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## ADP NATIONAL EMPLOYMENT REPORT SHOWS UNITED STATES EMPLOYMENT DECLINED BY 40,000 PRIVATE SECTOR JOBS IN DECEMBER

**ROSELAND, New Jersey – January 3, 2007** – Private sector employment declined by 40,000 in December, according to today’s *ADP National Employment Report*<sup>SM</sup>. The *ADP National Employment Report*, created by ADP® Employer Services, a division of Automatic Data Processing, Inc. (ADP), in partnership with Macroeconomic Advisers, LLC, is based on actual payroll data and measures the change in total nonfarm private employment each month.

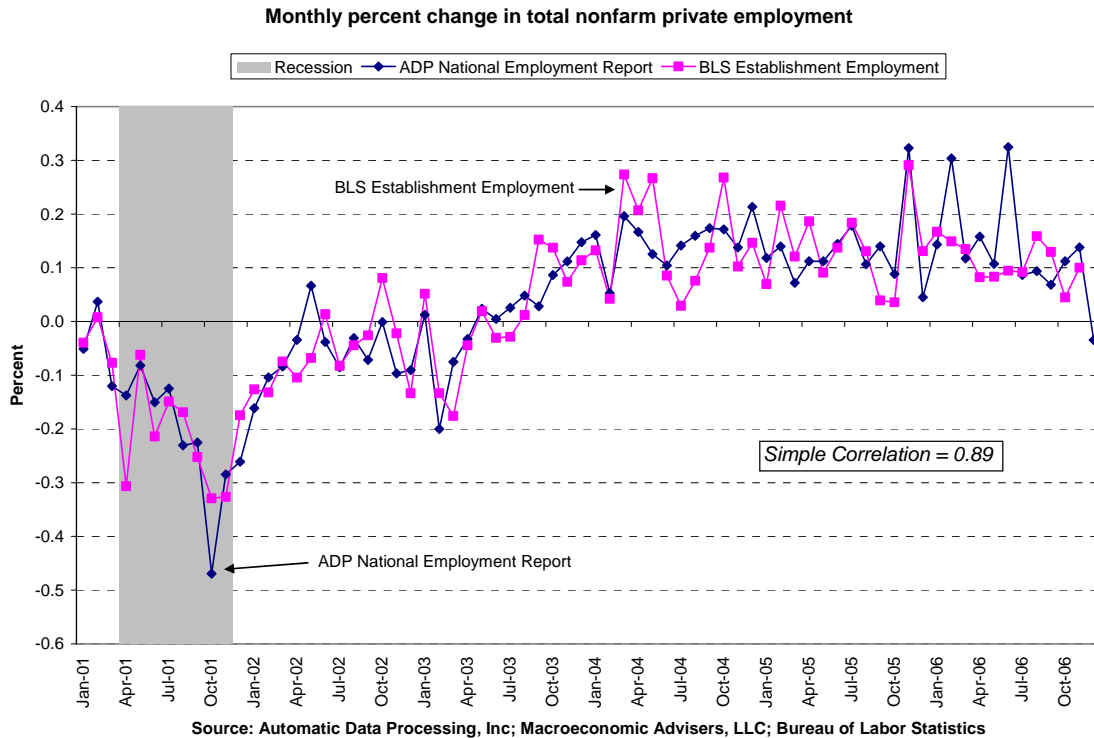
“Given the steadily increasing importance financial markets are placing on the *ADP National Employment Report*, we’ve decided to expand its scope,” said Victor Saliterman, ADP Senior Vice President, Marketing. “Beginning in early 2007, the *Report* will be based on a significantly larger sample size and provide insight into employment in Goods-producing and Service-providing industry sectors.”

“Total nonfarm private employment declined 40,000 from November to December on a seasonally adjusted basis, according to the *ADP National Employment Report*,” said Joel Prakken, Chairman of Macroeconomic Advisers, LLC. “These findings suggest an abrupt slowing of employment, following three months during which, according to the *ADP National Employment Report*, gains in private nonfarm employment averaged 121,000 per month.”

**Estimates of total nonfarm private employment, seasonally adjusted**  
numbers in thousands, unless noted

Category	2006					
	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
<b>ADP National Employment Report.....</b>	113930	114037	114115	114243	114401	114361
change from previous month.....	99	107	78	128	158	-40
percent change from previous month.....	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0
<b>BLS Establishment Employment.....</b>	113404	113584	113731	p113782	p113896	na
change from previous month.....	104	180	147	p51	p114	na
percent change from previous month.....	0.1	0.1	0.1	p0.0	p0.1	na

p=preliminary; na=not available



### Interpreting the Report

Providing real-time information about employment in the United States, the *ADP National Employment Report* is an additional assessment of American business and economic conditions. Findings are represented as both a *monthly employment level number* and a *change in monthly employment level number*. *Employment level* represents the total number of private sector jobs present in the U.S. economy at a single point in time. *Change in monthly employment level* represents the increase or decrease in the total nonfarm private employment level since the prior month.

To obtain additional information about the *ADP National Employment Report*, access the full schedule of future release dates, and subscribe to monthly e-mail alerts and RSS feeds, please visit [www.ADPemploymentreport.com](http://www.ADPemploymentreport.com). The January 2007 *ADP National Employment Report* will be released on Wednesday, January 31, 2007 at 8:15 a.m. EST.

### About the *ADP National Employment Report* <sup>SM</sup>

The *ADP National Employment Report*, sponsored by ADP<sup>®</sup>, was developed and is maintained by Macroeconomic Advisers, LLC. It is a measure of employment based on a large, statistically significant, and anonymous subset of ADP payroll data that represents employees working in all 19 of the major North American Industrial Classification (NAICS) private industrial sectors. The data is collected for pay periods that include the week of the 12<sup>th</sup> of each month, and processed with statistical methodologies similar to

those used by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (the BLS) to compute employment from its monthly survey of establishments.

Empirical analysis performed by Macroeconomic Advisers suggests that the *ADP National Employment Report* is a better advance indicator of the monthly change in establishment employment than available consensus forecasts, and that it anticipates revisions to the BLS measure.

For a description of the underlying data and the statistical properties of the series, please see “*ADP National Employment Report: Development Methodology*” at <http://ADPEmploymentreport.com/methodology.aspx>.

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