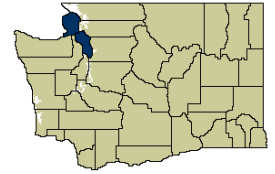




# Island and San Juan Counties

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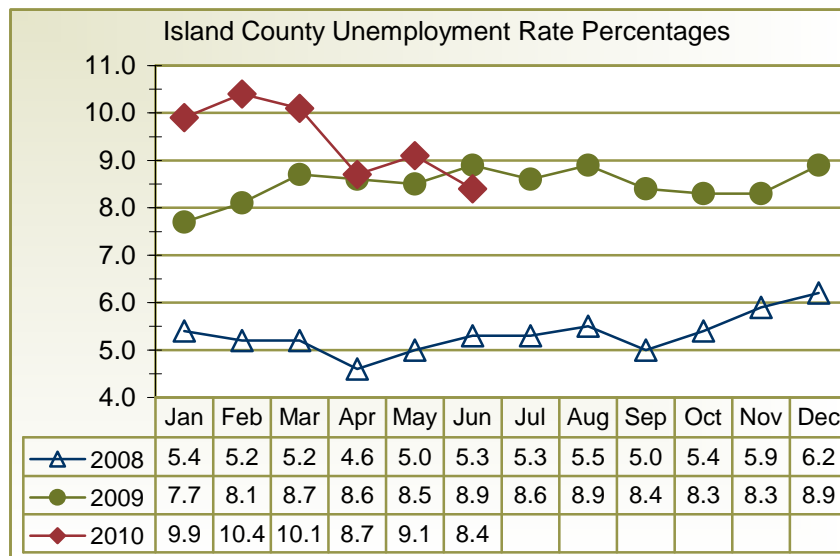


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### Island County Summary

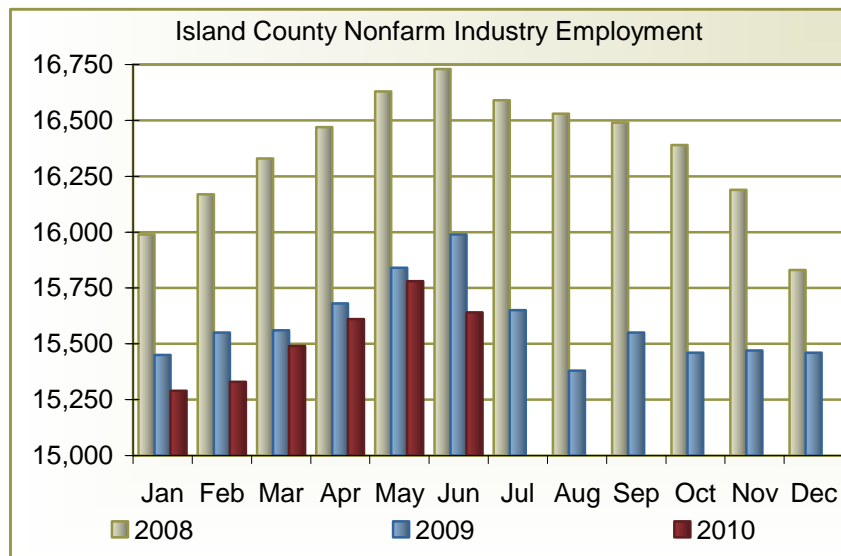
Island County experienced some relief from high unemployment rates as the number edged downward between May and June. Unfortunately, nonfarm payrolls did not respond in kind, as jobs dipped in both the over the month and over the year comparisons.

Unemployment in the county fell to 8.4 percent in June, with 2,790 county residents counted as unemployed and 30,320 were at work. In May, the unemployment rate was 9.1 percent and in June 2009 it stood at 8.9 percent. The statewide unemployment rate totaled 8.7 percent, down from 9.0 percent in May and 9.2 percent in June 2009.



Nonfarm payrolls in June crested at 15,640 jobs, a drop of 140 jobs from the May total and down 350 from June 2009. Over the month, seasonal losses in state government education and the end of the 2010 Census in federal government spelled a 210 total drop in employment in the government sector. The service-providing private sector also suffered a 50 job drop in retail trade. The good-producing sector provided some positives as natural resources, mining and construction added 30 jobs and manufacturing was up 10 from May to June.

