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Nonfarm private employment decreased 742,000 from February to March 2009 on a seasonally adjusted basis, according to the *ADP National Employment Report*<sup>®</sup>. The estimated change of employment from January to February was revised down by 9,000, from a decline of 697,000 to a decline of 706,000.

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.

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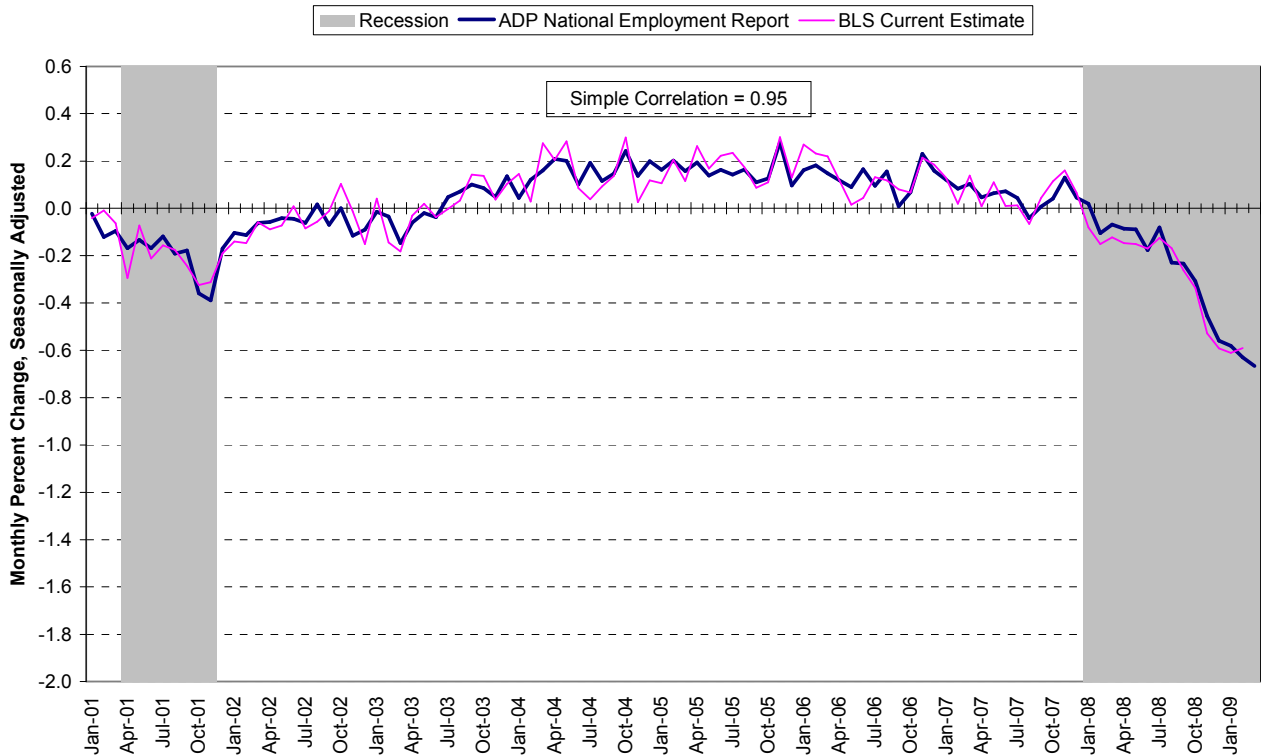
**Table 1. Employees on nonfarm private payrolls by selected industry sector and size**  
(In thousands)

Industry / Size of Payroll	Seasonally Adjusted						Change from: Feb. 2009 - Mar. 2009p
	Oct. 2008	Nov. 2008	Dec. 2008	Jan. 2009	Feb. 2009p	Mar. 2009p	
<b>Total nonfarm private</b> .....	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
<b>Goods-producing</b> .....	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
<b>Service-providing</b> .....	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
<b>Addendum:</b>							
Manufacturing.....	13,178	13,031	12,878	12,686	12,466	12,260	-206

