

SECOND QUARTER 1999 COVERED EMPLOYMENT AND WAGES

The average quarterly employment for Louisiana during second quarter 1999 increased by 20,620 or 1.1%. Employment decreased by 4,977, or .3%, from the same period a year ago. The following table shows the average quarterly employment data for second quarter 1999, first quarter 1999 and second quarter 1998 and the percent change for the major industry divisions.

	QTR 992	QTR 991	QTR 982	% CHG FROM PREV QTR	% CHG FROM PREV YR
TOTAL	1,848,201	1,827,581	1,853,178	1.1%	-0.3%
Agriculture Forestry & Fishing	17,131	15,511	16,399	10.5%	4.5%
Mining	46,361	48,709	58,301	-4.8%	-20.5%
Contract Construction	138,270	138,103	138,778	0.1%	-0.4%
Manufacturing	188,710	187,335	192,208	0.7%	-1.8%
Transp. and Public Utilities	129,096	128,806	130,224	0.2%	-0.9%
Wholesale Trade	97,014	96,374	98,334	0.7%	-1.3%
Retail Trade	347,806	343,573	345,260	1.2%	0.7%
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	83,291	83,110	85,389	0.2%	-2.5%
Services	701,577	688,430	690,452	1.9%	1.6%
Public Administration	98,947	97,630	97,834	1.3%	1.1%

The number of reporting units for second quarter 1999 increased by 747 units, or .7%, from the previous quarter and increased 2,249 units, or 2.0%, from a year ago. The following table shows the average number of units for second quarter 1999, first quarter 1999 and second quarter 1998 and the percent change for the major industry divisions.

	QTR 992	QTR 991	QTR 982	% CHG FROM PREV QTR	% CHG FROM PREV YR
TOTAL	114,873	114,126	112,624	0.7%	2.0%
Agriculture Forestry & Fishing	2,356	2,308	2,246	2.1%	4.9%
Mining	1,943	1,949	1,963	-0.3%	-1.0%
Contract Construction	10,172	10,101	9,759	0.7%	4.2%
Manufacturing	4,833	4,808	4,719	0.5%	2.4%
Transp. and Public Utilities	7,190	7,098	7,021	1.3%	2.4%
Wholesale Trade	9,700	9,689	9,696	0.1%	0.0%
Retail Trade	23,315	23,210	23,189	0.5%	0.5%
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	10,981	10,834	10,522	1.4%	4.4%
Services	40,868	40,626	40,033	0.6%	2.1%
Public Administration	3,515	3,503	3,476	0.3%	1.1%

Total wages for second quarter 1999 increased by 2.3% from first quarter 1999 and increased .8% from the same period a year ago. The average weekly wage for second quarter 1999 was \$509.69, an increase of 1.2% from the first quarter 1999 figure of \$503.80. Table 1 includes average weekly wage data for all parishes within each industry division, by Regional Labor Market Area.