National Employment Report

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Nonfarm private employment decreased 697,000 from January 2009 to February 2009 on a seasonally adjusted basis, according to the *ADP National Employment Report*[®]. The estimated change of employment from December 2008 to January 2009 was revised down by 92,000, from a decline of 522,000 to a decline of 614,000.

February's *ADP Report* estimates nonfarm private employment in the service-providing sector fell by 359,000. Employment in the goods-producing sector declined 338,000, the twenty-sixth consecutive monthly decline. Employment in the manufacturing sector declined 219,000, its thirty-sixth consecutive decline.

Large businesses, defined as those with 500 or more workers, saw employment decline 121,000, while medium-size businesses with between 50 and 499 workers declined 314,000. Employment among small-size businesses, defined as those with fewer than 50 workers, declined 262,000. Sharply falling employment at medium- and small-size businesses clearly indicates that the recession is spreading aggressively beyond manufacturing and housing-related activities.

In February, construction employment dropped 114,000. This was its twenty-fifth consecutive monthly decline, and brings the total decline in construction jobs since the peak in January 2007 to 1,004,000.

For information on the construction 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)

	Seasonally Adjusted						
Industry / Size of Payroll	Sep. 2008	Oct. 2008	Nov. 2008	Dec. 2008	Jan. 2009p	Feb. 2009p	Change from: Jan. 2009 - Feb. 2009p
Total nonfarm private	114,342	113,990	113,472	112,838	112,224	111,527	-697
Small (1-49)	50,391	50,264	50,060	49,808	49,597	49,335	-262
Medium (50-499)	44,934	44,775	44,549	44,267	43,982	43,668	-314
Large (> 499)	19,017	18,951	18,863	18,763	18,645	18,524	-121
Goods-producing	21,232	21,053	20,822	20,562	20,275	19,937	-338
Small (1-49)	7,669	7,607	7,527	7,436	7,350	7,234	-116
Medium (50-499)	9,388	9,305	9,198	9,071	8,927	8,772	-155
Large (> 499)	4,175	4,141	4,097	4,055	3,998	3,931	-67
Service-providing	93,110	92,937	92,650	92,276	91,949	91,590	-359
Small (1-49)	42,722	42,657	42,533	42,372	42,247	42,101	-146
Medium (50-499)	35,546	35,470	35,351	35,196	35,055	34,896	-159
Large (> 499)	14,842	14,810	14,766	14,708	14,647	14,593	-54
Addendum: Manufacturing	13,290	13,178	13,031	12,878	12,687	12,468	-219

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.

Notice of Annual Revisions to the ADP National Employment Report®

Automatic Data Processing, Inc, in conjunction with Macroeconomic Advisers, LLC, has published the scheduled annual revisions to the estimates of employment shown in the ADP National Employment Report. This month's ADP Report incorporates revised historical estimates based on the 2009 benchmark revisions to establishment employment published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics on February 6. The main sources of revision to the ADP National Employment Report are:

- The re-specification and re-estimation of industry regressions based on the revised seasonally adjusted data from the BLS
- The re-statement of historical seasonal factors applied to the ADP data
- The inclusion in industry regressions of contemporaneous ADP data from other industries

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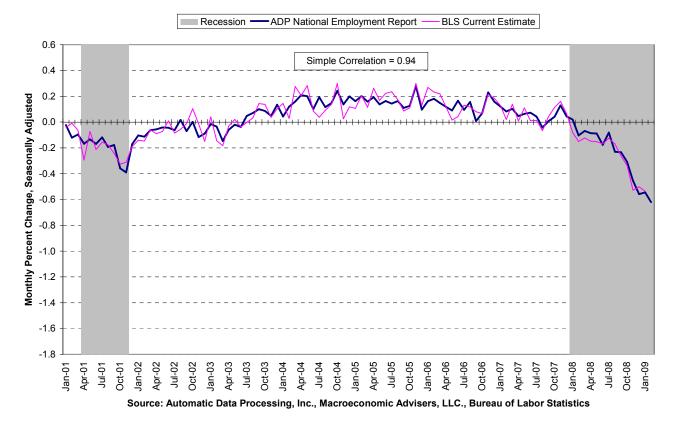


