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## THE EMPLOYMENT SITUATION: JANUARY 2009

Nonfarm payroll employment fell sharply in January (-598,000) and the unemployment rate rose from 7.2 to 7.6 percent, the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor reported today. Payroll employment has declined by 3.6 million since the start of the recession in December 2007; about one-half of this decline occurred in the past 3 months. In January, job losses were large and widespread across nearly all major industry sectors.

Chart 1. Unemployment rate, seasonally adjusted,  
February 2006 – January 2009

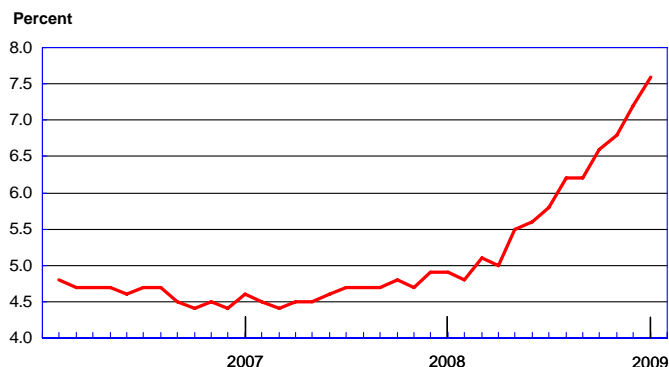
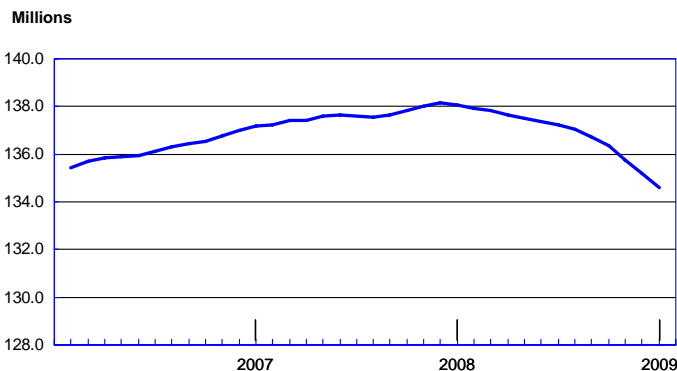


Chart 2. Nonfarm payroll employment, seasonally adjusted,  
February 2006 – January 2009



### Establishment and Household Data Changes

The establishment survey data in this release have been revised as a result of the annual benchmarking process and the updating of seasonal adjustment factors. See the note beginning on page 6 for more information on the revisions.

In addition, household survey data for January 2009 reflect updated population estimates. See the note on page 7 for more information. Also, January 2009 industry data shown in table A-11 of this release have been converted to the 2007 Census Industry Classification System. Historical data have not been revised.

**Table A. Major indicators of labor market activity, seasonally adjusted**

(Numbers in thousands)

<b>HOUSEHOLD DATA</b>						
Civilian labor force .....	154,650	154,648	154,620	154,447	153,716	( <sup>1</sup> )
Employment .....	145,299	144,046	144,144	143,338	142,099	( <sup>1</sup> )
Unemployment .....	9,350	10,602	10,476	11,108	11,616	( <sup>1</sup> )
Not in labor force .....	79,460	80,177	80,208	80,588	81,023	( <sup>1</sup> )























































**Table B-4. Average hourly earnings of production and nonsupervisory workers<sup>1</sup> on private nonfarm payrolls by industry sector and selected industry detail, seasonally adjusted**

