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New Jersey Records Eighth Straight Month of Job Gains *Unemployment Rate Falls in August*

TRENTON – Preliminary estimates produced by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics indicate that total nonfarm wage and salary employment in New Jersey increased in August by 20,300 to reach a seasonally adjusted level of 3,981,000. This marks the eighth consecutive monthly gain in the state's total nonfarm job level. The August increase was split between the private (+10,200) and public (+10,100) sectors of the state's economy. New Jersey has now recovered 468,600 jobs, or about 65 percent, of the number lost in March and April 2020 due to the coronavirus pandemic and measures taken in response to it. The state's unemployment rate declined by 0.1 percentage point to 7.2 percent for the month. See the technical notes at the end of this release for further information about the impact of the coronavirus on this month's employment estimates.

Based on more complete reporting from employers, previously released total nonfarm employment estimates for July were revised higher to show an over-the-month (June – July) increase of 21,200 jobs. Preliminary estimates had indicated an over-the-month gain of 14,600 jobs. The state's July unemployment rate was unchanged, at 7.3 percent.

In August, employment increases were recorded in six out of nine major private sectors. Sectors that recorded job gains include professional and business services (+3,700), education and health services (+3,100), leisure and hospitality (+2,700), manufacturing (+1,900), construction (+500), and financial activities (+200). Sectors that recorded job losses include other services (-1,200), trade, transportation, and utilities (-500), and information (-200). Over the month, public sector employment increased by 10,100 jobs, mainly at the local level (+9,400) due to increases in local public education employment.

Preliminary BLS data for September 2021 will be released on October 21, 2021.

Technical Notes: For further information from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics regarding the impact of the coronavirus pandemic on industry employment and unemployment estimates please visit: <https://www.bls.gov/covid19/employment-situation-covid19-faq-august-2021.htm>

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 New Jersey 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.

Effective with the release of January 2018 estimates, the Current Employment Statistics (CES) program has converted to concurrent seasonal adjustment, which uses all available estimates, including those for the current month, in developing seasonal factors. Previously, the CES program developed seasonal factors once a year during the annual benchmark process. For more information on concurrent seasonal adjustment in the CES State and Area program, see www.bls.gov/sae/saeconcurrent.htm

Table 1: Major Indicators of Labor Market Activity for New Jersey
Seasonally Adjusted
2020 Benchmark

Labor Force Data (resident)					
	Current Month	Previous Month	One Year Ago	Net Change	Net Change
	Aug. 21 (P)	July 21 (R)	Aug. 20	over the Month	over the Year
Civilian Labor Force	4,430,500	4,425,900	4,519,500	4,600	-89,000
Employment	4,110,600	4,104,900	4,020,500	5,700	90,100
Unemployment	319,900	321,100	499,000	-1,100	-179,100
Unemployment Rate	7.2	7.3	11.0	-0.1	-3.8
Employment Data (establishment)					
	Current Month	Previous Month	One Year Ago	Net Change	Net Change
	Aug. 21 (P)	July 21 (R)	Aug. 20	over the Month	over the Year
Total Nonfarm	3,981,000	3,960,700	3,775,200	20,300	205,800
Total Private Sector	3,403,100	3,392,900	3,207,800	10,200	195,300
Goods Producing	397,400	395,000	388,100	2,400	9,300
Mining and Logging	1,400	1,400	1,400	0	0
Construction	149,700	149,200	150,800	500	-1,100
Manufacturing	246,300	244,400	235,900	1,900	10,400
Service-Providing	3,583,600	3,565,700	3,387,100	17,900	196,500
Private Service-Providing	3,005,700	2,997,900	2,819,700	7,800	186,000
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	863,800	864,300	831,900	-500	31,900
Information	67,500	67,700	67,000	-200	500
Financial Activities	246,200	246,000	240,400	200	5,800
Professional and Business Services	672,600	668,900	637,000	3,700	35,600
Education and Health Services	688,500	685,400	653,500	3,100	35,000
Leisure and Hospitality	319,200	316,500	252,500	2,700	66,700
Other Services	147,900	149,100	137,400	-1,200	10,500
Public Sector	577,900	567,800	567,400	10,100	10,500
3-Month Average Change					
Total Nonfarm	20,700	19,600	85,300	N/A	N/A
Private Sector	17,600	19,500	85,700	N/A	N/A
Weekly Hours of Work (not seasonally adjusted)*					
Manufacturing	41.6	40.6	41.6	1.0	0.0
Durable Goods	39.6	38.8	41.4	0.8	-1.8
Nondurable Goods	43.2	42.0	41.8	1.2	1.4
Hourly Earnings (not seasonally adjusted)*					
Manufacturing	\$24.73	\$25.13	\$24.51	-\$0.40	\$0.22
Durable Goods	\$26.91	\$27.60	\$27.25	-\$0.69	-\$0.34
Nondurable Goods	\$23.12	\$23.28	\$22.24	-\$0.16	\$0.88
Weekly Earnings (not seasonally adjusted)**					
Manufacturing	\$1,028.77	\$1,020.28	\$1,019.62	\$8.49	\$9.15
Durable Goods	\$1,065.64	\$1,070.88	\$1,128.15	-\$5.24	-\$62.51
Nondurable Goods	\$998.78	\$977.76	\$929.63	\$21.02	\$69.15

