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NJ Adds 31,200 Private Sector Jobs Over Past Year, 19,300 Jobs in 2017

August Job Gains Revised Higher, September Preliminary Estimates Show Decrease

TRENTON, October 19, 2017 – As preliminary estimates reported employment contractions for September, more complete reporting from employers showed much larger increases in total nonfarm employment for August, according to data released by the federal Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS).

The BLS revisions showed employment up by 1,100 jobs in August, for an over-the-month (July-August) gain of 1,300 jobs, continuing a three-month employment gain in New Jersey. Previously released August estimates showed an increase of 200 jobs. Preliminary BLS data for September shows payrolls in both private and public sectors of New Jersey’s economy were lower by 6,300, reaching a seasonally adjusted level of 4,124,200 total non-farm jobs.

The unemployment rate in New Jersey moved to 4.7 percent in September, up from 4.5 percent in August, according to preliminary estimates by the BLS.

For the first nine months of 2017, employment is up by 20,500 jobs (+0.5%), adding 19,300 private jobs and 1,200 public jobs. Looking over the longer term growth, New Jersey’s private sector employers have added 31,200 jobs over the past year (September 2016 – September 2017). Since the recessionary low point of private sector employment in February 2010, the Garden State’s private sector employers have added 317,800 jobs.

In September, job gains were posted in two of nine major private industry sectors. Sectors that increased were education and health services (+4,200) and professional and business services (+800). Over the month, public sector employment was lower by 400 jobs. Additionally, sectors that reported a dip in employment are leisure and hospitality (-5,500), trade, transportation and utilities (-2,400) information (-1,400), financial activities (-800), construction (-400), manufacturing (-200), and other services (-200).

Preliminary BLS data for October will be released on November 16, 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

Labor Force Data (resident)					
	Current Month	Previous Month	One Year Ago	Net Change	Net Change
	Sep. 17 (P)	Aug. 17 (R)	Sep. 16	over the Month	over the Year
Civilian Labor Force	4,524,800	4,515,800	4,513,200	9,000	11,600
Employment	4,311,900	4,314,000	4,291,300	-2,100	20,600
Unemployment	212,900	201,800	221,900	11,100	-9,000
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.7	4.5	4.9	0.2	-0.2
Employment Data (establishment)					
	Current Month	Previous Month	One Year Ago	Net Change	Net Change
	Sep. 17 (P)	Aug. 17 (R)	Sep. 16	over the Month	over the Year
Total Nonfarm	4,124,200	4,130,500	4,095,700	-6,300	28,500
Total Private Sector	3,511,600	3,517,500	3,480,400	-5,900	31,200
Goods Producing	405,200	405,800	396,700	-600	8,500
Mining & Logging	1,300	1,300	1,400	0	-100
Construction	157,700	158,100	152,800	-400	4,900
Manufacturing	246,200	246,400	242,500	-200	3,700
Service-Providing	3,719,000	3,724,700	3,699,000	-5,700	20,000
Private Service-Providing	3,106,400	3,111,700	3,083,700	-5,300	22,700
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	868,300	870,700	872,100	-2,400	-3,800
Information	70,300	71,700	73,000	-1,400	-2,700
Financial Activities	252,100	252,900	249,100	-800	3,000
Professional and Business Services	667,800	667,000	667,200	800	600
Education and Health Services	693,300	689,100	679,800	4,200	13,500
Leisure and Hospitality	384,800	390,300	371,300	-5,500	13,500
Other Services	169,800	170,000	171,200	-200	-1,400
Public Sector	612,600	613,000	615,300	-400	-2,700
3-Month Average Change					
Total Nonfarm	600	7,600	8,600	N/A	N/A
Private Sector	-200	6,600	8,100	N/A	N/A
Weekly Hours of Work (not seasonally adjusted)*					
Manufacturing	40.3	40.3	39.5	0.0	0.8
Durable Goods	39.3	38.5	39.4	0.8	-0.1
Nondurable Goods	41.1	41.7	39.5	-0.6	1.6
Hourly Earnings (not seasonally adjusted)*					
Manufacturing	\$21.43	\$21.13	\$21.95	\$0.30	-\$0.52
Durable Goods	\$25.77	\$25.41	\$25.60	\$0.36	\$0.17
Nondurable Goods	\$18.30	\$18.09	\$18.88	\$0.21	-\$0.58
Weekly Earnings (not seasonally adjusted)**					
Manufacturing	\$863.63	\$851.54	\$867.03	\$12.09	-\$3.40
Durable Goods	\$1,012.76	\$978.29	\$1,008.64	\$34.47	\$4.12
Nondurable Goods	\$752.13	\$754.35	\$745.76	-\$2.22	\$6.37