Industry	Jan. 2008	Sept. 2008	Oct. 2008	Nov. 2008	Dec. 2008 <sup>P</sup>	Jan. 2009 <sup>P</sup>	Percent change from: Dec. 2008- Jan. 2009 <sup>P</sup>
Total private:							
Current dollars .....	\$17.77	\$18.21	\$18.28	\$18.34	\$18.41	\$18.46	0.3
Constant (1982) dollars <sup>2</sup> .....	8.27	8.21	8.34	8.55	8.66	N.A.	( <sup>3</sup> )
Goods-producing .....	19.00	19.48	19.56	19.63	19.70	19.73	.2
Mining and logging .....	21.83	23.08	23.03	23.28	23.29	23.28	.0
Construction .....	21.38	22.09	22.17	22.28	22.44	22.41	-.1
Manufacturing .....	17.52	17.81	17.89	17.94	17.96	18.01	.3
Excluding overtime <sup>4</sup> .....	16.69	17.07	17.15	17.25	17.31	17.38	.4
Durable goods .....	18.45	18.74	18.84	18.91	18.93	19.01	.4
Nondurable goods .....	15.93	16.28	16.35	16.37	16.39	16.43	.2
Private service-providing .....	17.46	17.90	17.97	18.03	18.11	18.16	.3
Trade, transportation, and utilities .....	16.00	16.20	16.23	16.29	16.31	16.36	.3
Wholesale trade .....	19.97	20.20	20.22	20.29	20.28	20.37	.4
Retail trade .....	12.80	12.91	12.89	12.93	12.94	12.98	.3
Transportation and warehousing .....	18.11	18.47	18.58	18.66	18.68	18.74	.3
Utilities .....	28.62	28.86	28.91	28.91	29.13	29.14	.0
Information .....	24.40	24.90	24.99	24.94	24.90	24.77	-.5
Financial activities .....	19.99	20.43	20.43	20.41	20.51	20.52	.0
Professional and business services .....	20.58	21.47	21.63	21.78	21.97	22.09	.5
Education and health services .....	18.56	19.04	19.08	19.13	19.22	19.24	.1
Leisure and hospitality .....	10.68	10.90	10.92	10.90	10.94	10.95	.1
Other services .....	15.79	16.20	16.24	16.29	16.32	16.40	.5

<sup>1</sup> See footnote 1, table B-2.<sup>2</sup> The Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W) is used to deflate this series.<sup>3</sup> Change was 1.3 percent from Nov. 2008 to Dec. 2008, the latest month available.<sup>4</sup> Derived by assuming that overtime hours are paid at the rate of time

and one-half.

N.A. = not available.

<sup>P</sup> = preliminary.

NOTE: Data have been revised to reflect March 2008 benchmark levels and updated seasonal adjustment factors.

**Table B-5. Indexes of aggregate weekly hours of production and nonsupervisory workers<sup>1</sup> on private nonfarm payrolls by industry sector and selected industry detail**

(2002=100)

