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**HAWAII'S SEASONALLY ADJUSTED UNEMPLOYMENT RATE  
DECLINES FOR THIRD CONSECUTIVE MONTH TO 2.5 PERCENT IN  
SEPTEMBER**

**60,000 new jobs created since December 2002**

**HONOLULU** - The Hawaii State Department of Labor and Industrial Relations announced today that the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for September was 2.5 percent, compared to 2.8 percent in August, marking the third consecutive over-the-month decline. In comparison, the U.S. seasonally adjusted unemployment rate declined for the second straight over-the-month period, going from 4.7 percent in August to 4.6 percent in September. One year ago, the Hawaii and the national seasonally adjusted unemployment rates stood at 2.8 percent and 5.1 percent, respectively. In September, there were 642,750 people employed and 16,200 unemployed statewide, for a total seasonally adjusted labor force of 659,000.

State of Hawaii Seasonally Adjusted Labor Force Data			
	<u>Sep 2006</u>	<u>Aug 2006</u>	<u>Sep 2005</u>
Labor Force	659,000	650,400	640,750
Employment	642,750	632,200	622,750
Unemployment	16,200	18,200	17,950

	SEP 2006	AUG 2006	SEP 2005
STATE	2.5	2.8	2.8
HONOLULU*	2.6	2.7	3.0
HAWAII COUNTY*	3.0	3.2	3.5
KAUAI*	2.5	3.0	2.8
MAUI COUNTY*	2.5	2.7	3.0
Maui Island*	2.4	2.6	2.8
Molokai*	5.5	6.6	10.5
Lanai*	2.5	1.7	1.2
U. S.	4.6	4.7	5.1

\*Non-Seasonally Adjusted

### **Industry Payroll Employment**

In another measure of employment, total seasonally adjusted nonagricultural jobs increased over-the-month by 4,400, or 0.7 percent, to 619,300. Over-the-year, the total jobcount has risen by 17,700, or 2.9 percent, with Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (+3,700) gaining the most jobs and Construction (+5.6 percent) growing by the largest percentage.

#### **❖ Government**

Government employment grew by 2,900 jobs, largely due to the Department of Education's continual hiring of substitute teachers, educational assistants, classroom cleaners, and other full time and part time support staff as it shifted to its new schedule. The University of Hawaii also contributed to this increase as it added lecturers and student helpers to its payroll.

#### **❖ Trade, Transportation & Utilities**

Cruise ship hiring contributed to a sizeable portion of the increase in this sector, which expanded by 600 jobs.

❖ **Education & Health Care Services**

For the second consecutive month, this category grew by 300 jobs, fueled by increased hiring in private schools for the fall session. In addition, health care employers also added more staffing in doctors' offices and social services programs, while the Kauai's nurses strike entered its third month.

❖ **Other Services**

This miscellaneous group increased slightly by 100 jobs.

❖ **Construction**

Employment in construction remained unchanged over-the-month.

❖ **Leisure & Hospitality**

Leisure & Hospitality jobs also remained stable in September over August.

