6	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 April 2010
Not Seasonally Adjusted (thousands) 2009 Benchmark

Industry	Current Month	Previous Month	One Year Ago	Net Change
	April 10 (P)	March 10 (R)	April 09	over the Year
Total Nonfarm	3,841.1	3,801.7	3,884.4	-43.3
Total Private Sector	3,178.9	3,142.4	3,224.2	-45.3
Goods Producing	378.9	372.0	408.6	-29.7
Mining & Logging	1.6	1.5	1.5	0.1
Construction	122.3	118.2	139.2	-16.9
Manufacturing	255.0	252.3	267.9	-12.9
Durable Goods	114.8	112.7	119.7	-4.9
Fabricated Metal Products	20.5	20.4	22.8	-2.3
Machinery Manufacturing	13.1	13.3	14.3	-1.2
Computer and Electronic Products	27.3	27.3	28.1	-0.8
Transportation Equipment Manufacturing	4.0	4.0	4.4	-0.4
Miscellaneous Manufacturing	18.9	18.8	19.7	-0.8
Nondurable Goods	140.2	139.6	148.2	-8.0
Food Manufacturing	29.4	29.4	29.0	0.4
Paper Manufacturing	11.8	11.9	12.5	-0.7
Printing and Related Support	17.0	17.2	18.4	-1.4
Chemical Manufacturing	54.6	55.3	57.9	-3.3
Pharmaceutical and Medicine	33.3	33.5	34.3	-1.0
Service-Providing	3,462.2	3,429.7	3,475.8	-13.6
Private Service-Providing	2,800.0	2,770.4	2,815.6	-15.6
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	802.3	800.2	805.9	-3.6
Wholesale Trade*	211.2	211.5	217.7	-6.5
Retail Trade*	428.5	423.4	425.2	3.3
Building Material & Garden Equip. and Supplies Dealers	30.4	29.1	31.1	-0.7
Food and Beverage Stores	106.6	107.4	105.9	0.7
Health and Personal Care Stores	34.1	34.4	35.6	-1.5
Clothing and Clothing Accessories Stores	56.2	53.5	53.5	2.7
Sporting Goods, Hobby, Book and Music Stores	17.3	17.4	17.5	-0.2
General Merchandise Stores	64.4	64.9	63.5	0.9
Transportation, Warehousing and Utilities	162.6	165.3	163.0	-0.4
Utilities*	11.4	11.7	11.7	-0.3
Transportation & Warehousing*	151.2	153.6	151.3	-0.1
Information	81.4	80.8	84.7	-3.3
Publishing Industries (except Internet)	22.9	22.9	24.2	-1.3
Telecommunications	37.3	37.6	37.1	0.2
Internet Service Providers, Web Portals, Data Processing Srvs.	8.3	8.3	8.6	-0.3

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Industry	Current Month	Previous Month	One Year Ago	Net Change
	April 10 (P)	March 10 (R)	April 09	over the Year
Financial Activities	248.0	246.5	257.2	-9.2
Finance and Insurance*	196.0	194.9	202.1	-6.1
Securities, Commodity Contracts and Other Fin. Investments	47.0	47.2	49.6	-2.6
Insurance Carriers and Related Activities	79.1	78.9	81.0	-1.9
Real Estate and Rental/Leasing*	52.0	51.6	55.1	-3.1
Professional and Business Services	572.5	562.1	585.7	-13.2
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services*	272.3	272.2	280.7	-8.4
Management of Companies and Enterprises*	73.9	74.1	76.3	-2.4
Administrative Support & Waste Management/Remediation*	226.3	215.8	228.7	-2.4
Education, Health and Social Assistance Services	608.3	606.5	597.7	10.6
Educational Services*	95.4	94.6	92.9	2.5
Health Care and Social Assistance*	512.9	511.9	504.8	8.1
Hospitals	155.8	155.4	155.0	0.8
Nursing and Residential Care Facilities	88.6	88.4	86.2	2.4
Social Assistance	81.7	81.7	78.7	3.0
Leisure and Hospitality	328.7	317.4	323.9	4.8
Arts, Entertainment and Recreation*	53.0	47.5	50.3	2.7
Accommodation and Food Services*	275.7	269.9	273.6	2.1
Food Services and Drinking Places	217.1	212.2	214.5	2.6
Other Services	158.8	156.9	160.5	-1.7
Repair and Maintenance	31.9	31.6	32.4	-0.5
Personal and Laundry Services	48.7	48.2	49.8	-1.1
Religious, Grantmaking, Civic, Professional and Similar Org.	78.2	77.1	78.3	-0.1
Government	662.2	659.3	660.2	2.0

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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	3,852.9	3,201.8	257.3	126.7	2,816.4	651.1
Mar (R)	3,848.0	3,199.2	254.2	128.5	2,815.0	648.8
Apr (P)	3,858.5	3,207.3	256.7	126.1	2,822.9	651.2
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Key Economic Indicators: April 2010 Seasonally Adjusted