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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						
2020 Benchmark						
	Not Seasonally Adjusted			Seasonally Adjusted		
	Aug. 21 (P)	July 21 (R)	Aug. 20	Aug. 21 (P)	July 21 (R)	Aug. 20
Civilian Labor Force	4,437,000	4,497,000	4,548,000	4,430,500	4,425,900	4,519,500
Resident Employment	4,138,200	4,157,800	4,053,400	4,110,600	4,104,900	4,020,500
Unemployment	298,800	339,200	494,600	319,900	321,100	499,000
Unemployment Rate (%)	6.7	7.5	10.9	7.2	7.3	11.0
Labor Force Participation Rate (%)	62.8	63.6	64.3	62.7	62.6	63.9
Employment/Population Ratio (%)	58.6	58.8	57.3	58.2	58.1	56.8
New Jersey Civilian Labor Force Annual Averages 2000 - 2020						
Year	Labor Force		Employment	Unemployment	Rate (%)	
2000	4,287,600		4,130,800	156,800	3.7	
2001	4,294,400		4,112,100	182,300	4.2	
2002	4,345,300		4,094,400	250,900	5.8	
2003	4,344,400		4,091,500	252,900	5.8	
2004	4,348,000		4,134,100	214,000	4.9	
2005	4,387,300		4,192,400	194,900	4.4	
2006	4,436,600		4,231,800	204,800	4.6	
2007	4,436,100		4,249,000	187,100	4.2	
2008	4,495,900		4,251,500	244,500	5.4	
2009	4,540,300		4,133,400	406,900	9.0	
2010	4,559,800		4,119,000	440,800	9.7	
2011	4,561,800		4,134,700	427,100	9.4	
2012	4,576,300		4,147,200	429,100	9.4	
2013	4,528,000		4,147,700	380,400	8.4	
2014	4,493,900		4,191,300	302,600	6.7	
2015	4,494,600		4,237,900	256,700	5.7	
2016	4,492,800		4,271,200	221,600	4.9	
2017	4,476,100		4,274,100	202,000	4.5	
2018	4,455,400		4,278,300	177,200	4.0	
2019	4,522,200		4,367,300	154,900	3.4	
2020	4,495,200		4,055,300	439,900	9.8	
Seasonally Adjusted Civilian Labor Force Data for New Jersey 2020-2021						
Date	Labor Force		Employment	Unemployment	Rate %	
Jan 2020	4,580,800		4,413,400	167,400	3.7	
Feb	4,578,800		4,408,600	170,200	3.7	
Mar	4,576,200		4,404,200	172,100	3.8	
Apr	4,477,700		3,735,400	742,300	16.6	
May	4,479,700		3,741,600	738,200	16.5	
Jun	4,484,500		3,754,700	729,800	16.3	
Jul	4,604,600		4,001,100	603,500	13.1	
Aug	4,519,500		4,020,500	499,000	11.0	
Sep	4,376,600		4,035,400	341,300	7.8	
Oct	4,378,800		4,043,300	335,400	7.7	
Nov	4,500,400		4,042,000	458,400	10.2	
Dec	4,377,300		4,039,600	337,700	7.7	
Jan 2021	4,403,600		4,059,900	343,700	7.8	
Feb	4,400,700		4,058,900	341,800	7.8	
Mar	4,419,700		4,083,600	336,100	7.6	
Apr	4,421,300		4,089,200	332,100	7.5	
May	4,414,100		4,095,300	318,800	7.2	
Jun	4,417,500		4,097,500	320,000	7.2	
Jul (R)	4,425,900		4,104,900	321,100	7.3	
Aug (P)	4,430,500		4,110,600	319,900	7.2	
Sep						
Oct						
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Source: New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Division of Economic & Demographic Research.
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Table 3: New Jersey Nonfarm Employment by Industry for August 2021
Not Seasonally Adjusted, 2020 Benchmark