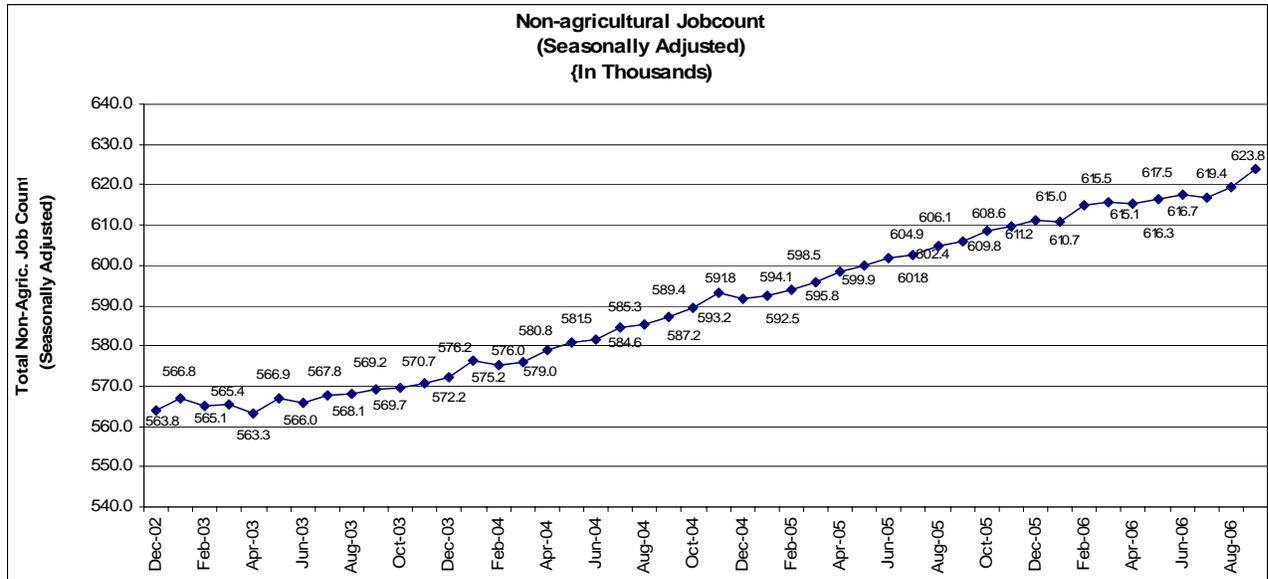
❖ **Manufacturing**

Jobs in Manufacturing dipped slightly by 100 jobs.

<b>Seasonally Adjusted Non-Ag. Jobs</b>			
	<b>Sep-06</b>	<b>Aug-06</b>	<b>Sep-05*</b>
NAT. RESOURCES, MINING & CONSTR.	36,100	36,100	34,200
MANUFACTURING	15,300	15,400	15,300
TRADE, TRANSPORTATION & UTILITIES	122,900	122,300	119,200
EDUCATIONAL AND HEALTH SERVICES	71,200	70,900	70,100
LEISURE & HOSPITALITY	108,700	108,700	106,900
OTHER SERVICES	26,000	25,900	25,200
GOVERNMENT	123,500	120,600	120,300
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>623,800</b>	<b>619,400</b>	<b>606,100</b>

**New Jobs Created**

Since December of 2002, the month the Lingle-Aiona Administration took office, to September of 2006, Hawaii's economy has creates 60,000 new jobs. Additionally, the amount of persons unemployed has decreased from 21,000 in December 2002 to 16,200 for September 2006.



"Our construction and tourism industries continue to remain strong," said Nelson Befitel, Director of Labor and Industrial Relations. "Hawaii's working families continue to benefit from our vibrant economy."

**Unemployment Trust Fund**

To keep the public informed on the status of the state's Unemployment Compensation Fund (Fund), from which unemployment benefits are paid to qualified claimants, the following is the status of the Fund and its projected balance at the end of the year.

Fund Balance as of end of September 2006:	\$511,131,418
Taxes received year-to-date through end of September:	\$110,622,960
Interest received year-to-date through end of September:	\$11,124,306
Benefits paid year-to-date through end of September:	\$67,858,366
Current Tax Schedule (for calendar year 2006):	Schedule "C"

Fund projections (as of end of September) for calendar year 2006 and projected calendar year 2007 tax schedule:

Fund Balance, end of 2006:	\$531,500,000 (projected)
Taxes for calendar year 2006:	\$142,400,000 (projected)
Interest for calendar year 2006:	\$23,300,000 (projected)
Benefits for calendar year 2006:	\$91,400,000 (projected)
Projected Tax Schedule for calendar year 2007:	Schedule "B" (projected)

For comparison purposes, in calendar year 2005 the Fund collected \$130.2 million in taxes and paid out \$82.3 million in benefits.