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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		
	Sep. 17 (P)	Aug. 17 (R)	Sep. 16	Sep. 17 (P)	Aug. 17 (R)	Sep. 16
Civilian Labor Force	4,503,300	4,553,600	4,500,000	4,524,800	4,515,800	4,513,200
Resident Employment	4,287,400	4,334,800	4,279,500	4,311,900	4,314,000	4,291,300
Unemployment	215,900	218,900	220,500	212,900	201,800	221,900
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.8	4.8	4.9	4.7	4.5	4.9
Labor Force Participation Rate (%)	63.1	63.9	63.4	63.4	63.3	63.6
Employment/Population Ratio (%)	60.1	60.8	60.3	60.5	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 (R)	4,515,800	4,314,000	201,800	4.5
Sep (P)	4,524,800	4,311,900	212,900	4.7
Oct				
Nov				
Dec				

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

Industry	Current Month	Previous Month	One Year Ago	Net Change
	Sep. 17 (P)	Aug. 17 (R)	Sep. 16	over the Year
Total Nonfarm	4,133,600	4,146,200	4,102,800	30,800
Total Private Sector	3,533,200	3,575,600	3,499,600	33,600
Goods Producing	414,200	414,600	402,100	12,100
Mining & Logging	1,300	1,300	1,400	-100
Construction	164,800	165,000	157,600	7,200
Manufacturing	248,100	248,300	243,100	5,000
Durable Goods*	112,700	112,900	110,200	2,500
Fabricated Metal Products	20,700	20,600	20,500	200
Machinery Manufacturing	13,500	13,400	13,600	-100
Computer and Electronic Products	22,800	23,100	22,800	0
Miscellaneous Manufacturing	18,000	18,000	18,000	0
Nondurable Goods*	135,400	135,400	132,900	2,500
Food Manufacturing	34,300	34,400	34,000	300
Paper Manufacturing	9,400	9,400	9,700	-300
Printing and Related Support	14,400	14,400	14,700	-300
Chemical Manufacturing	44,300	44,600	44,300	0
Pharmaceutical and Medicine	24,300	24,300	23,100	1,200
Service-Providing	3,719,400	3,731,600	3,700,700	18,700
Private Service-Providing	3,119,000	3,161,000	3,097,500	21,500
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	866,800	867,700	868,200	-1,400
Wholesale Trade*	211,900	213,600	217,400	-5,500
Retail Trade*	460,700	467,700	460,400	300
Building Material & Garden Equip. and Supplies Dealers	33,800	34,000	32,600	1,200
Food and Beverage Stores	111,100	113,200	112,600	-1,500
Health and Personal Care Stores	36,900	38,000	37,000	-100
Clothing and Clothing Accessories Stores	53,100	54,300	50,700	2,400
Sporting Goods, Hobby, Book, and Music Stores	15,500	15,500	15,900	-400
General Merchandise Stores	76,600	77,200	75,400	1,200
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	194,200	186,400	190,400	3,800
Utilities*	13,900	13,800	14,100	-200
Transportation & Warehousing*	180,300	172,600	176,300	4,000
Information	71,400	72,200	73,600	-2,200
Publishing Industries (except Internet)	18,100	18,200	18,300	-200
Telecommunications	27,900	27,900	29,600	-1,700
Internet Service Providers, Web Portals, Data Proc. Svcs.	10,100	10,300	9,800	300
Financial Activities	252,600	255,700	250,300	2,300
Finance and Insurance*	191,500	194,000	191,500	0
Financial Investments and Related Activities	39,600	40,100	39,900	-300
Insurance Carriers and Related Activities	80,900	81,600	81,900	-1,000
Real Estate and Rental/Leasing*	61,100	61,700	58,800	2,300
Professional and Business Services	674,900	680,000	671,600	3,300
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services*	303,200	305,700	300,900	2,300
Management of Companies and Enterprises*	80,300	80,700	80,600	-300
Administrative Support & Waste Management/Remediation*	291,400	293,600	290,100	1,300
Education, Health and Social Assistance Services	687,800	675,500	677,500	10,300
Educational Services*	105,200	98,800	102,300	2,900
Health Care and Social Assistance*	582,600	576,700	575,200	7,400
Hospitals	162,700	162,600	163,600	-900
Nursing and Residential Care Facilities	94,200	95,200	95,000	-800
Social Assistance	89,300	84,800	87,200	2,100
Leisure and Hospitality	397,100	435,300	386,100	11,000
Arts, Entertainment and Recreation*	71,400	92,300	69,500	1,900
Accommodation and Food Services*	325,700	343,000	316,600	9,100
Food Services and Drinking Places	273,500	283,100	264,500	9,000
Other Services	168,400	174,600	170,200	-1,800
Repair and Maintenance	33,100	33,200	33,700	-600
Personal and Laundry Services	62,300	63,100	60,800	1,500
Religious, Grantmaking, Civic, Professional and Similar Org.	73,000	78,300	75,700	-2,700
Government	600,400	570,600	603,200	-2,800

