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**New Jersey's Growth Continues with 2,600 New Private-Sector Jobs in October**  
*Private-Sector Employers Add 34,100 Jobs Over Past Year*

TRENTON, November 16, 2017 – Preliminary estimates for October show private sector employment increased by 2,600 jobs in October, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS).

October's job gains enhance New Jersey's continuing employment growth, as private-sector employers have added 34,100 jobs over the past year (October 2016 – October 2017), according to BLS data. Since February 2010, the low point for private sector employment during the most recent recession, private-sector employers in the Garden State have added 323,700 jobs.

The BLS data for October show total nonfarm wage and salary employment increased to a seasonally adjusted level of 4,125,700. The unemployment rate ticked up to 4.9 percent, according to preliminary estimates from BLS.

Last month, job gains were posted in five of nine major private industry sectors. Sectors that increased were trade, transportation and utilities (+3,100), manufacturing (+1,700), education and health services (+1,400), information (+1,000), and other services (+700). Sectors that recorded a loss were financial activities (-2,000), leisure and hospitality (-1,500), professional and business services (-1,100), and construction (-800). Over the month, public sector employment was lower by 900 jobs.

Based on more complete reporting from employers, previously released September estimates were revised to show that an over-the-month (August-September) total nonfarm employment loss of jobs (6,500) was predominately in the public sector with a drop of 3,900 government jobs. Preliminary estimates had indicated an over-the-month loss of 6,300 jobs primarily in the private sector.

Preliminary BLS data for November will be released on December 21, 2017.

**Technical Notes:** 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 approximately 4,000 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).

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 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).

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

**Table 1: Major Indicators of Labor Market Activity for New Jersey**  
**Seasonally Adjusted**  
**2016 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>Oct. 17 (P)</b>	<b>Sep. 17 (R)</b>	<b>Oct. 16</b>	<b>over the Month</b>	<b>over the Year</b>
Civilian Labor Force	4,520,800	4,524,300	4,511,800	-3,500	9,000
Employment	4,299,900	4,311,300	4,293,200	-11,400	6,700
Unemployment	220,900	213,000	218,600	7,900	2,300
Unemployment Rate	4.9	4.7	4.8	0.2	0.1
<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>Oct. 17 (P)</b>	<b>Sep. 17 (R)</b>	<b>Oct. 16</b>	<b>over the Month</b>	<b>over the Year</b>
<b>Total Nonfarm</b>	4,125,700	4,124,000	4,095,700	1,700	30,000
<b>Total Private Sector</b>	3,517,500	3,514,900	3,483,400	2,600	34,100
<b>Goods Producing</b>	406,100	405,100	392,900	1,000	13,200
Mining & Logging	1,400	1,300	1,400	100	0
Construction	157,100	157,900	151,400	-800	5,700
Manufacturing	247,600	245,900	240,100	1,700	7,500
<b>Service-Providing</b>	3,719,600	3,718,900	3,702,800	700	16,800
<b>Private Service-Providing</b>	3,111,400	3,109,800	3,090,500	1,600	20,900
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	873,100	870,000	872,800	3,100	300
Information	71,700	70,700	73,100	1,000	-1,400
Financial Activities	250,300	252,300	249,100	-2,000	1,200
Professional and Business Services	665,700	666,800	667,900	-1,100	-2,200
Education and Health Services	696,800	695,400	683,300	1,400	13,500
Leisure and Hospitality	383,400	384,900	372,800	-1,500	10,600
Other Services	170,400	169,700	171,500	700	-1,100
<b>Public Sector</b>	608,200	609,100	612,300	-900	-4,100
<b>3-Month Average Change</b>					
<b>Total Nonfarm</b>	-1,200	500	3,600	N/A	N/A
<b>Private Sector</b>	100	900	4,700	N/A	N/A
<b>Weekly Hours of Work (not seasonally adjusted)*</b>					
Manufacturing	40.9	40.4	40.4	0.5	0.5
Durable Goods	39.4	39.2	40.7	0.2	-1.3
Nondurable Goods	42	41.4	40.2	0.6	1.8
<b>Hourly Earnings (not seasonally adjusted)*</b>					
Manufacturing	\$21.33	\$21.36	\$21.46	-\$0.03	-\$0.13
Durable Goods	\$25.74	\$25.71	\$25.98	\$0.03	-\$0.24
Nondurable Goods	\$18.17	\$18.21	\$17.66	-\$0.04	\$0.51
<b>Weekly Earnings (not seasonally adjusted)**</b>					
Manufacturing	\$872.40	\$862.94	\$866.98	\$9.46	\$5.42
Durable Goods	\$1,014.16	\$1,007.83	\$1,057.39	\$6.33	-\$43.23
Nondurable Goods	\$763.14	\$753.89	\$709.93	\$9.25	\$53.21