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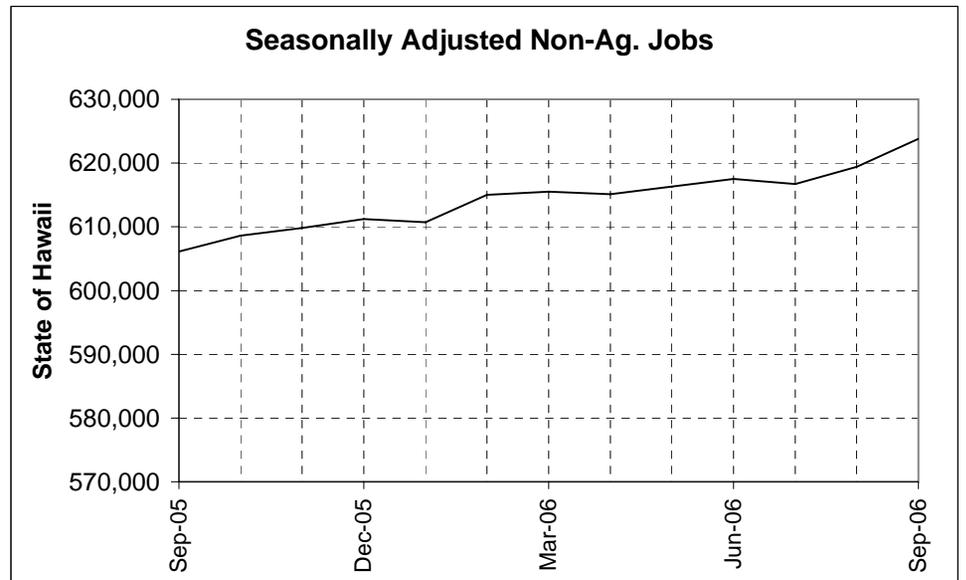
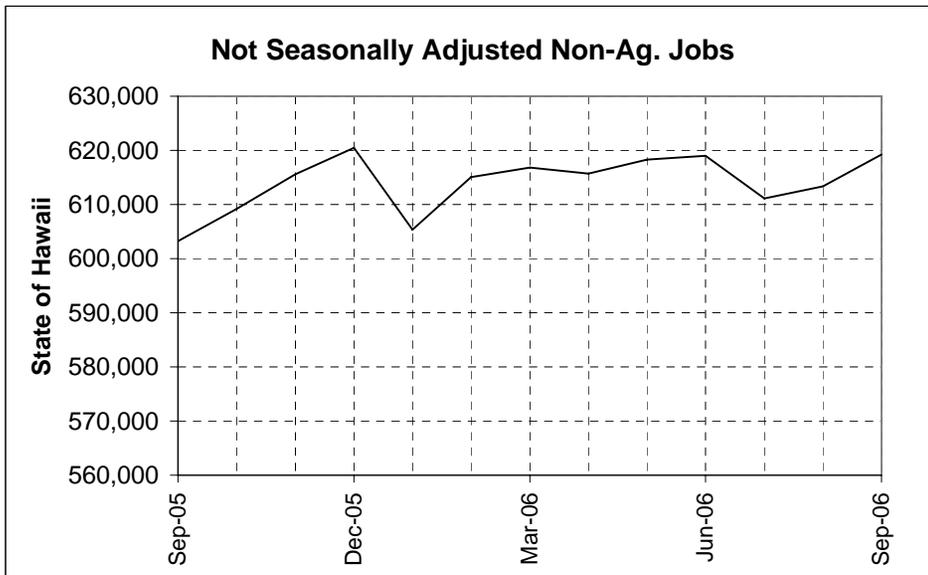
### Not Seasonally Adjusted Non-Ag. Jobs

	Sep-06	Aug-06	Sep-05*
NAT. RESOURCES, MINING & CONSTR.	36,250	36,250	34,700
MANUFACTURING	15,300	15,250	15,350
TRADE, TRANSPORTATION & UTILITIES	122,450	122,050	118,900
INFORMATION	11,050	11,100	10,900
FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES	30,200	30,200	29,550
PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS SERVICES	78,300	77,900	74,500
EDUCATIONAL & HEALTH SERVICES	70,950	69,800	70,150
LEISURE & HOSPITALITY	108,700	109,100	107,200
OTHER SERVICES	25,900	25,950	25,350
GOVERNMENT	120,100	115,850	116,600
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>619,250</b>	<b>613,350</b>	<b>603,250</b>

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**LABOR FORCE AND JOBCOUNT ESTIMATES**  
**September 2006 Report, Statewide**