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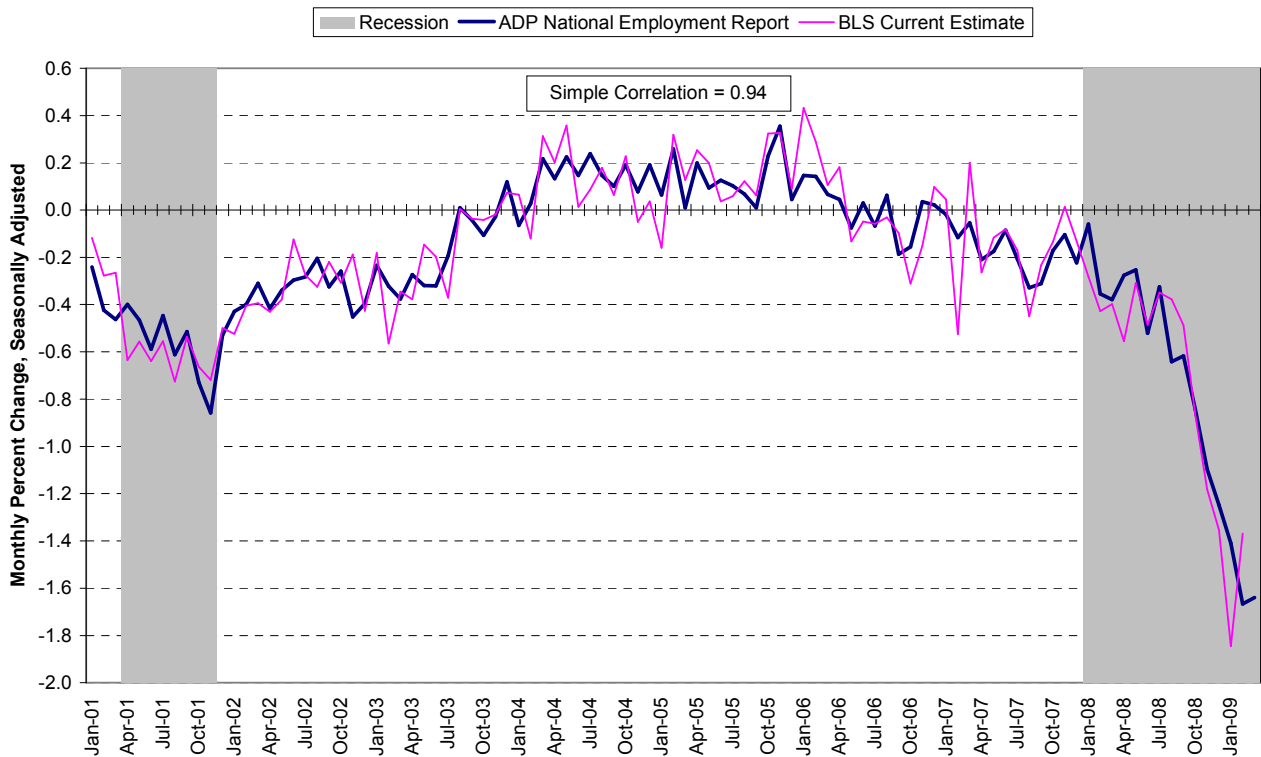
The matched sample used to develop the *ADP National Employment Report* was derived from ADP data which, during the last six months of 2008, averaged approximately 400,000 payrolls representing nearly 24 million U.S. employees. This approximately represents the size of the matched sample used this month.

