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**New Jersey Employment Stable in August**

TRENTON, September 18, 2014 – Employment levels in New Jersey were stable in August, with minor declines in both the private and public sectors, according to preliminary data released by the federal Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS).

While New Jersey private sector employers added 26,600 jobs over the first eight months of 2014, preliminary estimates for August indicate total nonfarm wage and salary employment was lower by 900 jobs, reaching a seasonally adjusted level of 3,949,500, as measured by the BLS through its monthly employer survey. The state’s unemployment rate, which has fallen by 1.5 percentage points over the past year, ticked up to 6.6 percent.

Since February 2010, the recessionary low point for private sector employment in New Jersey, private sector employment has increased by 148,400 jobs.

Based on more complete reporting from employers, previously released July estimates were revised slightly lower by 200 jobs. The adjustment shows an over-the-month (June – July) total nonfarm employment gain of 5,500 jobs, with the private sector climbing by 8,300 jobs and the public sector shedding 2,800. Preliminary estimates had initially indicated an over-the-month gain of 5,700 jobs.

In August, private sector job growth was posted in five of nine major industry sectors while four recorded a loss. Industries that recorded employment gains included professional and business services (+3,200), manufacturing (+700), education and health services (+600), information (+400), and financial activities (+100). Industries that experienced job contraction were trade, transportation, and utilities (-3,000), construction (-1,600), other services (-900), and leisure and hospitality (-400). Over the month, public sector employment was lower by 100.

**Technical Notes:** Estimates of industry employment and unemployment levels are arrived at through the use of two different monthly surveys.

Industry employment data are derived through the Current Employment Statistics (CES) survey, a monthly survey of business establishments conducted by the US Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) of the US Department of Labor, which provides estimates of employment, hours, and earnings data broken down by industry for the nation as a whole, all states, and most major metropolitan areas (often referred to as the “establishment” survey).

Resident employment and unemployment data are mainly derived from the New Jersey portion of the national Current Population Survey (CPS), a household survey conducted each month by the US Census Bureau under contract with BLS, which provides input to the Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS) program (often referred to as the “household” survey).

Both industry and household estimates are revised each month based on additional information from updated survey reports compiled by BLS. In addition, these estimates are benchmarked (revised) annually based on actual counts from New Jersey’s Unemployment Compensation Law administrative records and other data.

**Table 1: Major Indicators of Labor Market Activity for New Jersey**  
**Seasonally Adjusted (thousands)**  
**2013 Benchmark**

<b>Labor Force Data (resident)</b>					
	<b>Current Month</b>	<b>Previous Month</b>	<b>One Year Ago</b>	<b>Net Change</b>	<b>Net Change</b>
	<b>August 14 (P)</b>	<b>July 14 (R)</b>	<b>August 13</b>	<b>over the Month</b>	<b>over the Year</b>
Civilian Labor Force	4,495.3	4,494.4	4,528.0	0.9	-32.7
Employment	4,200.8	4,200.7	4,160.8	0.1	40.0
Unemployment	294.5	293.7	367.2	0.8	-72.7
Unemployment Rate	6.6%	6.5%	8.1%	+0.1 ppt	-1.5 ppt
<b>Employment Data (establishment)</b>					
	<b>Current Month</b>	<b>Previous Month</b>	<b>One Year Ago</b>	<b>Net Change</b>	<b>Net Change</b>
	<b>August 14 (P)</b>	<b>July 14 (R)</b>	<b>August 13</b>	<b>over the Month</b>	<b>over the Year</b>
<b>Total Nonfarm</b>	3,949.5	3,950.4	3,946.5	-0.9	3.0
<b>Total Private Sector</b>	3,340.0	3,340.8	3,328.7	-0.8	11.3
<b>Goods Producing</b>	371.6	372.4	383.2	-0.8	-11.6
Mining & Logging	1.4	1.3	1.4	0.1	0.0
Construction	127.4	129.0	138.7	-1.6	-11.3
Manufacturing	242.8	242.1	243.1	0.7	-0.3
<b>Service-Providing</b>	3,577.9	3,578.0	3,563.3	-0.1	14.6
<b>Private Service-Providing</b>	2,968.4	2,968.4	2,945.5	0.0	22.9
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	843.3	846.3	830.1	-3.0	13.2
Information	73.5	73.1	74.2	0.4	-0.7
Financial Activities	251.6	251.5	254.7	0.1	-3.1
Professional and Business Services	645.0	641.8	634.7	3.2	10.3
Education and Health Services	639.2	638.6	631.3	0.6	7.9
Leisure and Hospitality	352.9	353.3	354.1	-0.4	-1.2
Other Services	162.9	163.8	166.4	-0.9	-3.5
<b>Public Sector</b>	609.5	609.6	617.8	-0.1	-8.3
<b>Weekly Hours of Work (not seasonally adjusted)*</b>					
Manufacturing	40.1	40.5	40.8	-0.4	-0.7
Durable Goods	41.1	41.6	41.3	-0.5	-0.2
Nondurable Goods	39.1	39.6	40.4	-0.5	-1.3
<b>Hourly Earnings (not seasonally adjusted)*</b>					
Manufacturing	\$19.75	\$19.61	\$19.15	\$0.14	\$0.60
Durable Goods	\$22.88	\$22.79	\$23.02	\$0.09	-\$0.14
Nondurable Goods	\$16.78	\$16.62	\$15.85	\$0.16	\$0.93
<b>Weekly Earnings (not seasonally adjusted)**</b>					
Manufacturing	\$791.98	\$794.21	\$781.32	-\$2.23	\$10.66
Durable Goods	\$940.37	\$948.06	\$950.73	-\$7.69	-\$10.36
Nondurable Goods	\$656.10	\$658.15	\$640.34	-\$2.05	\$15.76