	DEPARTMENT OF LABOR -- LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES							
	STATEWIDE							
	<b>(NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)</b>							
	Sep-06	Aug-06	Sep-05	CHANGE FROM ONE MONTH AGO		CHANGE FROM ONE YEAR AGO		
CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE	654.0	651.5	636.9	2.5	0.4%	17.1	2.7%	
TOTAL EMPLOYED	636.9	633.2	617.4	3.7	0.6%	19.5	3.2%	
UNEMPLOYED	17.1	18.3	19.5	-1.2	-6.6%	-2.4	-12.3%	
percent of Labor Force	2.6%	2.8%	3.1%					
Total Nonfarm	619.3	613.3	603.2	5.9	1.0%	16.0	2.7%	
Total Private	499.1	497.5	486.7	1.6	0.3%	12.5	2.6%	
Goods Producing	51.5	51.5	50.0	0.1	0.1%	1.5	3.0%	
Service-Providing	567.7	561.9	553.2	5.8	1.0%	14.5	2.6%	
Private Service-Providing	447.6	446.0	436.6	1.6	0.4%	11.0	2.5%	
Nat. Res & Construct	36.3	36.2	34.7	0.0	0.0%	1.5	4.4%	
Construction of Buildings	11.8	11.7	10.9	0.2	-1.9%	0.9	1.9%	
Special Trade Contractors	19.1	19.3	18.7	-0.2	1.4%	0.5	8.5%	
Manufacturing	15.3	15.2	15.3	0.0	0.3%	0.0	-0.3%	
Durable Goods	4.5	4.5	4.5	0.0	0.1%	0.0	-0.8%	
Non-Durable Goods	10.8	10.8	10.8	0.0	0.4%	0.0	-0.1%	
Trade, Transportation,	122.5	122.1	118.9	0.4	0.3%	3.6	3.0%	
Wholesale Trade	18.0	18.0	17.9	0.0	0.0%	0.1	0.8%	
Retail Trade	70.6	70.7	69.2	-0.1	-0.1%	1.5	2.1%	
Food and Beverage Sto	13.0	13.0	13.0	0.0	0.0%	0.0	-0.3%	
Grocery Stores	10.8	10.8	10.9	0.0	0.0%	-0.1	-0.8%	
Clothing and Clothing	11.6	11.7	11.2	-0.1	-1.1%	0.4	3.8%	
General Merchandise S	12.2	12.2	11.8	0.0	0.1%	0.4	3.5%	
Department Stores	9.2	9.2	8.8	0.0	-0.2%	0.3	3.9%	
Trans,Warehouse, Util	33.8	33.4	31.9	0.5	1.4%	2.0	6.2%	
Utilities	2.9	2.9	2.9	0.0	-0.2%	0.1	2.0%	
Transport & Warehouse	30.9	30.4	29.0	0.5	1.5%	1.9	6.6%	
Air Transportation	10.3	10.3	10.1	0.0	0.0%	0.2	1.8%	
Information	11.0	11.1	10.9	0.0	-0.4%	0.1	1.1%	
Telecommunications	4.2	4.2	3.9	0.0	0.6%	0.2	6.1%	
Financial Activities	30.2	30.2	29.6	0.0	0.0%	0.7	2.2%	
Finance and Insurance	17.1	17.0	16.6	0.0	0.2%	0.5	2.8%	
Real Estate and Renta	13.1	13.2	12.9	0.0	-0.2%	0.2	1.5%	
Professional and Busin	78.3	77.9	74.5	0.4	0.6%	3.8	5.1%	
Professional, Scienti	24.2	24.1	23.2	0.1	0.5%	1.0	4.5%	
Management of Compani	7.7	7.7	7.4	0.0	0.3%	0.3	4.1%	
Administrative and Su	46.4	46.1	43.9	0.3	0.6%	2.5	5.6%	
Employment Services	18.1	17.9	16.4	0.2	1.1%	1.7	10.5%	
Educational and Health	71.0	69.8	70.2	1.2	1.7%	0.8	1.1%	
Educational Services	14.0	13.2	13.7	0.8	5.7%	0.3	1.8%	
Elementary and Second	7.5	7.2	7.3	0.2	3.2%	0.2	2.2%	
Health Care and Socia	57.0	56.5	56.4	0.4	0.8%	0.5	1.0%	
Ambulatory Health Car	22.9	22.7	22.6	0.2	0.9%	0.3	1.2%	
Hospitals	13.8	13.7	14.2	0.1	0.5%	-0.4	-3.0%	
Nursing and Residenti	6.7	6.7	6.7	0.0	0.1%	0.0	0.2%	
Social Assistance	13.6	13.4	12.9	0.2	1.1%	0.7	5.4%	
Leisure and Hospitalit	108.7	109.1	107.2	-0.4	-0.3%	1.5	1.4%	
Arts, Entertainment,	11.5	11.7	11.9	-0.2	-1.7%	-0.4	-3.2%	
Accommodation and Foo	97.2	97.4	95.3	-0.2	-0.2%	1.9	2.0%	
Accommodation	39.8	39.6	39.0	0.2	0.4%	0.7	1.8%	
Food Services and Dri	57.5	57.8	56.3	-0.3	-0.6%	1.2	2.1%	
Full-Service Restaura	29.8	29.7	28.9	0.0	0.1%	0.8	2.9%	
Other Services	25.9	25.9	25.3	0.0	-0.2%	0.6	2.2%	
Government	120.1	115.8	116.6	4.3	3.7%	3.5	3.0%	
Federal Government	31.7	31.7	31.1	0.0	0.0%	0.6	1.8%	
Ship Building & Repai	4.2	4.2	4.2	-0.1	-0.6%	0.1	0.7%	
Department of Defense	16.4	16.5	16.3	0.0	-0.7%	0.0	0.8%	
State Government	71.0	66.1	68.4	5.0	7.5%	2.6	3.8%	
State Govt. Education	47.0	42.2	44.7	4.8	11.5%	2.3	5.1%	
Local Government	17.4	18.1	17.0	-0.7	-3.8%	0.3	2.0%	