Over the year, the county was down 350 nonfarm jobs, with service-providing employment accounting for 290 of those lost jobs, the bulk of that in retail trade, which was off by 210 from June 2009. What was left of the Census 2010 project helped to add 40 jobs over the year to federal employment. On the goods-producing side, although manufacturing mustered enough strength to add 30 positions, the natural resources, mining and construction group was off by 80 over the year.



Better summer weather – here at last – should help drive some numbers up, but it continues to be a slow plodding recovery process, with no quick turnaround in sight. Look for unemployment rates to remain high and nonfarm job growth to come at a premium.

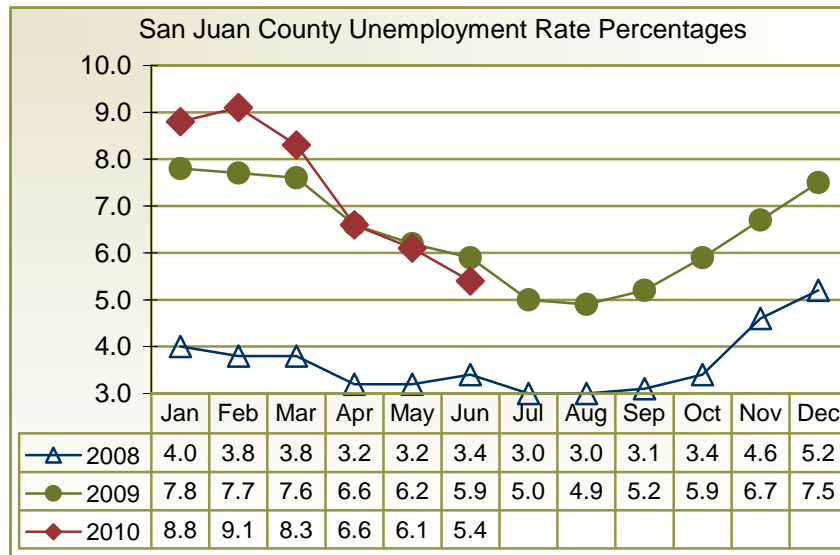
## Island Summary Table

Labor Market Information for Island County						
Not Seasonally Adjusted/*Updated with ***QCEW Data: December 2009						
				Change		
	Prelim Jun-10	Revised May-10	Revised Jun-09	May-10 Jun-10	Jun-09 Jun-10	Jun-09 Jun-10 %
Employment by Place of Residence						
Civilian Labor Force	33,110	33,390	33,370	-280	-260	-0.8%
Resident Employment	30,320	30,350	30,380	-30	-60	-0.2%
Unemployment	2,790	3,040	2,980	-250	-190	-6.4%
Unemployment Rate	8.4	9.1	8.9	-0.7	-0.5	
Employment by Place of Work (**NAICS Industry Titles)						
Total Nonfarm 1/	15,640	15,780	15,990	-140	-350	-2.2%
Total Private	11,000	10,920	11,360	80	-360	-3.2%
Goods Producing	1,680	1,640	1,730	40	-50	-2.9%
Natural Resources, Mining, and Construction	1,030	1,000	1,110	30	-80	-7.2%
Manufacturing	650	640	620	10	30	4.8%
Service Providing	13,970	14,140	14,260	-170	-290	-2.0%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	2,530	2,580	2,750	-50	-220	-8.0%
Wholesale Trade	140	140	160	0	-20	-12.5%
Retail Trade	2,090	2,140	2,300	-50	-210	-9.1%
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	300	300	290	0	10	3.4%
Information and Financial Activities	820	820	860	0	-40	-4.7%
Government	4,640	4,850	4,630	-210	10	0.2%
Federal Government	1,340	1,430	1,300	-90	40	3.1%
State and Local Government	3,300	3,430	3,330	-130	-30	-0.9%
Workers in Labor/Management Disputes	0	0	0	0	0	0
<p>1/ Excludes proprietors, self-employed, members of the armed services, workers in private households, and agriculture. Includes all full- and part-time wage and salary workers receiving pay during the pay period including the 12th of the month. Columns may not add due to rounding. *Prepared by the Labor Market and Economic Analysis branch using a Quarterly Benchmark process. This process uses the most recent quarter from the Unemployment Insurance Tax Reports (currently fourth quarter 2009) and estimates employment from that point to present.</p> <p>**North American Industry Classification System. ***QCEW = Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages</p>						

