



National Employment Report

ADP NATIONAL EMPLOYMENT REPORT SHOWS U.S. EMPLOYMENT DECREASED BY 84,000 PRIVATE SECTOR JOBS IN DECEMBER

*Employment in the service-providing sector increases for the first time
since March of 2008*

ROSELAND, N.J. – January 6, 2010 – According to today’s [ADP National Employment Report](#)[®], private sector employment decreased by 84,000 in December. The *ADP National Employment Report*, created by [Automatic Data Processing, Inc. \(ADP\)](#)[®], in partnership with [Macroeconomic Advisers, LLC](#), is derived from actual payroll data and measures the change in total nonfarm private employment each month.

Nonfarm Private Employment Highlights – December Report:

- Total employment: -84,000
- Small businesses* -25,000
- Medium businesses** -25,000
- Large businesses*** -34,000
- Goods-producing sector: -96,000
- Service-providing sector: +12,000

Addendum:

- Manufacturing industry: -43,000

* *Small businesses represent payrolls with 1-49 employees*

** *Medium businesses represent payrolls with 50-499 employees*

*** *Large businesses represent payrolls with more than 499 employees*

According to Joel Prakken, Chairman of Macroeconomic Advisers, LLC, “Nonfarm private employment decreased 84,000 from November to December 2009 on a seasonally adjusted basis, according to the *ADP National Employment Report*. The December employment decline was the smallest since March of 2008. Employment losses are now rapidly diminishing and, if recent trends continue, private employment will begin rising within the next few months.”

Prakken added, “December’s *ADP Report* estimates nonfarm private employment in the service-providing sector increased by 12,000, the largest increase since January of 2008. However, this employment growth was not enough to offset continued losses in the goods-producing sector. Employment in the goods-producing sector declined 96,000, with employment in the manufacturing sector dropping 43,000.”

“Large businesses, defined as those with 500 or more workers, saw employment decline by 34,000, while medium-size businesses with between 50 and 499 workers declined 25,000. Employment among small-size businesses, defined as those with fewer than 50 workers, declined 25,000” said Prakken.

Prakken went on to say, “In December, construction employment dropped 52,000. This was its thirty-fifth consecutive monthly decline, and brings the total decline in construction jobs since the peak in January 2007 to 1,777,000. Employment in the financial services sector dropped 12,000.”

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Table 1. Employees on nonfarm private payrolls by selected industry sector and size
(In thousands)

Industry / Size of Payroll	Seasonally Adjusted						Change from: Nov.2009 - Dec.2009p
	Jul. 2009	Aug. 2009	Sep. 2009	Oct. 2009	Nov. 2009p	Dec. 2009p	
Total nonfarm private	109,007	108,740	108,520	108,342	108,197	108,113	-84
Small (1-49).....	48,373	48,263	48,175	48,106	48,047	48,022	-25
Medium (50-499).....	42,574	42,473	42,395	42,330	42,286	42,261	-25
Large (> 499).....	18,060	18,004	17,950	17,906	17,864	17,830	-34
Goods-producing	18,684	18,543	18,401	18,282	18,194	18,098	-96
Small (1-49).....	6,786	6,727	6,669	6,624	6,587	6,551	-36
Medium (50-499).....	8,217	8,164	8,113	8,068	8,042	8,007	-35
Large (> 499).....	3,681	3,652	3,619	3,590	3,565	3,540	-25
Service-providing	90,323	90,197	90,119	90,060	90,003	90,015	12
Small (1-49).....	41,587	41,536	41,506	41,482	41,460	41,471	11
Medium (50-499).....	34,357	34,309	34,282	34,262	34,244	34,254	10
Large (> 499).....	14,379	14,352	14,331	14,316	14,299	14,290	-9
Addendum:							
Manufacturing.....	11,740	11,671	11,605	11,544	11,502	11,459	-43

p = preliminary

The matched sample used to develop the *ADP National Employment Report* was derived from ADP data, which during the twelve month period through December 2009, averaged over 360,000 U.S. business clients and represented over 22 million U.S. employees. This approximately represents the size of the matched sample used this month.