Industry	Not seasonally adjusted				Seasonally adjusted						Percent change from: Dec. 2008- Jan. 2009 <sup>P</sup>
	Jan. 2008	Nov. 2008	Dec. 2008 <sup>P</sup>	Jan. 2009 <sup>P</sup>	Jan. 2008	Sept. 2008	Oct. 2008	Nov. 2008	Dec. 2008 <sup>P</sup>	Jan. 2009 <sup>P</sup>	
Total private .....	104.0	105.8	103.3	99.2	107.5	105.8	105.0	104.1	103.3	102.6	-0.7
Goods-producing .....	96.4	93.8	89.8	84.2	100.8	95.3	93.9	92.0	90.4	88.6	-2.0
Mining and logging .....	131.1	147.2	137.6	132.5	136.7	141.2	140.6	143.2	139.1	140.2	.8
Construction .....	102.5	103.2	95.7	88.2	112.4	105.3	104.1	100.5	99.6	97.7	-1.9
Manufacturing .....	92.2	87.1	85.0	80.3	93.7	88.7	87.4	86.0	84.0	82.2	-2.1
Durable goods .....	95.2	87.9	86.1	80.7	96.8	90.0	88.5	87.1	84.7	82.3	-2.8
Wood products .....	80.4	70.9	66.7	61.8	84.4	74.7	72.7	70.5	67.0	65.3	-2.5
Nonmetallic mineral products .....	89.3	88.0	81.7	74.5	95.7	90.1	89.6	86.3	84.2	81.9	-2.7
Primary metals .....	90.2	81.7	78.9	75.8	90.6	86.2	84.7	81.5	78.3	76.2	-2.7
Fabricated metal products .....	104.0	98.0	95.0	89.3	105.4	99.6	98.1	96.6	93.6	90.3	-3.5
Machinery .....	105.3	97.9	96.5	90.8	105.4	100.9	99.6	96.7	95.1	92.3	-2.9
Computer and electronic products .....	100.9	101.1	98.7	94.9	101.8	100.2	99.3	99.7	96.4	96.0	-.4
Electrical equipment and appliances .....	89.4	87.8	86.3	81.1	89.8	88.6	87.3	86.1	84.1	82.4	-2.0
Transportation equipment .....	95.1	81.4	81.4	73.9	96.5	83.5	81.0	81.0	79.0	75.4	-4.6
Motor vehicles and parts <sup>2</sup> .....	80.0	64.4	63.9	53.9	81.9	68.1	66.3	63.9	61.4	56.2	-8.5
Furniture and related products .....	79.0	67.0	67.5	63.4	81.3	71.7	69.7	67.4	66.3	64.6	-2.6
Miscellaneous manufacturing .....	90.6	88.0	87.2	84.7	91.9	89.1	89.0	87.1	86.2	85.8	-.5
Nondurable goods .....	87.5	85.5	83.4	79.7	89.0	86.3	85.7	84.2	82.6	81.8	-1.0
Food manufacturing .....	99.0	101.8	99.6	96.0	101.5	100.4	100.4	99.3	98.4	98.7	.3
Beverages and tobacco products .....	87.2	92.6	87.2	85.0	92.0	91.7	91.4	91.6	89.6	90.4	.9
Textile mills .....	51.2	43.2	40.8	39.2	51.9	46.7	45.3	42.6	40.7	39.9	-2.0
Textile product mills .....	70.8	68.0	66.3	62.6	72.1	68.8	68.3	67.5	65.5	64.5	-1.5
Apparel .....	57.3	53.4	51.0	47.5	59.6	55.7	54.9	52.7	51.2	49.6	-3.1
Leather and allied products .....	70.3	61.5	64.1	59.5	71.6	71.6	69.3	62.0	63.1	61.5	-2.5
Paper and paper products .....	86.5	81.8	81.5	77.1	86.7	82.2	81.5	80.9	80.0	78.3	-2.1
Printing and related support activities .....	88.4	84.4	82.1	77.1	89.3	84.8	83.9	82.5	80.7	78.7	-2.5
Petroleum and coal products .....	95.0	101.0	94.0	87.3	100.3	104.7	102.8	98.6	97.8	93.5	-4.4
Chemicals .....	95.3	93.6	91.8	90.5	95.7	93.8	94.0	93.4	91.7	91.5	-.2
Plastics and rubber products .....	89.4	83.3	80.9	76.6	90.4	86.8	85.1	82.9	80.3	78.4	-2.4
Private service-providing .....	106.3	109.1	107.1	103.4	109.7	108.5	108.2	107.5	107.1	106.7	-.4
Trade, transportation, and utilities .....	102.9	103.5	103.4	97.8	105.4	103.3	102.4	101.4	100.6	99.9	-.7
Wholesale trade .....	108.2	108.9	105.5	103.3	110.4	108.1	108.0	107.0	105.5	105.5	.0
Retail trade .....	99.9	100.4	101.8	94.3	102.3	100.1	98.9	97.9	97.0	96.6	-.4
Transportation and warehousing .....	106.6	106.6	106.7	100.4	109.4	106.9	106.1	104.5	104.6	103.3	-1.2
Utilities .....	97.6	99.4	100.0	98.7	98.9	99.0	98.8	98.7	100.3	99.5	-.8
Information .....	98.4	101.7	99.9	97.0	100.2	100.7	100.8	100.2	99.4	98.7	-.7
Financial activities .....	105.9	108.9	105.8	104.8	107.8	107.9	107.4	107.3	106.5	106.5	.0
Professional and business services .....	111.0	114.2	110.5	106.0	115.9	113.3	112.9	112.0	111.0	110.7	-.3
Education and health services .....	113.3	118.9	117.5	116.2	114.4	116.4	116.5	116.6	117.0	117.3	.3
Leisure and hospitality .....	101.9	105.9	103.2	97.7	110.7	109.7	109.0	108.2	107.4	106.4	-.9
Other services .....	97.0	99.3	97.3	95.8	99.2	99.6	99.7	99.1	98.3	98.2	-.1

<sup>1</sup> See footnote 1, table B-2.<sup>2</sup> Includes motor vehicles, motor vehicle bodies and trailers, and motor vehicle parts.<sup>P</sup> = preliminary.

NOTE: The index of aggregate weekly hours are calculated by dividing the current months estimates of aggregate hours by the

corresponding 2002 annual average levels. Aggregate hours estimates are the product of estimates of average weekly hours and production and nonsupervisory worker employment. Data have been revised to reflect March 2008 benchmark levels and updated seasonal adjustment factors.