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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 Economic and Demographic Research.

**Table 2: New Jersey Civilian Labor Force Trends****2016 Benchmark**

	Not Seasonally Adjusted			Seasonally Adjusted		
	Oct. 17 (P)	Sep. 17 (R)	Oct. 16	Oct. 17 (P)	Sep. 17 (R)	Oct. 16
Civilian Labor Force	4,489,100	4,502,200	4,505,300	4,520,800	4,524,300	4,511,800
Resident Employment	4,277,500	4,285,900	4,299,500	4,299,900	4,311,300	4,293,200
Unemployment	211,600	216,300	205,700	220,900	213,000	218,600
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.7	4.8	4.6	4.9	4.7	4.8
Labor Force Participation Rate (%)	62.9	63.1	63.4	63.4	63.4	63.5
Employment/Population Ratio (%)	60.0	60.1	60.5	60.3	60.5	60.5

**New Jersey Civilian Labor Force Annual Averages 1996 - 2016**

Year	Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment	Rate (%)
1996	4,205,200	3,946,700	258,600	6.1
1997	4,263,800	4,039,800	224,000	5.3
1998	4,246,400	4,051,500	194,900	4.6
1999	4,287,900	4,094,600	193,300	4.5
2000	4,282,100	4,123,700	158,400	3.7
2001	4,288,800	4,106,200	182,600	4.3
2002	4,346,200	4,095,200	251,100	5.8
2003	4,347,200	4,093,700	253,500	5.8
2004	4,349,200	4,138,800	210,300	4.8
2005	4,391,600	4,194,900	196,700	4.5
2006	4,445,900	4,236,500	209,400	4.7
2007	4,441,800	4,251,800	190,000	4.3
2008	4,504,400	4,264,000	240,500	5.3
2009	4,550,600	4,138,600	412,100	9.1
2010	4,555,300	4,121,500	433,900	9.5
2011	4,565,300	4,138,500	426,800	9.3
2012	4,588,000	4,160,000	428,000	9.3
2013	4,531,900	4,159,500	372,300	8.2
2014	4,515,800	4,211,500	304,300	6.7
2015	4,530,500	4,267,900	262,600	5.8
2016	4,524,300	4,299,900	224,300	5.0

**Seasonally Adjusted Civilian Labor Force Data for New Jersey 2015-2016**

Date	Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment	Rate %
Jan 2016	4,516,900	4,290,100	226,800	5.0
Feb	4,517,400	4,289,900	227,500	5.0
Mar	4,516,700	4,287,600	229,100	5.1
Apr	4,515,700	4,284,900	230,800	5.1
May	4,515,100	4,283,300	231,700	5.1
Jun	4,514,800	4,283,600	231,200	5.1
Jul	4,514,400	4,285,600	228,800	5.1
Aug	4,514,000	4,288,600	225,400	5.0
Sep	4,513,200	4,291,300	221,900	4.9
Oct	4,511,800	4,293,200	218,600	4.8
Nov	4,510,000	4,294,600	215,400	4.8
Dec	4,507,800	4,295,300	212,500	4.7
Jan 2017	4,514,300	4,308,600	205,800	4.6
Feb	4,523,300	4,321,500	201,800	4.5
Mar	4,523,000	4,332,200	190,800	4.2
Apr	4,528,600	4,343,400	185,200	4.1
May	4,526,800	4,341,800	185,000	4.1
Jun	4,520,100	4,333,300	186,800	4.1
Jul	4,514,600	4,324,700	189,900	4.2
Aug	4,515,800	4,314,000	201,800	4.5
Sep (R)	4,524,300	4,311,300	213,000	4.7
Oct (P)	4,520,800	4,299,900	220,900	4.9
Nov				
Dec				

Source: New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Division of Economic &amp; Demographic Research.