Industry	Current Month	Previous Month	One Year Ago	Net Change
	Aug. 21 (P)	July 21 (R)	Aug. 20	over the Year
Total Nonfarm	3,998,800	3,998,000	3,768,200	230,600
Total Private Sector	3,457,900	3,458,600	3,237,100	220,800
Goods Producing	405,700	403,400	393,700	12,000
Mining & Logging	1,400	1,400	1,400	0
Construction	156,100	156,000	155,800	300
Manufacturing	248,200	246,000	236,500	11,700
Durable Goods*	110,200	109,800	108,600	1,600
Fabricated Metal Products	20,000	20,100	21,100	-1,100
Machinery Manufacturing	13,700	13,300	13,000	700
Computer and Electronic Products	23,600	23,500	24,000	-400
Miscellaneous Manufacturing	16,400	16,300	16,000	400
Nondurable Goods*	138,000	136,200	127,900	10,100
Food Manufacturing	38,300	37,700	35,700	2,600
Printing and Related Support	11,400	11,200	11,200	200
Chemical Manufacturing	46,900	46,800	44,200	2,700
Pharmaceutical and Medicine	26,500	26,500	25,100	1,400
Service-Providing	3,593,100	3,594,600	3,374,500	218,600
Private Service-Providing	3,052,200	3,055,200	2,843,400	208,800
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	859,300	864,100	827,100	32,200
Wholesale Trade*	196,800	198,800	199,400	-2,600
Retail Trade*	436,300	439,100	412,800	23,500
Building Material & Garden Equip. and Supplies Dealers	33,200	33,900	34,400	-1,200
Food and Beverage Stores	115,800	116,600	111,800	4,000
Health and Personal Care Stores	37,800	38,300	35,200	2,600
Clothing and Clothing Accessories Stores	41,900	42,100	36,600	5,300
Sporting Goods, Hobby, Musical Inst., and Book Stores	10,500	10,600	10,600	-100
General Merchandise Stores	67,300	67,100	63,600	3,700
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	226,200	226,200	214,900	11,300
Utilities*	14,300	14,300	14,000	300
Transportation & Warehousing*	211,900	211,900	200,900	11,000
Information	68,000	68,200	67,400	600
Publishing Industries (except Internet)	16,900	16,900	16,900	0
Telecommunications	24,300	24,300	24,100	200
Data Processing, Hosting, and Related Services	11,000	11,000	11,300	-300
Financial Activities	248,700	247,800	243,100	5,600
Finance and Insurance*	193,400	193,400	187,900	5,500
Financial Investments and Related Activities	41,700	41,400	38,900	2,800
Insurance Carriers and Related Activities	77,900	78,200	78,500	-600
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing*	55,300	54,400	55,200	100
Professional and Business Services	682,100	680,500	641,400	40,700
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services*	312,600	313,000	295,400	17,200
Management of Companies and Enterprises*	86,300	86,200	83,800	2,500
Administrative Support & Waste Management/Remediation*	283,200	281,300	262,200	21,000
Education and Health Services	676,300	675,700	634,300	42,000
Educational Services*	105,000	104,400	86,500	18,500
Health Care and Social Assistance*	571,300	571,300	547,800	23,500
Hospitals	163,200	164,700	162,900	300
Nursing and Residential Care Facilities	84,700	85,400	84,700	0
Social Assistance	83,900	83,500	75,400	8,500
Leisure and Hospitality	366,100	366,000	290,400	75,700
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation*	75,500	75,400	51,200	24,300
Accommodation and Food Services*	290,600	290,600	239,200	51,400
Food Services and Drinking Places	245,600	246,300	203,300	42,300
Other Services	151,700	152,900	139,700	12,000
Repair and Maintenance	32,900	33,000	30,400	2,500
Personal and Laundry Services	56,700	57,000	52,000	4,700
Religious, Grantmaking, Civic, Professional and Similar Org.	62,100	62,900	57,300	4,800
Government	540,900	539,400	531,100	9,800

