



National Employment Report

ADP NATIONAL EMPLOYMENT REPORT SHOWS U.S. EMPLOYMENT DECREASED BY 742,000 PRIVATE SECTOR JOBS IN MARCH

ROSELAND, N.J. – April 1, 2009 – According to today’s [ADP National Employment Report](#)[®], private sector employment decreased by 742,000 in March. 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 derived from actual payroll data and measures the change in total nonfarm private employment each month.

Nonfarm Private Employment Highlights – March Report:

- Total employment: -742,000
- Small businesses* -284,000
- Medium businesses** -330,000
- Large businesses*** -128,000
- Goods-producing sector: -327,000
- Service-providing sector: -415,000

Addendum:

- Manufacturing industry: -206,000

* *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 742,000 from February to March 2009 on a seasonally adjusted basis, according to the *ADP National Employment Report*. Despite some recent indications that stock prices, consumer spending, and housing activity may be bottoming out, employment, which usually trails overall economic activity, is likely to remain very weak for at least several more months.”

Prakken added, “March’s *ADP Report* estimates nonfarm private employment in the service-providing sector fell by 415,000. Employment in the goods-producing sector

declined 327,000, the twenty-seventh consecutive monthly decline. Employment in the manufacturing sector declined 206,000, its thirty-seventh consecutive decline.”

“Large businesses, defined as those with 500 or more workers, saw employment decline by 128,000, while medium-size businesses with between 50 and 499 workers declined 330,000. Employment among small-size businesses, defined as those with fewer than 50 workers, declined 284,000. The sharp employment declines among medium- and small-size businesses indicate that the recession continues to spread aggressively beyond manufacturing and housing-related activities to almost every area of the economy,” said Prakken.

Prakken went on to say, “In March, construction employment dropped 118,000. This was its twenty-sixth consecutive monthly decline, and brings the total decline in construction jobs since the peak in January 2007 to 1,135,000.”

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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: Feb. 2009 - Mar. 2009p
	Oct. 2008	Nov. 2008	Dec. 2008	Jan. 2009	Feb. 2009p	Mar. 2009p	
Total nonfarm private.....	113,990	113,472	112,838	112,183	111,477	110,735	-742
Small (1-49).....	50,264	50,060	49,808	49,576	49,306	49,022	-284
Medium (50-499).....	44,775	44,549	44,267	43,967	43,657	43,327	-330
Large (> 499).....	18,951	18,863	18,763	18,640	18,514	18,386	-128
Goods-producing.....	21,053	20,822	20,562	20,272	19,934	19,607	-327
Small (1-49).....	7,607	7,527	7,436	7,347	7,231	7,120	-111
Medium (50-499).....	9,305	9,198	9,071	8,927	8,774	8,622	-152
Large (> 499).....	4,141	4,097	4,055	3,998	3,929	3,865	-64
Service-providing.....	92,937	92,650	92,276	91,911	91,543	91,128	-415
Small (1-49).....	42,657	42,533	42,372	42,229	42,075	41,902	-173
Medium (50-499).....	35,470	35,351	35,196	35,040	34,883	34,705	-178
Large (> 499).....	14,810	14,766	14,708	14,642	14,585	14,521	-64
Addendum:							
Manufacturing.....	13,178	13,031	12,878	12,686	12,466	12,260	-206

p = preliminary

The matched sample used to develop the *ADP National Employment Report* was derived from ADP data which, during the last six months of 2008, averaged approximately 400,000 payrolls representing nearly 24 million U.S. employees. This approximately represents the size of the matched sample used this month.

Small Business Highlights – March Report:

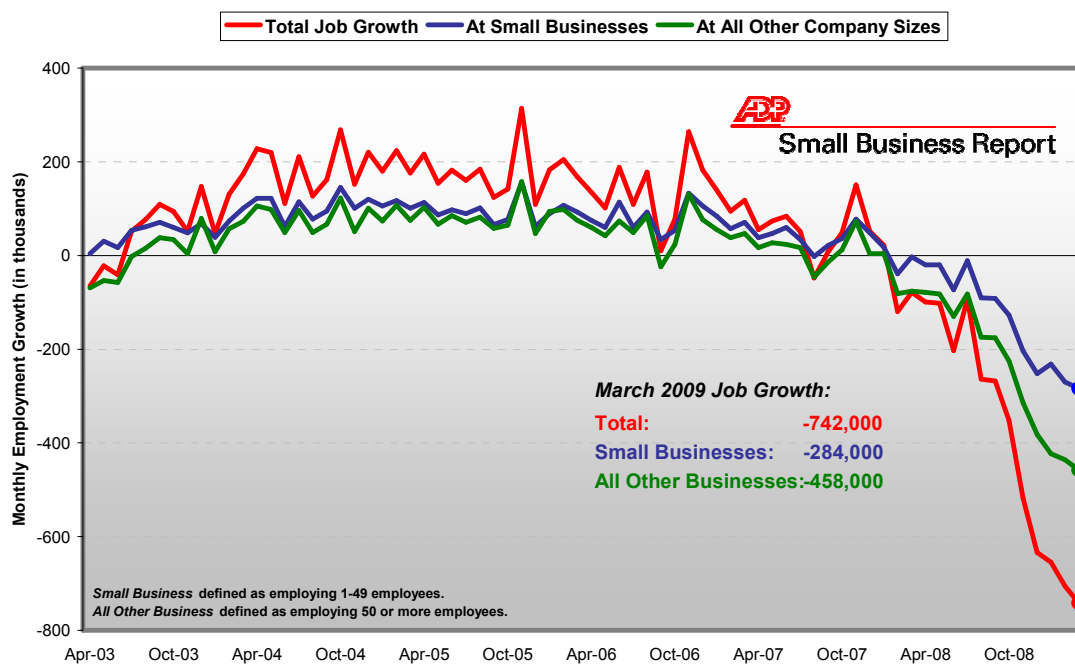
Due to the important contribution small businesses make to economic growth, employment data that is specific to businesses with fewer than 50 employees will be reported in the [ADP Small Business Report](#)[®] each month. The *ADP Small Business Report* is a subset of the *ADP National Employment Report*.

- Total small business employment: -284,000
- Goods-producing sector: -111,000 small business jobs
- Service-providing sector: -173,000 small business jobs

Private employment among [small businesses](#) decreased by 284,000 in March, 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 284,000. Again this month, the magnitude of job loss indicates that the recession has spread aggressively to small-size businesses. The resiliency displayed by these businesses earlier in the recession, as compared to medium- and large-size ones, is no longer apparent,” said Joel Prakken.

Chart 1. US Nonfarm Private Employment - Monthly Job Growth by Company Size



Source: Automatic Data Processing, Inc., Macroeconomic Advisers, LLC.

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 April 2009 *ADP National Employment Report* will be released on Wednesday, May 6, 2009 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 last six months of 2008, this subset represented approximately 400,000 U.S. business clients and nearly 24 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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