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March 2010 National Employment Report

Nonfarm private employment decreased 23,000 from February to March on a seasonally adjusted basis, according to the *ADP National Employment Report*[®]. The estimated change of employment from January 2010 to February 2010 was revised down slightly, from a decline of 20,000 to a decline of 24,000.

The March employment decline was the smallest since employment began falling in February of 2008. Yet, the lack of improvement in employment from February to March is consistent with the pause in the decline of initial unemployment claims that occurred during the winter.

Since employment as measured by the *ADP Report* was not restrained in February by the effects of inclement weather, today's figure does not incorporate a weather-related rebound that could be present in this month's BLS data. In addition, today's figure does not include any federal hiring in March for the 2010 Census. For both these reasons, it is reasonable to expect that Friday's employment figure from the BLS will be stronger than today's estimate in the *ADP National Employment Report*.

March's *ADP Report* estimates nonfarm private employment in the service-providing sector increased by 28,000, the second consecutive monthly increase. However, this employment growth was not enough to offset job losses in both the manufacturing and construction sector. Employment in the goods-producing sector declined 51,000, with employment in the manufacturing sector declining by 9,000.

Large businesses, defined as those with 500 or more workers, saw employment decline by 7,000 while small-size businesses with fewer than 50 workers, declined 12,000. Employment among medium-size businesses, defined as those with between 50 and 499 workers, declined by 4,000.*

In March, construction employment dropped 43,000. This was the smallest decline since July of 2008, but basically unchanged from the decline of 44,000 during February 2010. Employment in the financial services sector dropped 8,000.

For information on the construction sector and use of the *ADP Report*, please visit the methodology section of the *ADP National Employment Report* website at <http://ADPEmploymentreport.com/methodology.aspx>.

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

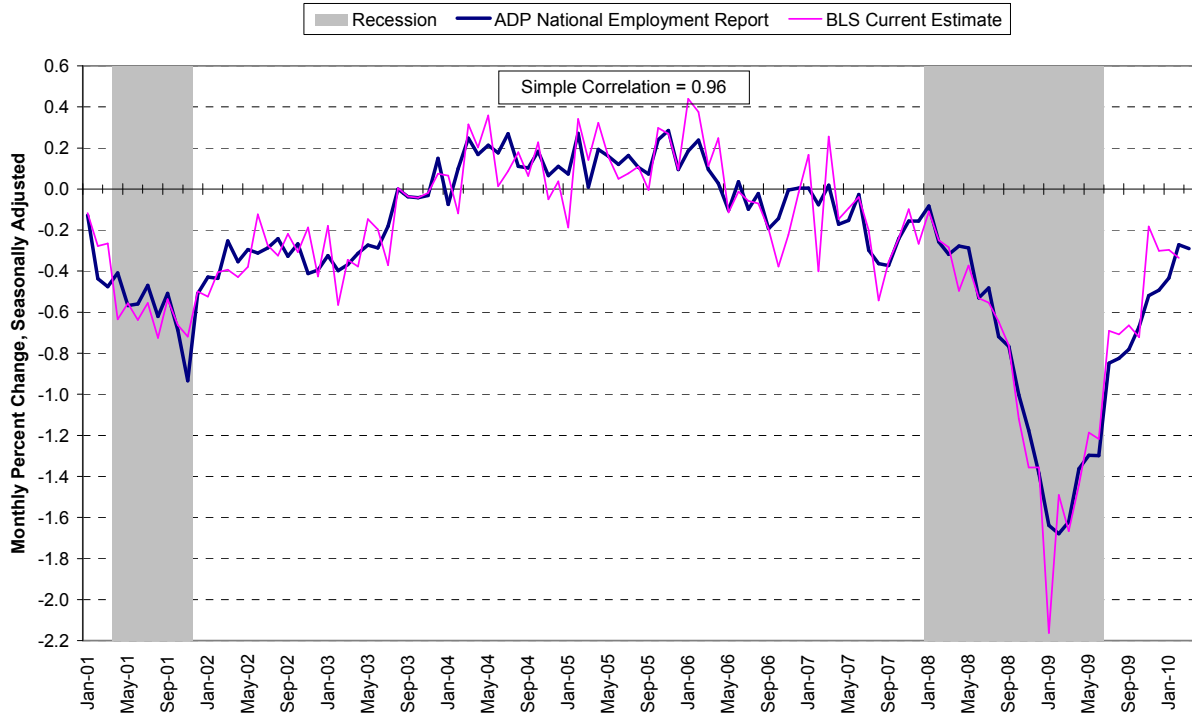
Industry / Size of Payroll	Seasonally Adjusted						Change from: Feb.2010 - Mar.2010p
	Oct. 2009	Nov. 2009	Dec. 2009	Jan. 2010	Feb. 2010p	Mar. 2010p	
Total nonfarm private	107,103	106,978	106,829	106,747	106,723	106,700	-23
Small (1-49).....	48,328	48,287	48,236	48,201	48,182	48,170	-12
Medium (50-499).....	41,179	41,137	41,081	41,061	41,067	41,063	-4
Large (> 499).....	17,596	17,554	17,512	17,485	17,474	17,467	-7
Goods-producing	17,911	17,818	17,730	17,653	17,605	17,554	-51
Small (1-49).....	6,621	6,583	6,549	6,511	6,481	6,454	-27
Medium (50-499).....	7,758	7,728	7,697	7,677	7,667	7,653	-14
Large (> 499).....	3,532	3,507	3,484	3,465	3,457	3,447	-10
Service-providing	89,192	89,160	89,099	89,094	89,118	89,146	28
Small (1-49).....	41,707	41,704	41,687	41,690	41,701	41,716	15
Medium (50-499).....	33,421	33,409	33,384	33,384	33,400	33,410	10
Large (> 499).....	14,064	14,047	14,028	14,020	14,017	14,020	3
Addendum:							
Manufacturing.....	11,529	11,486	11,449	11,429	11,425	11,416	-9