**Chart 1. Growth of Nonfarm Private Employment, All Industries**



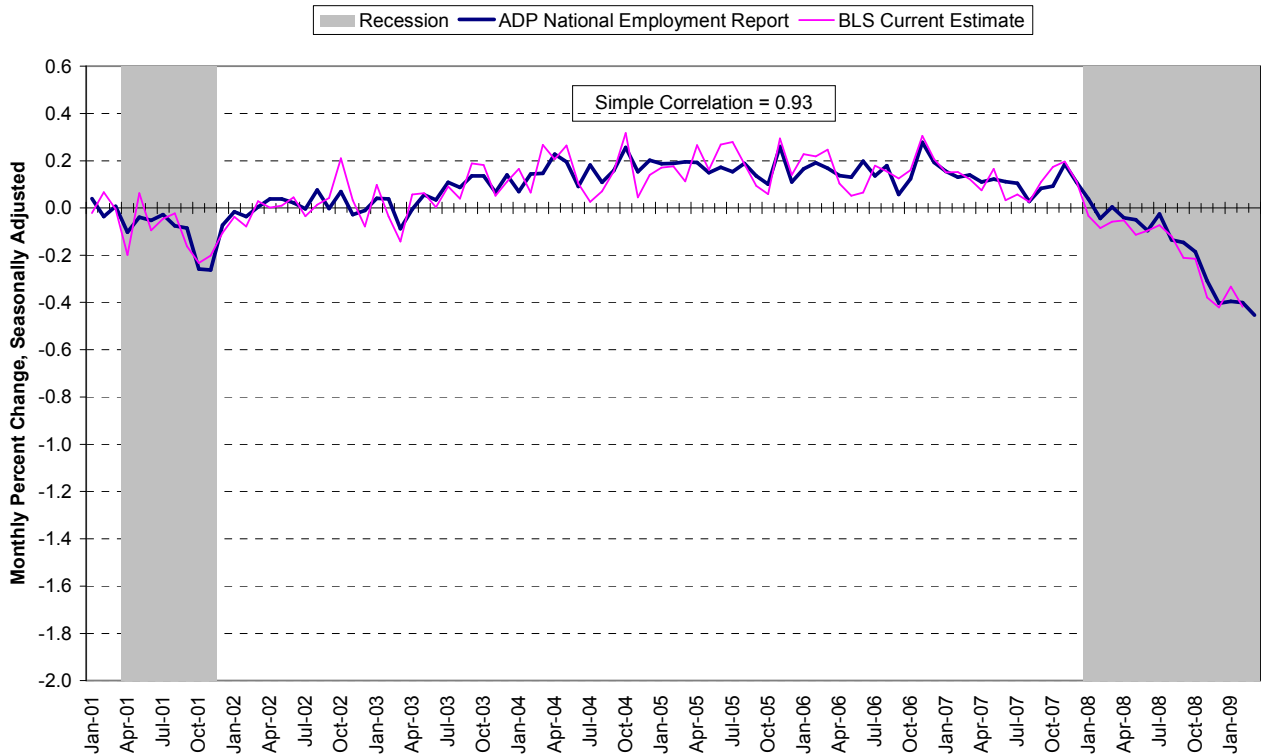
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**Chart 2. Growth of Nonfarm Private Employment, Goods-Producing Industries**



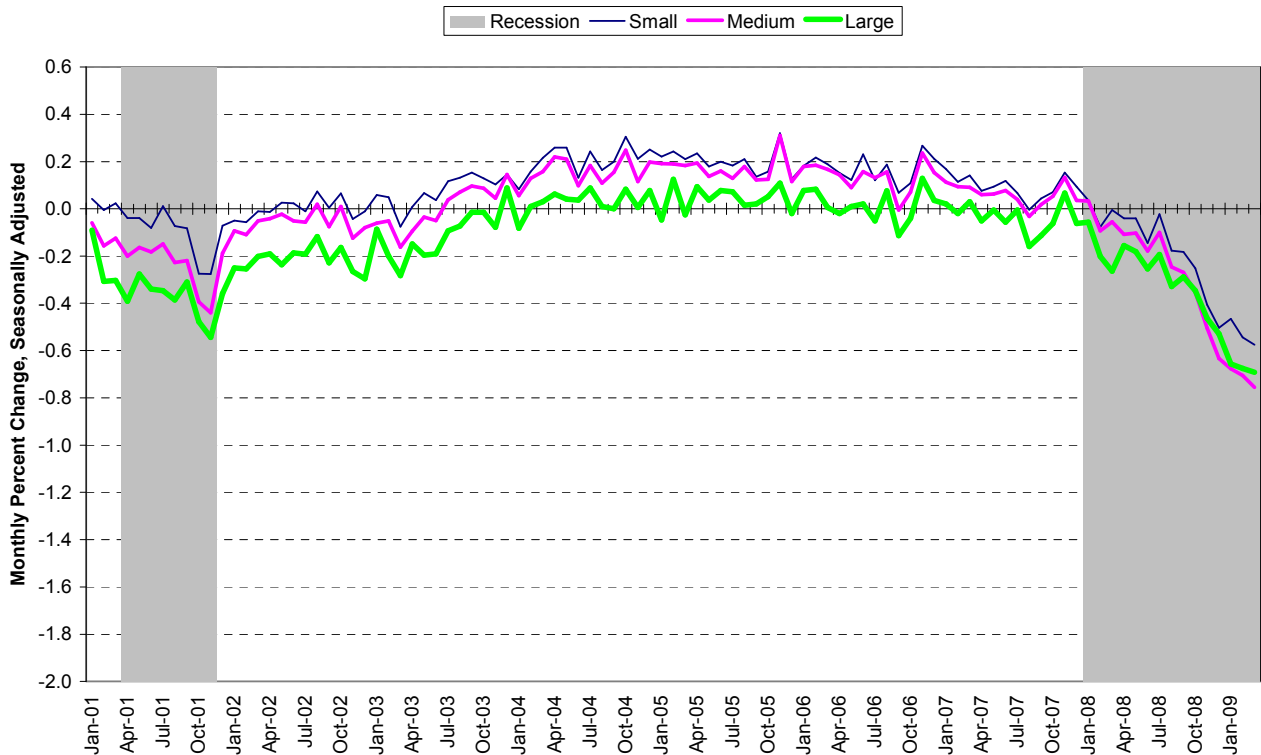
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**Chart 3. Growth of Nonfarm Private Employment, Service-Providing Industries**

