

THIRD QUARTER 2000 COVERED EMPLOYMENT AND WAGES

The average quarterly employment for Louisiana during third quarter 2000 increased by 26,797, or 1.5%, from the same period a year ago. Employment decreased by 25,251, or 1.3%, from the second quarter 2000. The following table shows the average quarterly employment data for third quarter 2000, second quarter 2000, and third quarter 1999 and the percent change for the major industry divisions.

| | QTR 003 | QTR 002 | QTR 993 | % CHG FROM PREV QTR | % CHG FROM PREV YR |
|----------------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------------------|-----------------------|
| Total | 1,865,148 | 1,890,399 | 1,838,351 | -1.3% | 1.5% |
| Agriculture Forestry & Fishing | 19,346 | 17,818 | 19,421 | 8.6% | -0.4% |
| Mining | 49,017 | 47,722 | 45,799 | 2.7% | 7.0% |
| Contract Construction | 136,972 | 142,261 | 135,547 | -3.7% | 1.1% |
| Manufacturing | 183,328 | 184,245 | 187,047 | -0.5% | -2.0% |
| Transp. and Public Utilities | 131,749 | 129,964 | 129,395 | 1.4% | 1.8% |
| Wholesale Trade | 96,707 | 96,890 | 96,086 | -0.2% | 0.6% |
| Retail Trade | 355,675 | 359,360 | 349,099 | -1.0% | 1.9% |
| Finance, Insurance & Real Estate | 84,923 | 84,787 | 84,312 | 0.2% | 0.7% |
| Services | 699,746 | 716,153 | 691,030 | -2.3% | 1.3% |
| Public Administration | 103,508 | 107,026 | 100,614 | -3.3% | 2.9% |

The number of reporting units for third quarter 2000 increased by 624 units, or 0.5%, from the same period a year ago and decreased 647 units, or 0.5%, from the previous quarter. The following table shows the average number of units for third quarter 2000, second quarter 2000, and third quarter 1999 and the percent change for the major industry divisions.

| | QTR 003 | QTR 002 | QTR 993 | % CHG FROM PREV QTR | % CHG FROM PREV YR |
|----------------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------------------|-----------------------|
| Total | 117,630 | 118,277 | 117,006 | -0.5% | 0.5% |
| Agriculture Forestry & Fishing | 2,379 | 2,391 | 2,391 | -0.5% | -0.5% |
| Mining | 1,981 | 2,016 | 1,974 | -1.7% | 0.4% |
| Contract Construction | 10,066 | 10,219 | 10,327 | -1.5% | -2.5% |
| Manufacturing | 4,995 | 5,023 | 4,935 | -0.6% | 1.2% |
| Transp. and Public Utilities | 7,245 | 7,283 | 7,355 | -0.5% | -1.5% |
| Wholesale Trade | 9,544 | 9,657 | 9,793 | -1.2% | -2.5% |
| Retail Trade | 23,386 | 23,499 | 23,573 | -0.5% | -0.8% |
| Finance, Insurance & Real Estate | 11,474 | 11,540 | 11,340 | -0.6% | 1.2% |
| Services | 41,574 | 41,682 | 41,721 | -0.3% | -0.4% |
| Public Administration | 3,506 | 3,498 | 3,597 | 0.2% | -2.5% |

Total wages for third quarter 2000 increased by 3.3% from the same period a year ago and decreased by 1.6% from second quarter 2000. The average weekly wage for third quarter 2000 was \$523.28, a slight decrease of 0.2% from the second quarter 2000 figure of \$524.47. 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.