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\* Production workers.

\*\* Weekly earnings are computed from not seasonally adjusted hourly earnings and hours of work data.

Source: New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Division of Economic and Demographic Research.

**Table 2: New Jersey Civilian Labor Force Trends (thousands)**  
2013 Benchmark

	Not Seasonally Adjusted			Seasonally Adjusted		
	August 14 (P)	July 14 (R)	August 13	August 14 (P)	July 14 (R)	August 13
Civilian Labor Force	4,536.0	4,566.5	4,550.8	4,495.3	4,494.4	4,528.0
Resident Employment	4,239.7	4,244.4	4,190.1	4,200.8	4,200.7	4,160.8
Unemployment	296.3	322.1	360.7	294.5	293.7	367.2
Unemployment Rate (%)	6.5%	7.1%	7.9%	6.6%	6.5%	8.1%
Labor Force Participation Rate (%)	64.2%	64.7%	64.9%	63.6%	63.6%	64.6%
Employment/Population Ratio (%)	60.0%	60.1%	59.7%	59.4%	59.5%	59.3%
New Jersey Civilian Labor Force Annual Averages 1993 - 2013 (thousands)						
Year	Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment	Rate (%)		
1993	4,034.6	3,727.3	307.3	7.6		
1994	4,067.5	3,790.0	277.5	6.8		
1995	4,111.8	3,846.3	265.5	6.5		
1996	4,184.1	3,925.8	258.3	6.2		
1997	4,257.4	4,031.0	226.4	5.3		
1998	4,242.4	4,047.1	195.3	4.6		
1999	4,284.6	4,092.7	191.8	4.5		
2000	4,287.8	4,130.3	157.5	3.7		
2001	4,302.3	4,117.5	184.8	4.3		
2002	4,370.8	4,117.3	253.5	5.8		
2003	4,363.9	4,108.4	255.5	5.9		
2004	4,358.9	4,144.2	214.7	4.9		
2005	4,404.5	4,207.7	196.7	4.5		
2006	4,465.1	4,257.9	207.2	4.6		
2007	4,456.3	4,264.6	191.7	4.3		
2008	4,508.6	4,261.8	246.7	5.5		
2009	4,544.7	4,135.9	408.8	9.0		
2010	4,545.6	4,108.7	436.9	9.6		
2011	4,535.8	4,112.2	423.6	9.4		
2012	4,561.8	4,136.9	424.8	9.3		
2013	4,537.8	4,166.0	371.8	8.2		
Seasonally Adjusted Civilian Labor Force Data for New Jersey (thousands) 2013-2014						
Date	Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment	Rate %		
Jan 2013	4,574.4	4,165.1	409.4	8.9		
Feb	4,570.9	4,168.4	402.6	8.8		
Mar	4,566.3	4,170.7	395.5	8.7		
Apr	4,560.9	4,172.0	389.0	8.5		
May	4,554.3	4,170.4	383.9	8.4		
Jun	4,546.5	4,166.7	379.8	8.4		
Jul	4,537.8	4,162.8	375.0	8.3		
Aug	4,528.0	4,160.8	367.2	8.1		
Sep	4,517.3	4,160.8	356.5	7.9		
Oct	4,507.3	4,162.4	344.8	7.7		
Nov	4,498.0	4,164.5	333.4	7.4		
Dec	4,490.8	4,167.4	323.3	7.2		
Jan 2014	4,474.9	4,157.7	317.1	7.1		
Feb	4,473.0	4,154.9	318.1	7.1		
Mar	4,476.2	4,155.0	321.2	7.2		
Apr	4,482.8	4,172.6	310.2	6.9		
May	4,492.1	4,185.1	307.0	6.8		
Jun	4,494.5	4,198.3	296.2	6.6		
Jul (R)	4,494.4	4,200.7	293.7	6.5		
Aug (P)	4,495.3	4,200.8	294.5	6.6		
Sep						
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Source: New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Division of Economic & Demographic Research.  
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**Table 3: New Jersey Nonfarm Employment by Industry for August 2014  
Not Seasonally Adjusted (thousands) 2013 Benchmark**