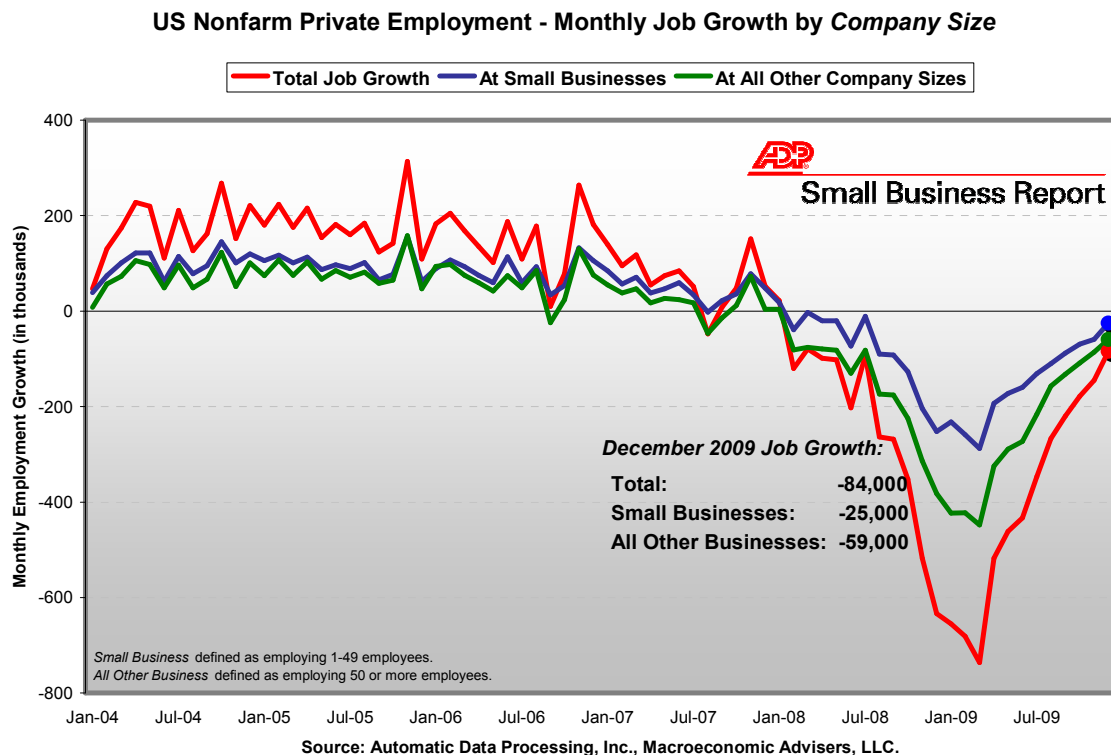
Small Business Highlights – December Report:

Due to the important contribution small businesses make to economic growth, employment data that is specific to businesses with fewer than 50 employees will be reported in the [ADP Small Business Report](#)[®] each month. The *ADP Small Business Report* is a subset of the *ADP National Employment Report*.

- Total small business employment: -25,000
- Goods-producing sector: -36,000 small business jobs
- Service-providing sector: +11,000 small business jobs

Private employment among [small businesses](#) decreased by 25,000 in December, according to the *ADP Small Business Report* released today. Additional information about small business employment, including charts on monthly job growth and employment levels, along with historical data, is available at <http://www.smallbusinessreport.adp.com>.

“Employment among small-size businesses, defined as those with fewer than 50 workers, declined 25,000 in December. However, small business employment within the service-providing sector increased by 11,000 during December. If recent trends continue, private employment will begin rising within the next few months,” said Joel Prakken.



To obtain additional information about the *ADP National Employment Report*, including additional charts, supporting data and the schedule of future release dates, or to subscribe to the monthly e-mail alerts and RSS feeds, please visit

www.ADPemploymentreport.com. The January 2010 *ADP National Employment Report* will be released on February 3, 2010 at 8:15 A.M. ET.

About the *ADP National Employment Report*[®]

The *ADP National Employment Report*, sponsored by ADP[®], was developed and is maintained by Macroeconomic Advisers, LLC. It is a measure of employment derived from an anonymous subset of roughly 500,000 U.S. business clients. During the twelve month period through December 2009, this subset averaged over 360,000 U.S. business clients and over 22 million U.S. employees working in all private industrial sectors. The *ADP Small Business Report*[®] is a monthly estimate of private nonfarm employment among companies in the United States with 1-49 employees and is a subset of the *ADP National Employment Report*. The data for both reports is collected for pay periods that can be interpolated to include the week of the 12th of each month, and processed with statistical methodologies similar to those used by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics to compute employment from its monthly survey of establishments. Due to this processing, this subset is modified to make it indicative of national employment levels; therefore, the resulting employment changes computed for the *ADP National Employment Report* are not representative of changes in ADP's total base of U.S. business clients.

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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