SPECIAL NOTE REGARDING LABOR MARKET AREA DEFINITIONS

Starting with the publication of January 2015 data on March 17th, New Jersey's Department of Labor and Workforce Development will release nonfarm employment estimates and labor force statistics based on new labor market area definitions.

Every 10 years, the U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) re-defines federal statistical areas which includes metropolitan statistical areas (MSAs) based on the application of updated 2010 statistical standards to the U.S. Census Bureau's 2010 Census population and American Community Survey journey-to-work data. As a result, the geographic configurations for some of New Jersey's labor areas will change. Monthly nonfarm wage and salary estimates, labor force estimates and other economic series will be generated based on these new geographic configurations. In addition, historical data series for these new areas have been reconstructed back to 1990. The following table shows a comparison of the previous and new Labor Area designations.

Counties Covered	New 2010 Census-based Labor Areas	Counties Covered
Atlantic County	Atlantic City-Hammonton Labor Area	Atlantic County
Bergen, Hudson, & Passaic counties	Bergen-Hudson-Passaic Labor Area	Bergen, Hudson, & Passaic counties
Burlington, Camden & Gloucester counties	Camden Labor Area	Burlington, Camden & Gloucester counties
Middlesex, Monmouth, Ocean & Somerset counties	Middlesex-Monmouth- Ocean Labor Area	Middlesex, Monmouth, & Ocean counties
Essex, Hunterdon, Morris, Sussex, Union, & Pike (PA) counties	Newark Labor Area	Essex, Hunterdon, Morris, Somerset , Sussex, Union, & Pike (PA) counties
Cape May County	Ocean City Labor Area	Cape May County
Mercer County	Trenton Labor Area	Mercer County
Cumberland County	Vineland-Bridgeton Labor Area	Cumberland County
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