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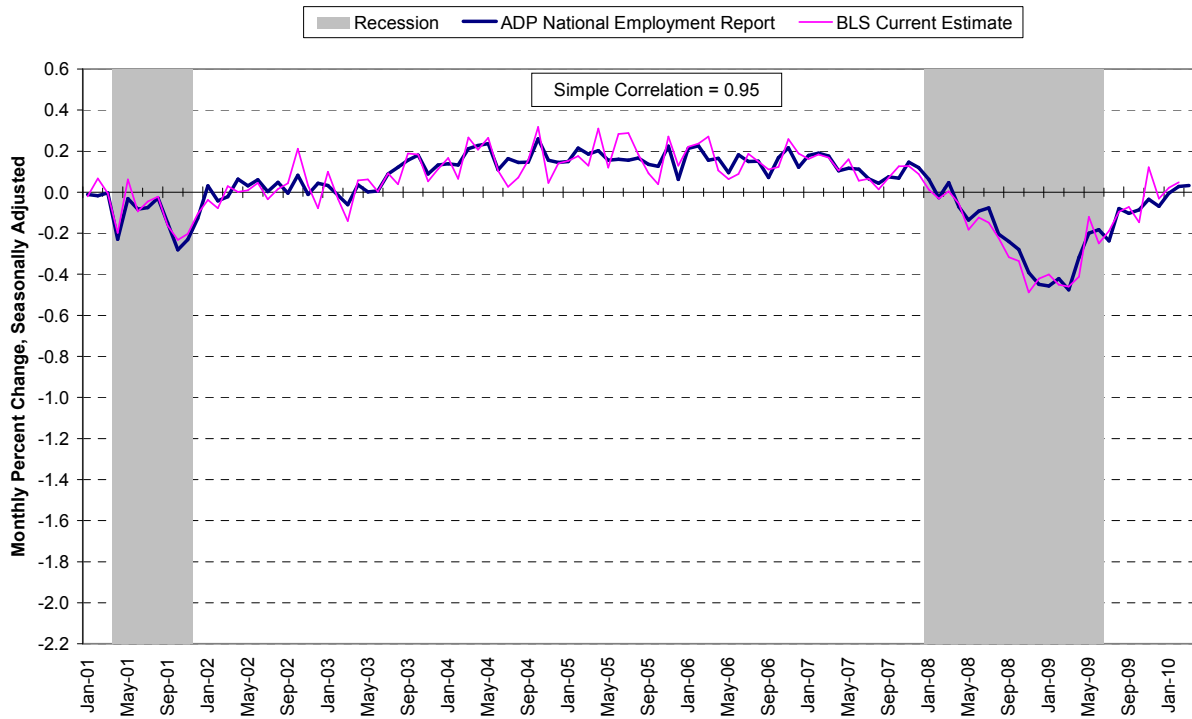
The matched sample used to develop the *ADP National Employment Report* was derived from ADP data, which during the twelve month period through December 2009, averaged over 360,000 U.S. business clients and represented over 22 million U.S. employees. This approximately represents the size of the matched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