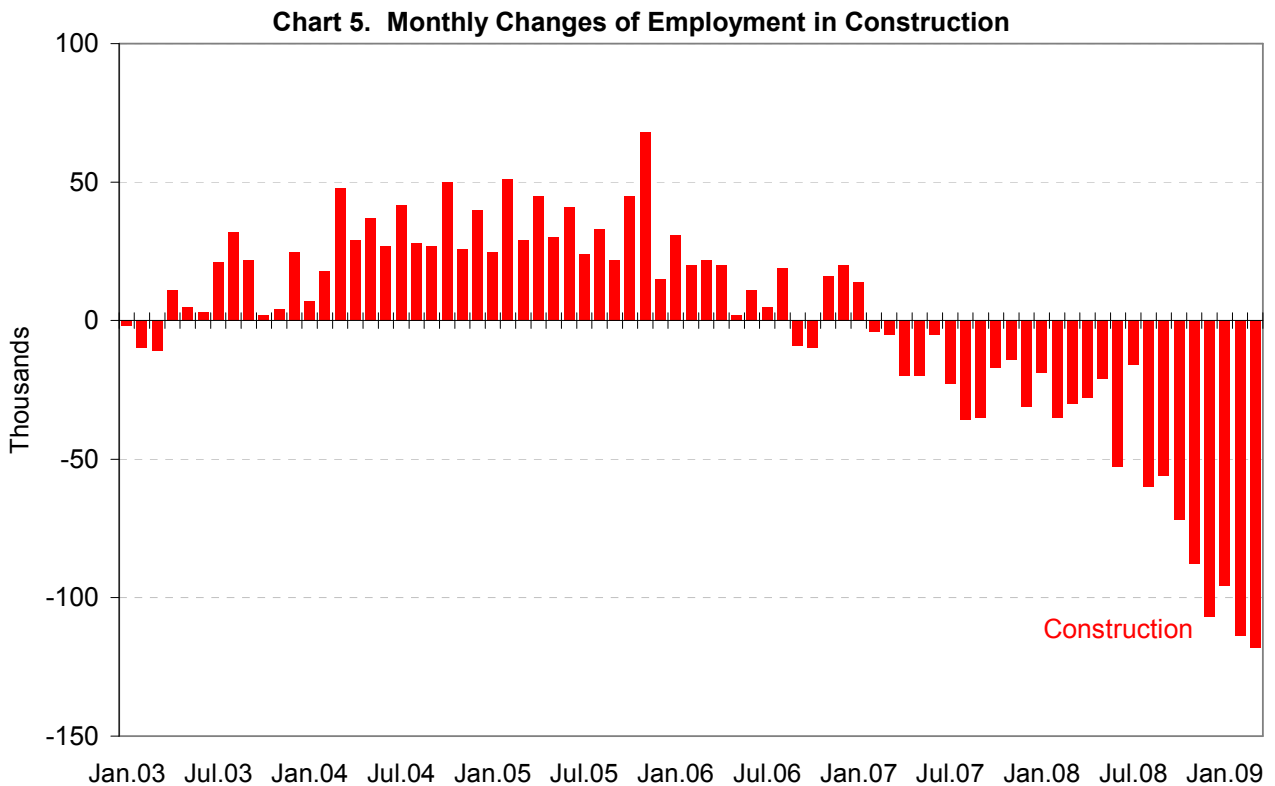


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**Chart 4. Growth of Nonfarm Private Employment, by Size of Payroll**



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