

## SECOND QUARTER 2000 COVERED EMPLOYMENT AND WAGES

The average quarterly employment for Louisiana during second quarter 2000 increased by 42,198, or 2.3%, from the same period a year ago. Employment increased by 34,390, or 1.9%, from the first quarter 2000. The following table shows the average quarterly employment data for second quarter 2000, first quarter 2000, and second quarter 1999 and the percent change for the major industry divisions.

	QTR 002	QTR 001	QTR 992	% CHG FROM PREV QTR	% CHG FROM PREV YR
Total	1,890,399	1,856,009	1,848,201	1.9%	2.3%
Agriculture Forestry & Fishing	17,818	16,206	17,131	9.9%	4.0%
Mining	47,722	45,522	46,361	4.8%	2.9%
Contract Construction	142,261	138,094	138,269	3.0%	2.9%
Manufacturing	184,245	183,187	188,709	0.6%	-2.4%
Transp. and Public Utilities	129,964	128,654	129,096	1.0%	0.7%
Wholesale Trade	96,890	94,843	97,014	2.2%	-0.1%
Retail Trade	359,360	354,317	347,806	1.4%	3.3%
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	84,787	84,791	83,291	0.0%	1.8%
Services	716,153	704,773	701,577	1.6%	2.1%
Public Administration	107,026	101,886	98,947	5.0%	8.2%

The number of reporting units for second quarter 2000 increased by 175 units, or 0.1%, from the previous quarter and increased 3,402 units, or 3.0%, from a year ago. The following table shows the average number of units for second quarter 2000, first quarter 2000, and second quarter 1999 and the percent change for the major industry divisions.

	QTR 002	QTR 001	QTR 992	% CHG FROM PREV QTR	% CHG FROM PREV YR
Total	118,277	118,102	114,873	0.1%	3.0%
Agriculture Forestry & Fishing	2,391	2,377	2,356	0.6%	1.5%
Mining	2,016	2,022	1,943	-0.3%	3.8%
Contract Construction	10,219	10,154	10,172	0.6%	0.5%
Manufacturing	5,023	4,990	4,833	0.7%	3.9%
Transp. and Public Utilities	7,283	7,322	7,190	-0.5%	1.3%
Wholesale Trade	9,657	9,665	9,700	-0.1%	-0.4%
Retail Trade	23,499	23,466	23,315	0.1%	0.8%
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	11,540	11,468	10,981	0.6%	5.1%
Services	41,682	41,761	40,868	-0.2%	2.0%
Public Administration	3,498	3,469	3,515	0.8%	-0.5%

Total wages for second quarter 2000 increased by 5.2% from the same period a year ago and decreased by a slight .02% from first quarter 2000. The average weekly wage for second quarter 2000 was \$524.47, a decrease of 1.8% from the first quarter 2000 figure of \$534.31. Table 1 includes average weekly wage data for all parishes within each industry division by Regional Labor Market Area. Table 2 includes the average weekly wage data by major industry division and statewide.