Chart 1. Growth of Nonfarm Private Employment, All Industries

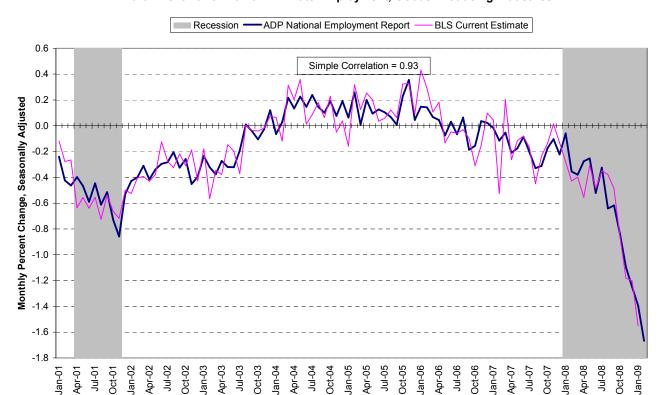


Chart 2. Growth of Nonfarm Private Employment, Goods-Producing Industries

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

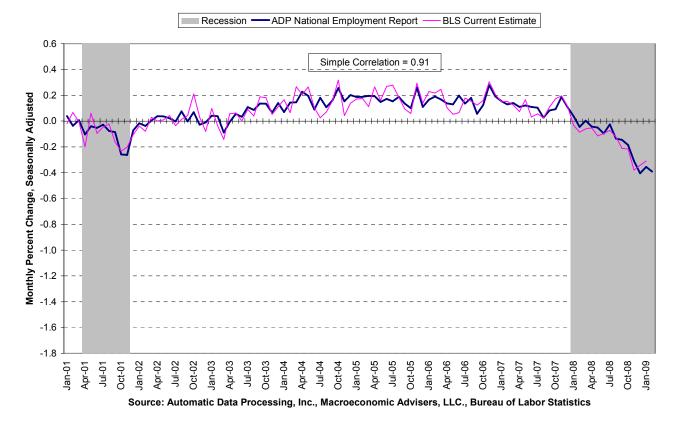


Chart 3. Growth of Nonfarm Private Employment, Service-Providing Industries

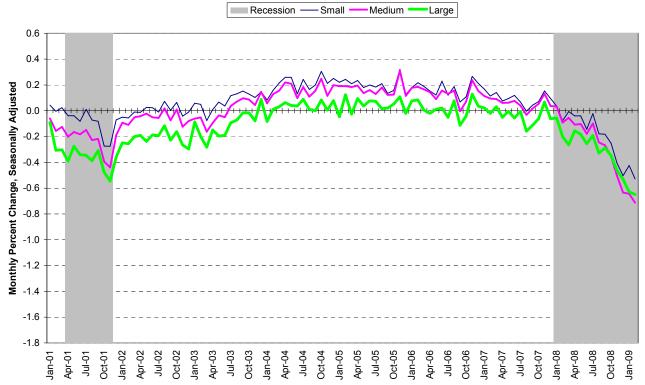


Chart 4. Growth of Nonfarm Private Employment, by Size of Payroll

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

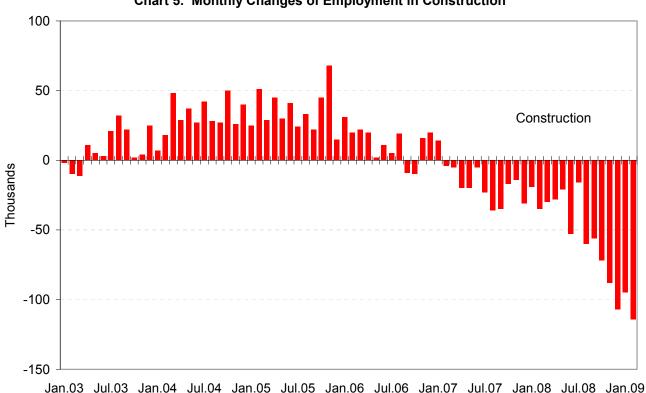


Chart 5. Monthly Changes of Employment in Construction

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

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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 last six months of 2008, this subset represented approximately 400,000 U.S. business clients representing nearly 24 million U.S. employees working in all private industrial sectors. The data 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.

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