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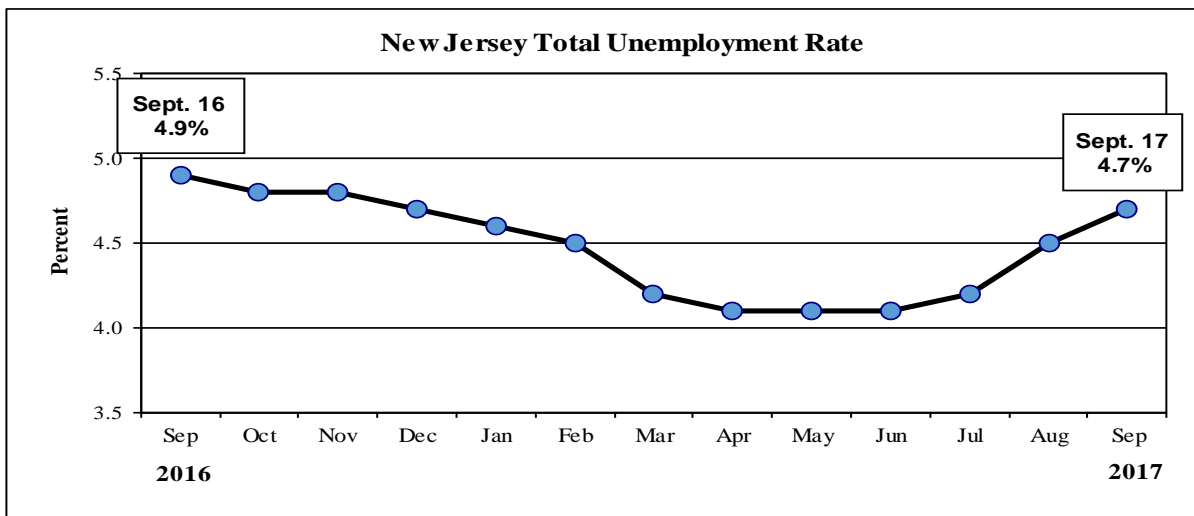
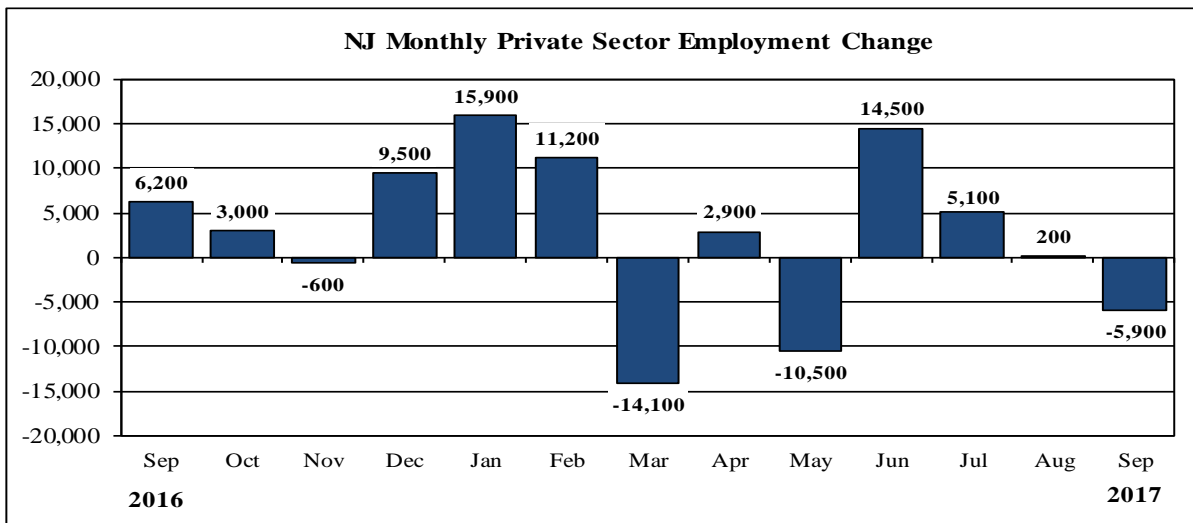
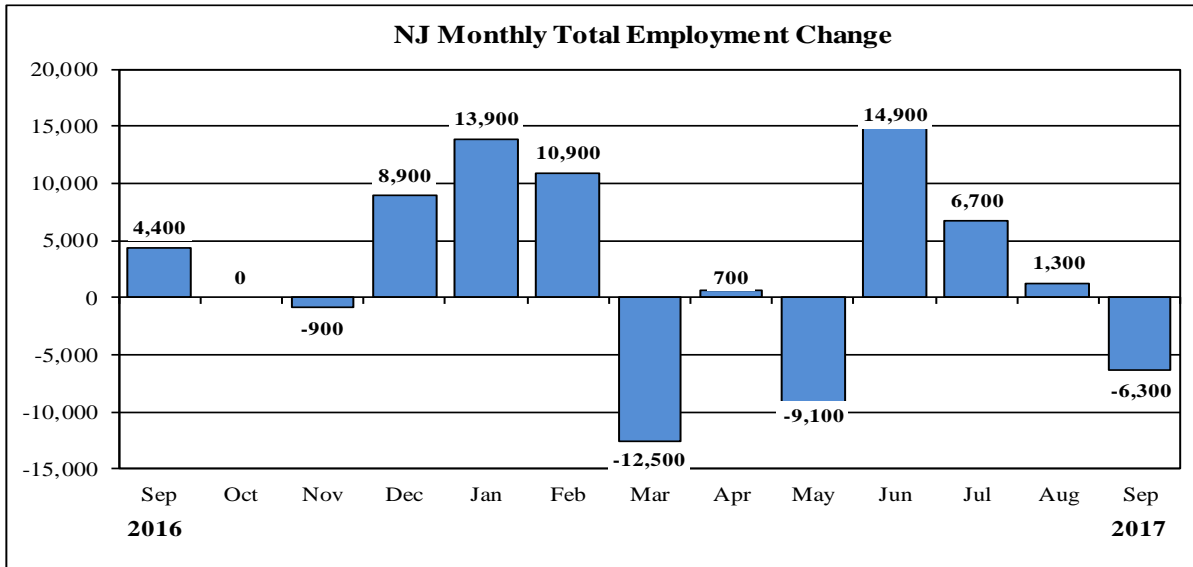
Table 4: New Jersey Nonfarm Employment 2016 Benchmark

Annual Averages						
	Total	Private Sector			Public	
Year		Total	Manufacturing	Construction	Service-Providing	
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
Seasonally Adjusted Monthly Data						
2016						
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
2017						
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 (R)	4,130,500	3,517,500	246,400	158,100	3,111,700	613,000
Sep (P)	4,124,200	3,511,600	246,200	157,700	3,106,400	612,600
Oct						
Nov						
Dec						

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Key Economic Indicators: September 2017
(Seasonally Adjusted)



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