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**Table 3: New Jersey Nonfarm Employment by Industry for October 2017  
Not Seasonally Adjusted, 2016 Benchmark**

Industry	Current Month	Previous Month	One Year Ago	Net Change
	Oct. 17 (P)	Sep. 17 (R)	Oct. 16	over the Year
<b>Total Nonfarm</b>	<b>4,142,600</b>	<b>4,133,300</b>	<b>4,112,800</b>	<b>29,800</b>
Total Private Sector	3,524,500	3,536,400	3,490,500	34,000
Goods Producing	412,500	414,100	399,000	13,500
<b>Mining &amp; Logging</b>	<b>1,400</b>	<b>1,300</b>	<b>1,400</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Construction</b>	<b>162,500</b>	<b>165,000</b>	<b>156,600</b>	<b>5,900</b>
<b>Manufacturing</b>	<b>248,600</b>	<b>247,800</b>	<b>241,000</b>	<b>7,600</b>
Durable Goods*	113,400	112,700	109,200	4,200
Fabricated Metal Products	20,700	20,700	20,400	300
Machinery Manufacturing	13,400	13,500	13,600	-200
Computer and Electronic Products	22,900	22,800	22,700	200
Miscellaneous Manufacturing	18,100	18,000	18,000	100
Nondurable Goods*	135,200	135,100	131,800	3,400
Food Manufacturing	34,300	34,300	33,600	700
Paper Manufacturing	9,300	9,400	9,600	-300
Printing and Related Support	14,400	14,400	14,600	-200
Chemical Manufacturing	44,500	44,400	44,100	400
Pharmaceutical and Medicine	24,400	24,300	23,100	1,300
Service-Providing	3,730,100	3,719,200	3,713,800	16,300
Private Service-Providing	3,112,000	3,122,300	3,091,500	20,500
<b>Trade, Transportation, and Utilities</b>	<b>872,400</b>	<b>868,500</b>	<b>872,200</b>	<b>200</b>
Wholesale Trade*	212,500	211,500	215,800	-3,300
Retail Trade*	463,500	461,400	462,200	1,300
Building Material & Garden Equip. and Supplies Dealers	33,700	33,800	32,500	1,200
Food and Beverage Stores	110,500	111,600	111,400	-900
Health and Personal Care Stores	37,100	37,200	37,100	0
Clothing and Clothing Accessories Stores	52,000	52,700	50,600	1,400
Sporting Goods, Hobby, Book, and Music Stores	16,000	15,500	16,400	-400
General Merchandise Stores	78,200	76,600	77,700	500
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	196,400	195,600	194,200	2,200
Utilities*	14,000	13,900	14,100	-100
Transportation & Warehousing*	182,400	181,700	180,100	2,300
<b>Information</b>	<b>71,300</b>	<b>71,800</b>	<b>72,700</b>	<b>-1,400</b>
Publishing Industries (except Internet)	18,100	18,100	18,200	-100
Telecommunications	27,500	28,300	28,900	-1,400
Internet Service Providers, Web Portals, Data Proc. Svcs.	10,100	10,100	9,800	300
<b>Financial Activities</b>	<b>250,100</b>	<b>252,800</b>	<b>249,000</b>	<b>1,100</b>
Finance and Insurance*	191,300	191,700	191,200	100
Financial Investments and Related Activities	39,200	39,600	39,600	-400
Insurance Carriers and Related Activities	80,800	81,100	81,200	-400
Real Estate and Rental/Leasing*	58,800	61,100	57,800	1,000
<b>Professional and Business Services</b>	<b>674,300</b>	<b>673,900</b>	<b>676,300</b>	<b>-2,000</b>
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services*	302,000	302,400	300,200	1,800
Management of Companies and Enterprises*	80,600	80,400	81,800	-1,200
Administrative Support & Waste Management/Remediation*	291,700	291,100	294,300	-2,600
<b>Education, Health and Social Assistance Services</b>	<b>700,300</b>	<b>689,900</b>	<b>686,700</b>	<b>13,600</b>
Educational Services*	111,500	105,900	110,300	1,200
Health Care and Social Assistance*	588,800	584,000	576,400	12,400
Hospitals	163,400	162,700	163,300	100
Nursing and Residential Care Facilities	95,100	94,400	94,800	300
Social Assistance	91,700	90,400	87,400	4,300
<b>Leisure and Hospitality</b>	<b>375,600</b>	<b>397,100</b>	<b>365,500</b>	<b>10,100</b>
Arts, Entertainment and Recreation*	63,000	70,400	61,100	1,900
Accommodation and Food Services*	312,600	326,700	304,400	8,200
Food Services and Drinking Places	263,000	272,900	256,300	6,700
<b>Other Services</b>	<b>168,000</b>	<b>168,300</b>	<b>169,100</b>	<b>-1,100</b>
Repair and Maintenance	33,300	33,100	33,400	-100
Personal and Laundry Services	61,300	62,200	60,000	1,300
Religious, Grantmaking, Civic, Professional and Similar Org.	73,400	73,000	75,700	-2,300
<b>Government</b>	<b>618,100</b>	<b>596,900</b>	<b>622,300</b>	<b>-4,200</b>