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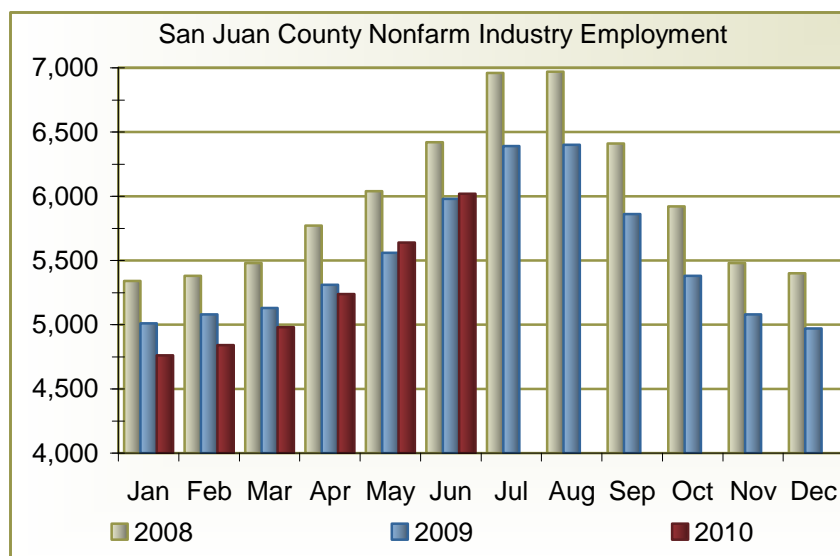
San Juan County rolled into summer with the unemployment rate continuing to drop and nonfarm jobs being added at a hearty rate between May and June.

The preliminary unemployment rate in the county fell to 5.4 percent, the lowest rate in the state during the month of June. It was below the revised 6.1 percent in May and the 5.9 percent unemployment rate in June 2009. The statewide unemployment rate was 8.7 percent this June, down from 9.0 percent in May and also below the 9.2 percent rate in June 2009.



In the county, total nonfarm jobs jumped by 380 over the month, to a June total of 6,020 jobs. The government sector was the only area of decline, slipping by 40 jobs over the month. Goods-producing employment was up by 30, while service-providing employment was up 350 jobs.

Going against the statewide trends, the nonfarm over-the-year totals were up, only by 40, but up. While almost all of the local employment sectors were down over the year, the service-providing total was up by 60.



Summer in the county is always positive. Even in hard times, the summer travel season sends unemployment rates lower and nonfarm jobs flourish in this unique tourism-based economy. San Juan County will continue to thrive, for the next couple of months at least. In that regard, don't look for San Juan to follow any state trend, because summers are different here.

## San Juan Summary Table

Labor Market Information for San Juan County						
Not Seasonally Adjusted/*Updated with ***QCEW Data: December 2009						
Employment by Place of Residence	Prelim	Revised	Revised	Change		
	Jun-10	May-10	Jun-09	May-10	Jun-09	Jun-09
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Civilian Labor Force	9,200	8,690	9,050	510	150	1.7%
Resident Employment	8,710	8,160	8,510	550	200	2.4%
Unemployment	490	530	530	-40	-40	-7.5%
Unemployment Rate	5.4	6.1	5.9	-0.7	-0.5	
Employment by Place of Work (**NAICS Industry Titles)						
Total Nonfarm <b>1/</b>	6,020	5,640	5,980	380	40	0.7%
Total Private	4,970	4,550	4,910	420	60	1.2%
Goods Producing	1,000	970	1,020	30	-20	-2.0%
Natural Resources, Mining, and Construction	820	810	830	10	-10	-1.2%
Manufacturing	170	160	200	10	-30	-15.0%
Service Providing	5,020	4,670	4,960	350	60	1.2%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	1,030	960	1,040	70	-10	-1.0%
Information and Financial Activities	270	270	290	0	-20	-6.9%
Government	1,050	1,090	1,080	-40	-30	-2.8%
Workers in Labor/Management Disputes	0	0	0	0	0	0
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