**Table B-6. Indexes of aggregate weekly payrolls of production and nonsupervisory workers<sup>1</sup> on private nonfarm payrolls by industry sector and selected industry detail**

(2002=100)

Industry	Not seasonally adjusted				Seasonally adjusted						Percent change from: Dec. 2008- Jan. 2009 <sup>P</sup>
	Jan. 2008	Nov. 2008	Dec. 2008 <sup>P</sup>	Jan. 2009 <sup>P</sup>	Jan. 2008	Sept. 2008	Oct. 2008	Nov. 2008	Dec. 2008 <sup>P</sup>	Jan. 2009 <sup>P</sup>	
Total private .....	123.8	130.0	127.1	122.6	127.6	128.7	128.3	127.6	127.0	126.6	-0.3
Goods-producing .....	111.7	112.8	108.7	101.3	117.2	113.7	112.5	110.6	109.1	107.0	-1.9
Mining and logging .....	167.7	199.5	188.4	181.5	173.5	189.5	188.3	193.9	188.5	189.8	.7
Construction .....	117.6	124.4	116.5	106.1	129.8	125.6	124.7	120.9	120.7	118.3	-2.0
Manufacturing .....	105.8	102.2	100.4	94.8	107.3	103.3	102.2	100.9	98.7	96.8	-1.9
Durable goods .....	109.6	103.8	102.4	95.9	111.5	105.3	104.1	102.9	100.1	97.7	-2.4
Nondurable goods .....	98.9	98.8	96.9	92.9	100.2	99.3	99.1	97.4	95.7	95.0	-.7
Private service-providing .....	127.8	135.4	132.8	129.3	131.3	133.2	133.4	132.8	133.0	132.8	-.2
Trade, transportation, and utilities .....	117.4	120.1	119.1	114.2	120.3	119.3	118.6	117.9	117.0	116.6	-.3
Wholesale trade .....	127.5	131.0	126.4	124.4	129.9	128.7	128.6	127.9	126.0	126.6	.5
Retail trade .....	109.3	110.6	111.2	104.7	112.2	110.8	109.2	108.5	107.6	107.5	-.1
Transportation and warehousing .....	122.1	126.4	126.2	118.9	125.7	125.2	125.1	123.7	124.0	122.8	-1.0
Utilities .....	116.6	120.2	122.2	120.3	118.1	119.3	119.3	119.1	121.9	121.0	-.7
Information .....	119.3	126.1	122.9	119.1	121.0	124.1	124.7	123.8	122.5	121.1	-1.1
Financial activities .....	130.6	138.3	134.0	132.6	133.2	136.2	135.6	135.4	135.1	135.1	.0
Professional and business services .....	136.7	149.3	144.7	140.1	141.9	144.7	145.3	145.1	145.1	145.5	.3
Education and health services .....	138.5	149.3	148.6	147.3	139.6	145.7	146.2	146.7	147.8	148.4	.4
Leisure and hospitality .....	124.2	131.4	129.6	121.8	134.3	135.8	135.2	133.9	133.5	132.3	-.9
Other services .....	111.2	117.5	115.4	114.1	114.2	117.5	117.9	117.6	116.9	117.3	.3

<sup>1</sup> See footnote 1, table B-2.

<sup>P</sup> = preliminary.

NOTE: The index of aggregate weekly payrolls are calculated by dividing the current months estimates of aggregate payrolls by the corresponding 2002 annual average levels. Aggregate

payroll estimates are the product of estimates of average hourly earnings, average weekly hours, and production and nonsupervisory worker employment. Data have been revised to reflect March 2008 benchmark levels and updated seasonal adjustment factors.

Table B-7. Diffusion indexes of employment change

(Percent)