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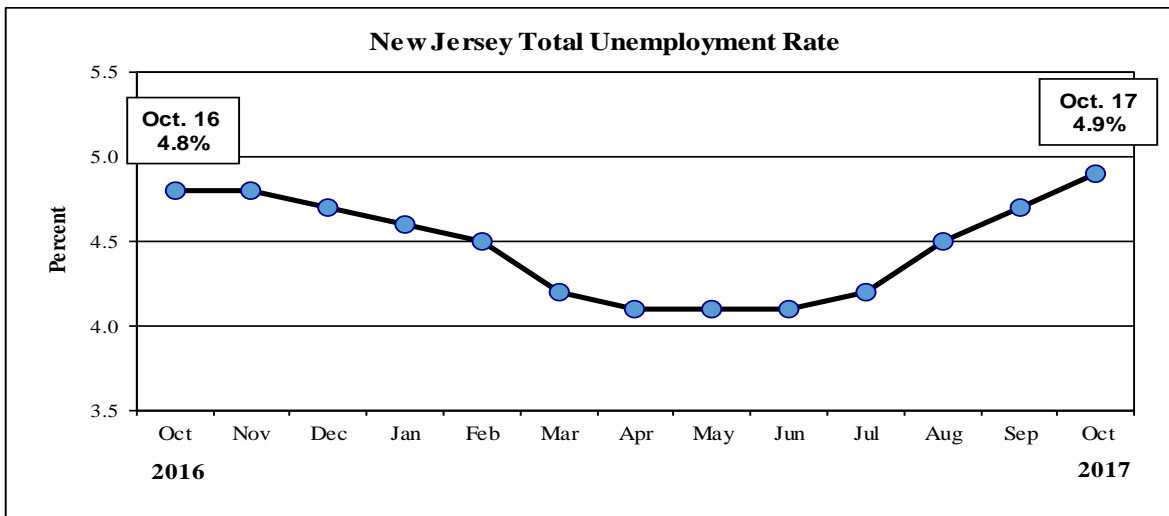
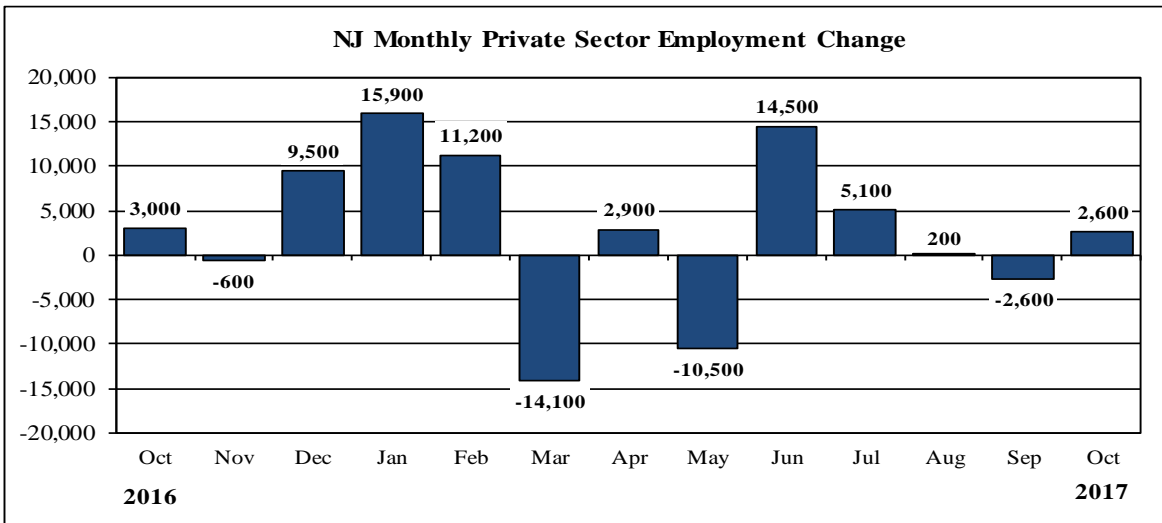
