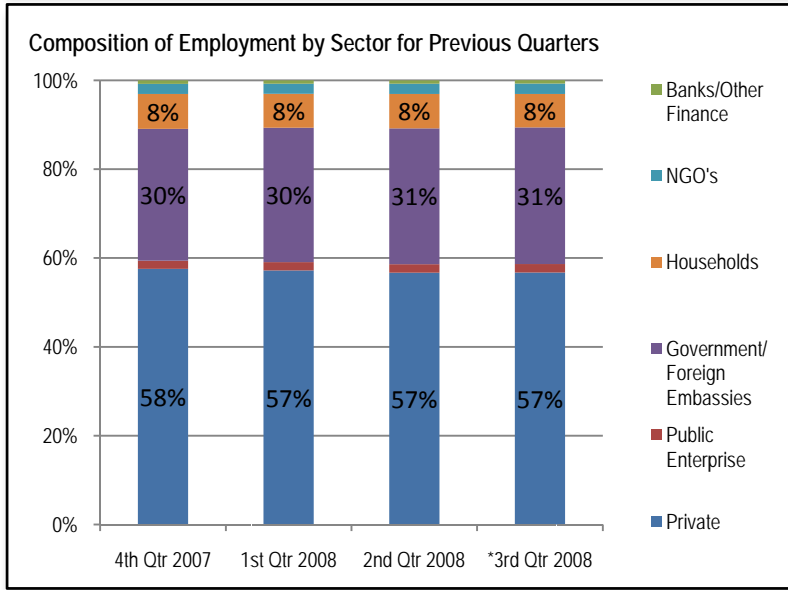
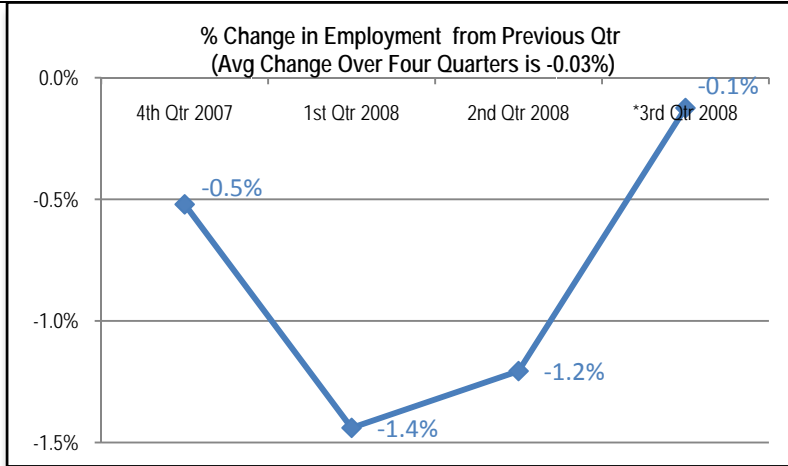




SEPTEMBER 2008 QUARTER RELEASE
EMPLOYMENT INDICATORS



SEPTEMBER 2008 QTR KEY FIGURES			
Industry	3 rd Qtr '07 No. Empl	*3 rd Qtr '08 No. Empl	Annual % Change
Agriculture, Hunting and Forestry	149	129	-13.1%
Fishing	149	144	-3.1%
Mining and Quarrying	24	18	-27.0%
Manufacturing	417	414	-0.6%
Construction	1,171	946	-19.2%
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair Of Motor Vehicles, Motorcycles and Personal and Household Goods	1,853	1,774	-4.2%
Hotels and Restaurants	1,653	1,658	0.3%
Transport, Storage and Communications	861	893	3.7%
Financial Intermediation	154	143	-7.2%
Real Estate, Renting and Business Activities	711	672	-5.4%
Public Administration and Defense; Compulsory Social Security	3,046	3,045	0.0%
Education	568	555	-2.2%
Health and Social Work	72	103	43.7%
Other Community, Social and Personal Service Activities	280	278	-0.8%
Private Households With Employed Persons	888	845	-4.9%
Extra-Territorial Organizations and Bodies	13	13	0.0%
TOTAL	12,008	11,617	-3.3%

*3rd Quarter 2008 Employment numbers are projected based on the movement in reported employment during the same period last year

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.

SEPTEMBER 2008 QTR KEY POINTS

Source: OPS / Social Security Administration

- 3rd Quarter 2008 numbers are estimated projections.
- Quarterly employment numbers are derived from the total number of people filing returns at the end of the quarter.
- Industry employment counts are classified based on the business activity as disclosed on their Social Security activity description.
- Overall, the average number of people reportedly receiving wages in 3rd quarter 2008 is down 3.3% compared to the same period in 2007.
 - The largest drops were in the Mining & Quarrying industry (-27%) and the Construction (-19%).
 - There was a substantial gain in the Health & Social Work industry (about 44%)
- The percent changes in quarterly employment figures have been negative over the last four quarters, although the size of the drops have gotten smaller since 1st quarter 2008. This may be due to late filers.
- There were practically no percentage changes in the make-up of total employment by sector over the past four quarters. For instance, the ratio of employees in the Private Sector has remained about 57% of Total reported employment; the Government sector ratio to the total employed has remained around 30% to 31%.