Time span	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
Private nonfarm payrolls, 271 industries <sup>1</sup>												
Over 1-month span:												
2005 .....	52.6	60.1	54.1	58.1	56.8	58.3	58.5	59.2	54.2	55.9	62.7	57.6
2006 .....	64.9	62.2	63.8	59.8	49.1	51.8	59.2	55.4	55.7	56.3	59.4	60.7
2007 .....	53.5	55.5	52.4	49.4	55.9	48.3	50.7	46.5	55.9	57.2	59.4	57.9
2008 .....	42.1	40.6	44.1	41.1	42.6	36.9	37.6	39.1	34.7	33.0	27.1	<sup>P</sup> 25.5
2009 .....	<sup>P</sup> 25.3											
Over 3-month span:												
2005 .....	51.7	57.2	59.0	59.8	57.9	62.0	60.5	62.9	60.3	55.5	56.3	62.7
2006 .....	67.7	68.6	65.1	65.1	60.5	58.9	55.5	57.0	55.0	54.4	59.0	64.2
2007 .....	62.5	54.8	54.2	54.8	54.1	50.4	52.8	48.7	53.3	53.9	58.3	62.5
2008 .....	57.7	44.8	40.2	39.7	37.3	33.6	33.6	32.8	34.9	33.2	26.9	<sup>P</sup> 24.4
2009 .....	<sup>P</sup> 22.9											
Over 6-month span:												
2005 .....	55.4	57.9	58.1	57.0	58.3	60.9	63.1	63.3	61.6	59.6	61.4	62.5
2006 .....	64.6	63.8	67.5	66.2	65.5	66.6	60.3	61.1	57.9	57.9	62.4	59.0
2007 .....	60.3	57.2	60.5	58.3	55.5	56.5	52.8	52.4	56.6	54.4	56.8	59.0
2008 .....	56.6	53.0	50.7	47.4	40.2	33.4	31.0	33.4	30.6	29.0	26.0	<sup>P</sup> 26.0
2009 .....	<sup>P</sup> 23.4											
Over 12-month span:												
2005 .....	60.9	60.9	60.0	59.2	58.3	60.3	61.3	63.3	60.7	59.2	59.8	61.8
2006 .....	67.2	65.5	65.9	62.9	65.5	66.8	64.8	64.4	66.6	65.9	64.9	66.2
2007 .....	63.3	59.4	61.1	59.6	59.2	58.3	56.8	57.2	59.4	58.9	58.1	59.6
2008 .....	54.4	56.1	52.6	49.1	50.2	47.8	43.7	42.3	38.0	37.8	32.3	<sup>P</sup> 28.4
2009 .....	<sup>P</sup> 25.5											
Manufacturing payrolls, 83 industries <sup>1</sup>												
Over 1-month span:												
2005 .....	36.7	46.4	42.2	46.4	40.4	33.7	41.0	43.4	45.8	47.6	44.6	47.0
2006 .....	57.8	49.4	53.6	47.0	37.3	50.6	49.4	42.2	40.4	42.8	41.0	44.0
2007 .....	44.6	41.0	30.7	24.7	38.0	32.5	43.4	30.7	39.2	42.8	60.8	48.2
2008 .....	30.7	28.9	37.3	32.5	40.4	25.3	25.9	27.7	22.9	18.7	15.1	<sup>P</sup> 13.3
2009 .....	<sup>P</sup> 7.8											
Over 3-month span:												
2005 .....	36.7	43.4	41.0	41.6	35.5	36.1	34.9	36.7	42.2	44.0	38.6	48.8
2006 .....	56.6	57.2	48.2	48.2	44.6	50.0	43.4	45.2	36.7	33.1	35.5	39.2
2007 .....	40.4	33.1	33.1	28.9	29.5	30.1	31.9	28.9	30.7	30.7	39.2	51.2
2008 .....	48.8	33.7	28.3	29.5	26.5	22.9	19.9	16.9	22.3	21.1	15.1	<sup>P</sup> 11.4
2009 .....	<sup>P</sup> 8.4											
Over 6-month span:												
2005 .....	33.7	39.8	38.0	36.1	35.5	34.9	39.8	36.1	36.1	38.0	36.7	39.8
2006 .....	45.2	45.2	50.6	48.8	50.6	50.0	45.2	47.0	43.4	42.2	39.8	34.3
2007 .....	37.3	33.1	29.5	28.9	30.7	34.9	28.9	26.5	29.5	28.3	33.7	38.0
2008 .....	34.3	30.1	37.3	35.5	25.3	20.5	17.5	18.1	16.9	13.3	11.4	<sup>P</sup> 9.6
2009 .....	<sup>P</sup> 7.8											
Over 12-month span:												
2005 .....	45.2	44.0	42.2	41.0	36.7	35.5	32.5	34.3	33.1	33.7	33.7	38.0
2006 .....	44.0	41.0	41.0	39.8	39.8	45.2	42.2	42.8	47.0	48.8	45.8	44.6
2007 .....	39.8	36.7	37.3	30.7	28.9	29.5	30.7	28.9	33.1	28.9	34.3	35.5
2008 .....	27.7	28.9	25.9	25.3	30.7	27.1	24.7	19.3	21.7	21.7	16.9	<sup>P</sup> 15.7
2009 .....	<sup>P</sup> 7.8											

<sup>1</sup> Based on seasonally adjusted data for 1-, 3-, and 6-month spans and unadjusted data for the 12-month span.

<sup>P</sup> = preliminary.

NOTE: Figures are the percent of industries with employment increasing

plus one-half of the industries with unchanged employment, where 50 percent indicates an equal balance between industries with increasing and decreasing employment. Data have been revised to reflect March 2008 benchmark levels and updated seasonal adjustment factors.