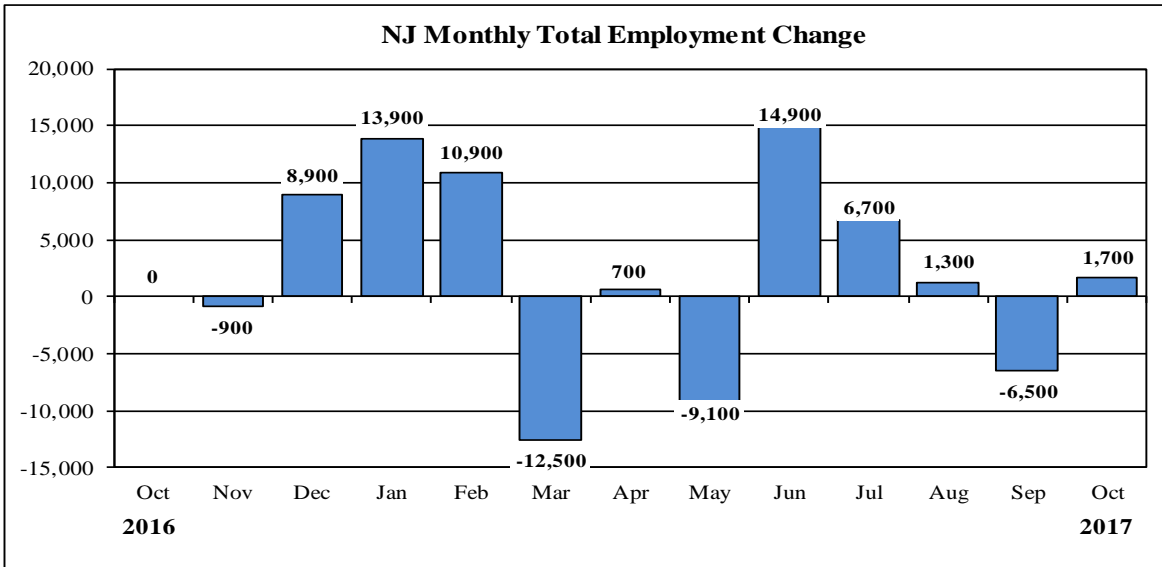
**Table 4: New Jersey Nonfarm Employment 2016 Benchmark**

