

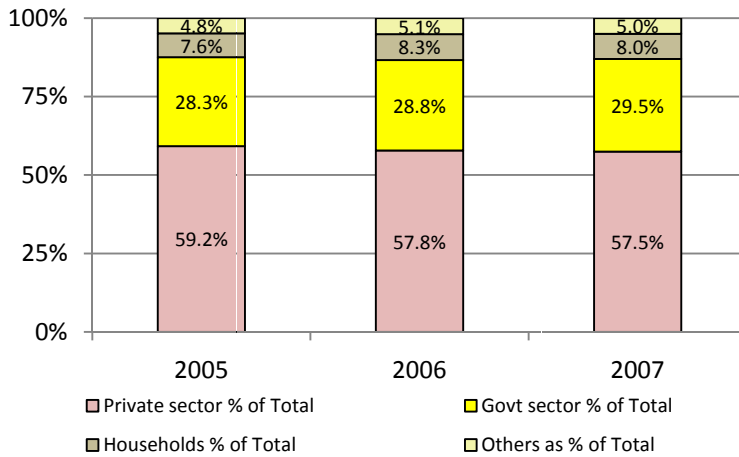


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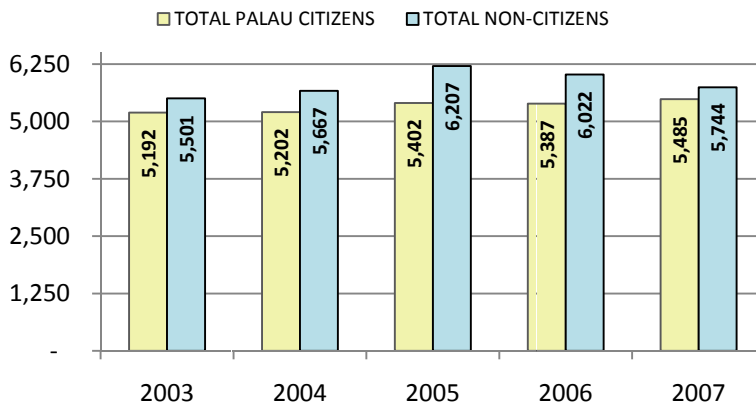
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**DECEMBER 2007 QUARTER RELEASE
EMPLOYMENT INDICATORS**

Sector Proportion of Avg Total Employed by Year



Fiscal Year Average Total Employment by Citizenship



DECEMBER 2007 KEY FIGURES

Industry	4 th Qtr 2006 No. Empl	4 th Qtr 2007 No. Empl	Annual % Change
Agriculture, Hunting and Forestry	174	129	-25.9%
Fishing	143	144	0.7%
Mining and Quarrying	24	22	-8.3%
Manufacturing	413	408	-1.2%
Construction	1,353	1,044	-22.8%
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair Of Motor Vehicles, Motorcycles and Personal and Household Goods	1,857	1,849	-0.4%
Hotels and Restaurants	1,638	1,632	-0.4%
Transport, Storage and Communications	812	880	8.4%
Financial Intermediation	159	151	-5.0%
Real Estate, Renting and Business Activities	622	812	30.5%
Public Administration and Defense; Compulsory Social Security	2,942	3,005	2.2%
Education	595	576	-3.2%
Health and Social Work	58	91	56.9%
Other Community, Social and Personal Service Activities	285	289	1.4%
Private Households With Employed Persons	930	902	-3.0%
Extra-Territorial Organizations and Bodies	11	13	18.2%
TOTAL	12,014	11,947	-0.6%

Please Note:

There are discrepancies in the number of employees reported each quarter due to late filers. As employers submit filings with Social Security, quarterly numbers are adjusted accordingly, even as far back as years.

DECEMBER 2007 QTR KEY POINTS

Source: OPS / Social Security Administration

- Employment numbers are derived from the total number of people whose documentation is filed with the Social Security Office at the end of each quarter.
- Industry employment counts are classified based on the business activity as disclosed on their Social Security activity description.
- The reported number of people receiving wages in 4th quarter 2007 numbered 11,947; this is only a slight 0.6% drop from the reported number of people employed in 4th quarter 2006, which were 12,014 persons.
 - The largest drops were in the Agriculture, Hunting & Forestry industry (-25.9%) and the Construction industry (-22.8%).
 - There were substantial movements in other industries, such as Health & Social Work (56.9%) and the Real Estate, Rent & Bus. Act. industry (30.5%)
- There were only slight percentage changes in the make-up of total employment by sector. For instance, the ratio of employees in Government to the total employed has risen slightly from year 2005 (28.3%) to year 2007 (29.5%).
- Non-citizen employees outnumbered Palauan citizen employees by 259 in Fiscal Year 2007. This has been the trend since Fiscal Year 2001. The number of Palauan citizens employed has been gradually increasing, whereas the number of non-citizen employees has been trending downward since 2005.