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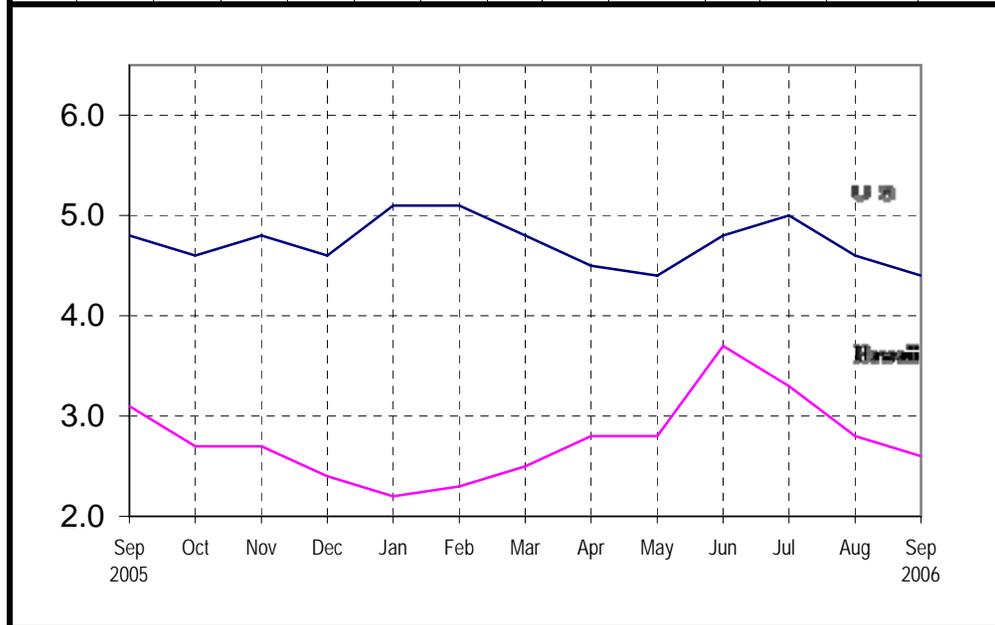
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U. S.	4.8	4.6	4.8	4.6	5.1	5.1	4.8	4.5	4.4	4.8	5.0	4.6	4.4
Hawaii	3.1	2.7	2.7	2.4	2.2	2.3	2.5	2.8	2.8	3.7	3.3	2.8	2.6



	Sep 2005	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep 2006
U. S.	5.1	4.9	5.0	4.9	4.7	4.8	4.7	4.7	4.6	4.6	4.8	4.7	4.6
Hawaii	2.8	2.8	2.7	2.7	2.4	2.5	2.6	2.8	3.0	3.1	3.0	2.8	2.5