<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>	
1996	3,635,100	3,064,500	430,800	125,000	2,506,600	570,600
1997	3,720,200	3,150,000	427,800	131,800	2,588,200	570,300
1998	3,801,900	3,230,200	427,300	136,100	2,664,500	571,700
1999	3,901,900	3,324,000	420,500	143,600	2,757,700	577,900
2000	3,995,500	3,406,100	419,600	149,600	2,835,000	589,400
2001	3,998,000	3,394,600	399,100	158,800	2,834,900	603,400
2002	3,984,800	3,370,200	365,100	162,600	2,841,000	614,600
2003	3,978,600	3,355,300	348,000	160,500	2,845,300	623,200
2004	3,999,400	3,364,500	335,700	165,900	2,861,300	634,900
2005	4,040,000	3,396,900	327,800	169,100	2,898,300	643,100
2006	4,071,500	3,422,600	321,100	174,900	2,924,900	648,900
2007	4,079,100	3,429,700	308,400	172,300	2,947,400	649,400
2008	4,050,600	3,399,600	295,400	164,500	2,938,100	650,900
2009	3,896,400	3,242,200	260,900	138,600	2,841,200	654,200
2010	3,851,000	3,209,100	252,100	129,500	2,826,100	642,000
2011	3,850,100	3,229,100	246,900	129,900	2,851,100	621,000
2012	3,893,300	3,275,100	240,900	130,400	2,902,400	618,300
2013	3,938,100	3,320,400	238,700	137,600	2,942,800	617,700
2014	3,970,900	3,351,500	238,800	141,600	2,969,800	619,300
2015	4,015,700	3,401,600	238,800	148,400	3,013,000	614,200
2016	4,075,500	3,461,300	241,700	153,000	3,065,200	614,200
<b>Seasonally Adjusted Monthly Data</b>						
<b>2016</b>						
Jan	4,046,600	3,433,400	241,200	153,900	3,036,900	613,200
Feb	4,056,500	3,442,800	241,800	154,400	3,045,200	613,700
Mar	4,061,300	3,446,200	242,100	154,900	3,047,800	615,100
Apr	4,064,100	3,451,300	241,700	153,500	3,054,800	612,800
May	4,060,500	3,446,100	241,800	152,900	3,050,000	614,400
Jun	4,069,900	3,456,000	242,400	153,100	3,059,100	613,900
Jul	4,085,000	3,469,300	243,000	153,200	3,071,700	615,700
Aug	4,091,300	3,474,200	243,000	152,900	3,076,900	617,100
Sep	4,095,700	3,480,400	242,500	152,800	3,083,700	615,300
Oct	4,095,700	3,483,400	240,100	151,400	3,090,500	612,300
Nov	4,094,800	3,482,800	239,500	150,600	3,091,300	612,000
Dec	4,103,700	3,492,300	239,900	150,900	3,100,100	611,400
<b>2017</b>						
Jan	4,117,600	3,508,200	243,100	155,100	3,108,600	609,400
Feb	4,128,500	3,519,400	245,600	156,700	3,115,700	609,100
Mar	4,116,000	3,505,300	246,300	154,000	3,103,600	610,700
Apr	4,116,700	3,508,200	245,800	153,000	3,108,000	608,500
May	4,107,600	3,497,700	245,900	153,500	3,096,900	609,900
Jun	4,122,500	3,512,200	246,400	157,600	3,106,800	610,300
Jul	4,129,200	3,517,300	245,300	157,900	3,112,700	611,900
Aug	4,130,500	3,517,500	246,400	158,100	3,111,700	613,000
Sep (R)	4,124,000	3,514,900	245,900	157,900	3,109,800	609,100
Oct (P)	4,125,700	3,517,500	247,600	157,100	3,111,400	608,200
Nov						
Dec						

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**Key Economic Indicators: October 2017**  
(Seasonally Adjusted)



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