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



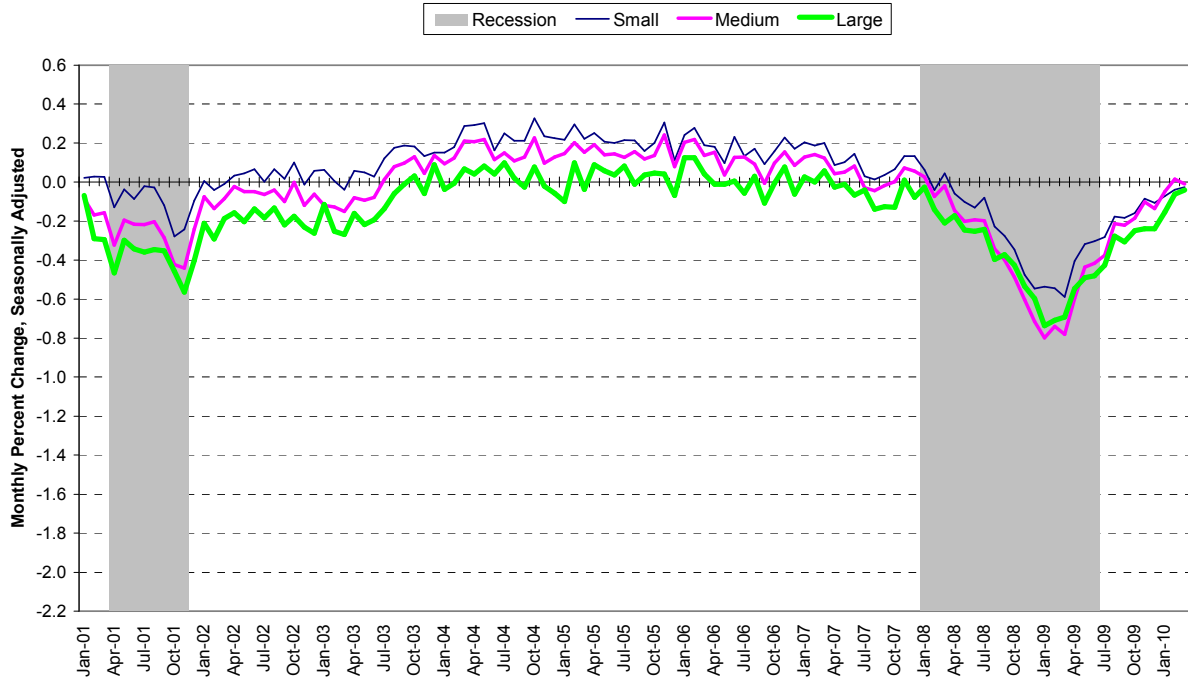
Source: Automatic Data Processing, Inc., Macroeconomic Advisers, LLC., Bureau of Labor Statistics

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



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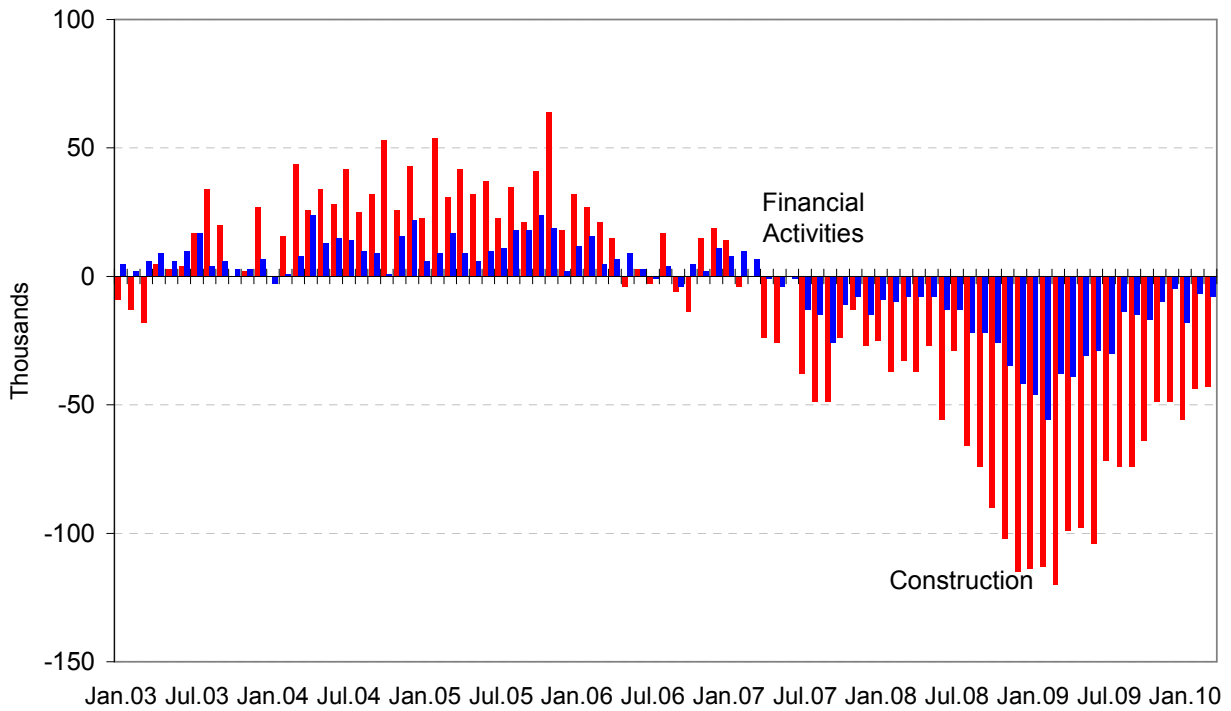
Chart 4. Growth of Private Nonfarm Employment, by Size of Payroll*



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Monthly Changes of Employment in Construction and Financial Activities



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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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