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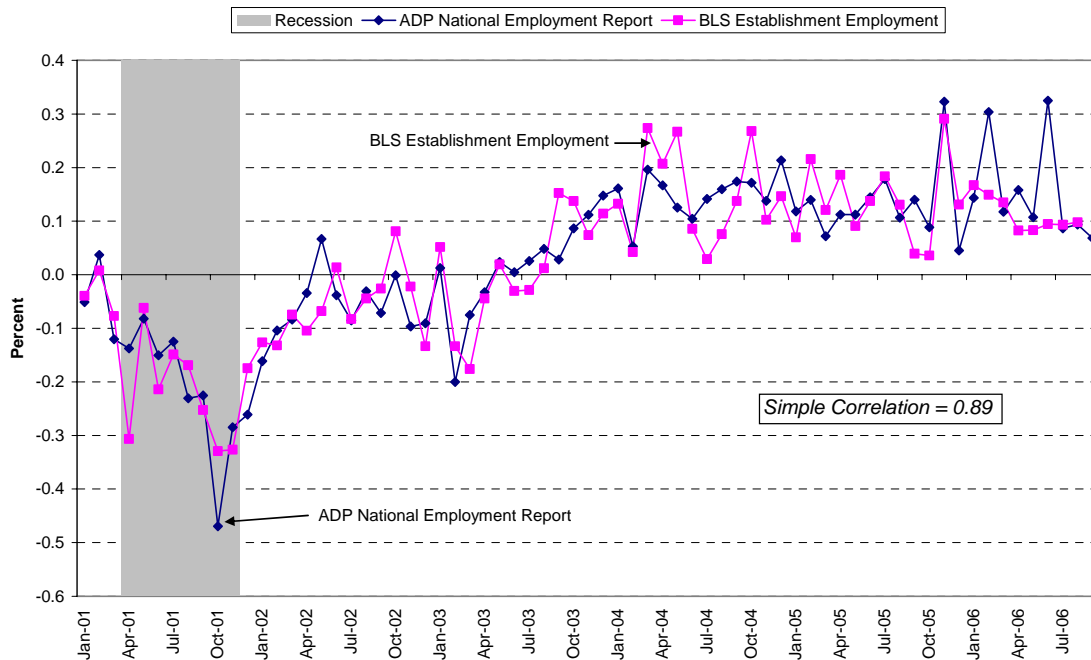
Total nonfarm private employment grew 78,000 from August to September on a seasonally adjusted basis, according to the ADP National Employment Report™. These findings indicate continued sluggish gains in private sector employment which, according to the ADP National Employment Report, have averaged just 95,000 over the past three months.

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

Table with 7 columns: Category, Apr., May, June, July, Aug., Sept. Rows include ADP National Employment Report and BLS Establishment Employment with monthly and percent change data.

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



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