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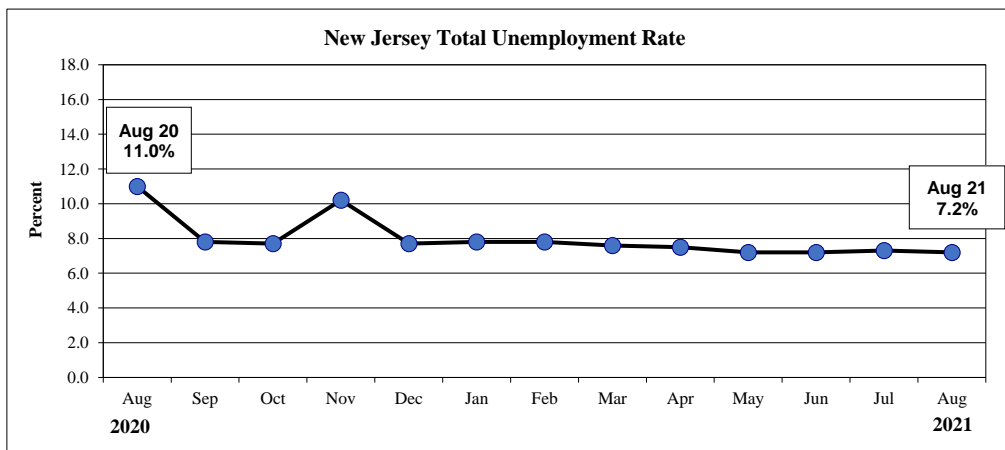
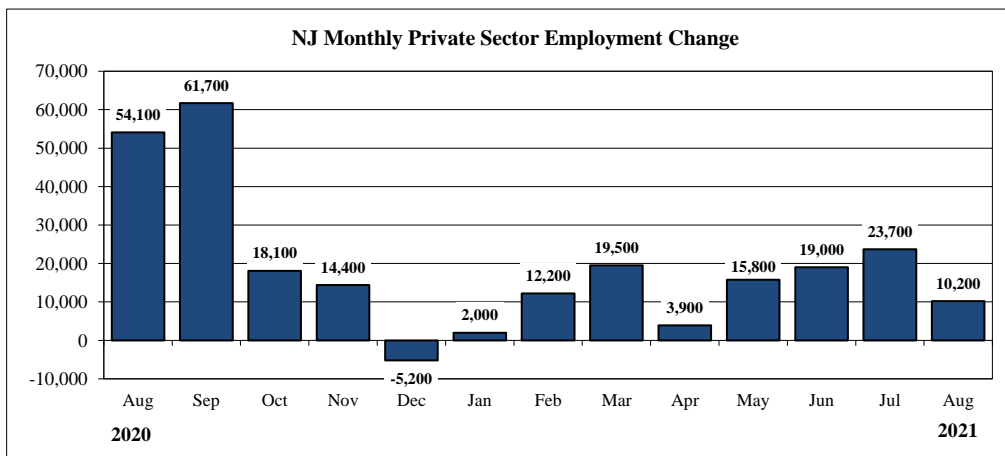
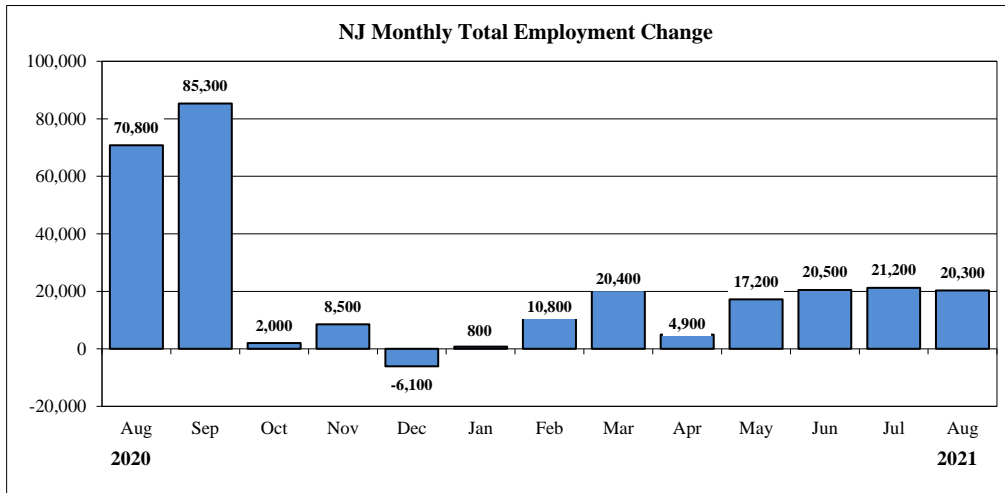
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Table 4: New Jersey Nonfarm Employment, 2020 Benchmark						
Annual Averages						
	Total	Private Sector			Public	
Year		Total	Manufacturing	Construction	Service-Providing	
2000	3,990,400	3,405,600	420,500	149,600	2,833,600	584,800
2001	3,999,300	3,394,000	400,100	158,800	2,833,300	605,300
2002	3,983,400	3,370,300	366,200	162,600	2,840,000	613,100
2003	3,975,600	3,354,300	349,200	160,500	2,843,100	621,300
2004	3,995,900	3,363,400	337,000	165,900	2,858,900	632,600
2005	4,036,100	3,395,600	329,100	169,100	2,895,700	640,500
2006	4,067,000	3,421,200	322,500	174,900	2,922,000	645,800
2007	4,073,800	3,428,200	309,900	172,300	2,944,300	645,700
2008	4,044,700	3,398,000	297,000	164,500	2,934,900	646,700
2009	3,889,900	3,240,500	262,500	138,600	2,837,900	649,400
2010	3,843,800	3,207,300	253,900	129,500	2,822,600	636,500
2011	3,842,200	3,227,400	248,700	129,900	2,847,500	614,900
2012	3,884,700	3,273,200	242,900	130,400	2,898,700	611,500
2013	3,929,300	3,318,900	240,800	137,600	2,939,300	610,400
2014	3,961,400	3,349,900	240,900	141,600	2,966,100	611,500
2015	4,005,300	3,399,700	240,900	148,400	3,009,100	605,600
2016	4,065,700	3,461,500	244,400	153,500	3,062,300	604,200
2017	4,121,800	3,517,000	246,900	156,100	3,112,600	604,900
2018	4,159,200	3,555,800	249,800	158,000	3,146,700	603,500
