



## National Employment Report

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### **ADP NATIONAL EMPLOYMENT REPORT SHOWS UNITED STATES ADDED 122,000 PRIVATE SECTOR JOBS IN MAY**

*ADP Payroll Data Provides Timely and Credible Measure of Private Employment*

**ROSELAND, New Jersey – May 31, 2006** – Private sector employment increased by 122,000 in May, the *ADP National Employment Report*<sup>SM</sup> stated today. The *ADP National Employment Report*, created by ADP® Employer Services in partnership with Macroeconomic Advisers, LLC, is based on actual payroll data and measures the change in total nonfarm private employment each month.

“The *ADP National Employment Report* offers an insightful, timely, and credible estimate of employment in the United States,” said Gary Butler, President and Chief Operating Officer of Automatic Data Processing, Inc. “Given the importance of employment changes as an indicator of economic activity and interest rates, reliable estimates of employment are highly valued by economists, financial professionals, and government policymakers.”

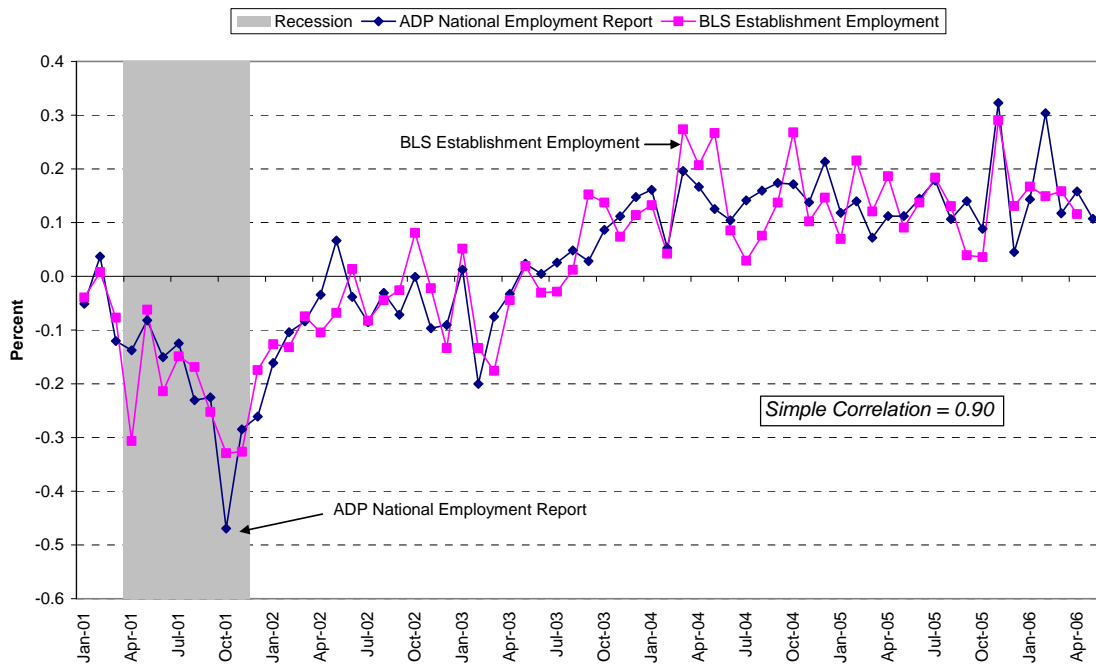
“Total nonfarm private employment grew 122,000 from April to May on a seasonally adjusted basis, according to the *ADP National Employment Report*,” said Joel Prakken, Chairman of Macroeconomic Advisers, LLC. “These findings suggest a deceleration of employment relative to growth experienced over the last 12 months.”

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

Category	2005	2006				
	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May
<b>ADP National Employment Report.....</b>	112526	112688	113030	113163	113341	113463
change from previous month.....	51	162	342	133	178	122
percent change from previous month.....	0.0	0.1	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.1
<b>BLS Establishment Employment.....</b>	112498	112686	112854	p113033	p113164	na
change from previous month.....	147	188	168	p179	p131	na
percent change from previous month.....	0.1	0.2	0.1	p0.2	p0.2	na

p=preliminary; na=not available

**Monthly Percent Change in Total Nonfarm Private Employment**



Source: Automatic Data Processing, Inc; Macroeconomic Advisers, LLC; Bureau of Labor Statistics

**Unique Measure of U.S. Employment**

The *ADP National Employment Report* is based on a large monthly sampling of real, anonymous, active payroll data. As a result, the *ADP National Employment Report* is unique in that no other approximation of employment produced is based on such an extensive, actual data set processed using methods similar to those used by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics to estimate establishment employment. Other employment models typically rely on survey data.

Empirical analysis performed by Macroeconomic Advisers suggests that the *ADP National Employment Report* is perhaps the most accurate advance indicator of the monthly change in establishment employment currently available. Between January 2001 and December 2005, a sample covering 60 months, the standard errors of regressions of employment in the *ADP National Employment Report* were generally lower than other available employment estimates.

### **Interpreting the Report**

Providing real-time information about employment in the United States, the *ADP National Employment Report* is an insightful analysis 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. The data in this report does not include a monthly change in Government employment.

Based on a historical analysis of over 5 years of payroll data and a monthly review of approximately 500,000 U.S. business clients, the *ADP National Employment Report* provides a measure of U.S. employment and is a useful resource for economic, business, and policy decision-makers. Rigorous economic and statistical methods, including filtering out volatility, adjusting for seasonality, and aligning pay periods, are applied to all payroll records. Macroeconomic Advisers' expertise in economic forecasting is leveraged to model and validate the data collected.

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). June 2006 data will be released on Wednesday, July 5, 2006 at 8:15 a.m. EDT.

### **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 an anonymous subset of ADP payroll data covering approximately 225,000 establishments and 14 million 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.

For the period January 2001 – December 2005, the simple correlation between the monthly percent change in the *ADP National Employment Report* and the monthly percent change in total nonfarm private establishment employment is roughly 0.90. 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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