2019	4,197,400	3,591,600	251,200	160,700	3,178,300	605,800
2020	3,846,600	3,268,000	237,600	151,000	2,878,100	578,600
Seasonally Adjusted Monthly Data						
2020						
Jan	4,227,100	3,621,500	251,000	162,900	3,206,100	605,600
Feb	4,229,600	3,623,900	251,300	163,500	3,207,600	605,700
Mar	4,197,200	3,592,300	249,800	163,400	3,177,700	604,900
Apr	3,512,400	2,936,200	220,400	131,700	2,582,800	576,200
May	3,519,200	2,950,600	226,500	140,000	2,582,700	568,600
Jun	3,574,800	3,012,700	231,700	146,800	2,632,800	562,100
Jul	3,704,400	3,153,700	233,900	149,000	2,769,400	550,700
Aug	3,775,200	3,207,800	235,900	150,800	2,819,700	567,400
Sep	3,860,500	3,269,500	237,000	152,500	2,878,600	591,000
Oct	3,862,500	3,287,600	237,700	151,600	2,896,900	574,900
Nov	3,871,000	3,302,000	238,500	150,700	2,911,400	569,000
Dec	3,864,900	3,296,800	238,800	151,500	2,905,100	568,100
2021						
Jan	3,865,700	3,298,800	239,000	149,500	2,908,900	566,900
Feb	3,876,500	3,311,000	240,200	145,100	2,924,300	565,500
Mar	3,896,900	3,330,500	242,400	147,500	2,939,200	566,400
Apr	3,901,800	3,334,400	241,800	149,100	2,942,100	567,400
May	3,919,000	3,350,200	242,600	146,900	2,959,300	568,800
Jun	3,939,500	3,369,200	242,700	145,700	2,979,400	570,300
Jul (R)	3,960,700	3,392,900	244,400	149,200	2,997,900	567,800
Aug (P)	3,981,000	3,403,100	246,300	149,700	3,005,700	577,900
Sep						
Oct						
Nov						
Dec						

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Key Economic Indicators: August 2021
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