Industry	Current Month	Previous Month	One Year Ago	Net Change
	August 14 (P)	July 14 (R)	August 13	over the Year
<b>Total Nonfarm</b>	<b>3,955.2</b>	<b>3,979.6</b>	<b>3,942.2</b>	<b>13.0</b>
Total Private Sector	3,385.4	3,398.1	3,367.1	18.3
Goods Producing	378.8	379.5	389.6	-10.8
<b>Mining &amp; Logging</b>	<b>1.4</b>	<b>1.4</b>	<b>1.4</b>	<b>0.0</b>
<b>Construction</b>	<b>134.8</b>	<b>135.7</b>	<b>144.4</b>	<b>-9.6</b>
<b>Manufacturing</b>	<b>242.6</b>	<b>242.4</b>	<b>243.8</b>	<b>-1.2</b>
Durable Goods	112.5	112.2	110.9	1.6
Fabricated Metal Products	21.4	21.4	21.8	-0.4
Machinery Manufacturing	14.3	14.3	14.2	0.1
Computer and Electronic Products	22.7	23.1	23.9	-1.2
Miscellaneous Manufacturing	17.9	17.8	18.0	-0.1
Nondurable Goods	130.1	130.2	132.9	-2.8
Food Manufacturing	31.0	30.6	31.2	-0.2
Paper Manufacturing	9.9	10.0	10.2	-0.3
Printing and Related Support	14.7	14.7	15.2	-0.5
Chemical Manufacturing	47.4	47.5	48.9	-1.5
Pharmaceutical and Medicine	25.9	25.9	26.8	-0.9
Service-Providing	3,576.4	3,600.1	3,552.6	23.8
Private Service-Providing	3,006.6	3,018.6	2,977.5	29.1
<b>Trade, Transportation, and Utilities</b>	<b>841.8</b>	<b>844.6</b>	<b>827.7</b>	<b>14.1</b>
Wholesale Trade*	217.0	216.7	214.8	2.2
Retail Trade*	459.4	460.6	453.5	5.9
Building Material & Garden Equip. and Supplies Dealers	30.5	31.1	32.0	-1.5
Food and Beverage Stores	114.2	114.9	114.1	0.1
Health and Personal Care Stores	35.7	35.6	35.0	0.7
Clothing and Clothing Accessories Stores	56.2	56.3	55.6	0.6
Sporting Goods, Hobby, Book and Music Stores	15.8	15.4	16.7	-0.9
General Merchandise Stores	73.4	73.5	72.2	1.2
Transportation, Warehousing and Utilities	165.4	167.3	159.4	6.0
Utilities*	13.8	13.8	13.7	0.1
Transportation & Warehousing*	151.6	153.5	145.7	5.9
<b>Information</b>	<b>73.5</b>	<b>73.3</b>	<b>75.7</b>	<b>-2.2</b>
Publishing Industries (except Internet)	19.1	19.1	20.0	-0.9
Telecommunications	31.1	31.0	32.0	-0.9
Internet Service Providers, Web Portals, Data Proc. Svcs.	7.1	7.1	7.4	-0.3
<b>Financial Activities</b>	<b>254.0</b>	<b>253.8</b>	<b>257.2</b>	<b>-3.2</b>
Finance and Insurance*	199.2	198.6	201.2	-2.0
Securities, Commodity Contracts and Other Fin. Investment	42.0	41.8	42.9	-0.9
Insurance Carriers and Related Activities	88.7	88.9	88.8	-0.1
Real Estate and Rental/Leasing*	54.8	55.2	56.0	-1.2
<b>Professional and Business Services</b>	<b>656.6</b>	<b>654.5</b>	<b>643.8</b>	<b>12.8</b>
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services*	290.2	288.9	285.6	4.6
Management of Companies and Enterprises*	82.4	82.2	84.1	-1.7
Administrative Support & Waste Management/Remediation*	284.0	283.4	274.1	9.9
<b>Education, Health and Social Assistance Services</b>	<b>629.4</b>	<b>631.6</b>	<b>617.0</b>	<b>12.4</b>
Educational Services*	94.4	98.6	84.7	9.7
Health Care and Social Assistance*	535.0	533.0	532.3	2.7
Hospitals	154.5	155.2	155.9	-1.4
Nursing and Residential Care Facilities	93.7	93.3	92.7	1.0
Social Assistance	74.7	75.7	74.7	0.0
<b>Leisure and Hospitality</b>	<b>386.5</b>	<b>393.6</b>	<b>387.1</b>	<b>-0.6</b>
Arts, Entertainment and Recreation*	74.3	77.6	73.8	0.5
Accommodation and Food Services*	312.2	316.0	313.3	-1.1
Food Services and Drinking Places	250.8	253.4	249.1	1.7
<b>Other Services</b>	<b>164.8</b>	<b>167.2</b>	<b>169.0</b>	<b>-4.2</b>
Repair and Maintenance	32.0	32.4	33.4	-1.4
Personal and Laundry Services	56.2	56.5	56.0	0.2
Religious, Grantmaking, Civic, Professional and Similar Org.	76.6	78.3	79.6	-3.0
<b>Government</b>	<b>569.8</b>	<b>581.5</b>	<b>575.1</b>	<b>-5.3</b>

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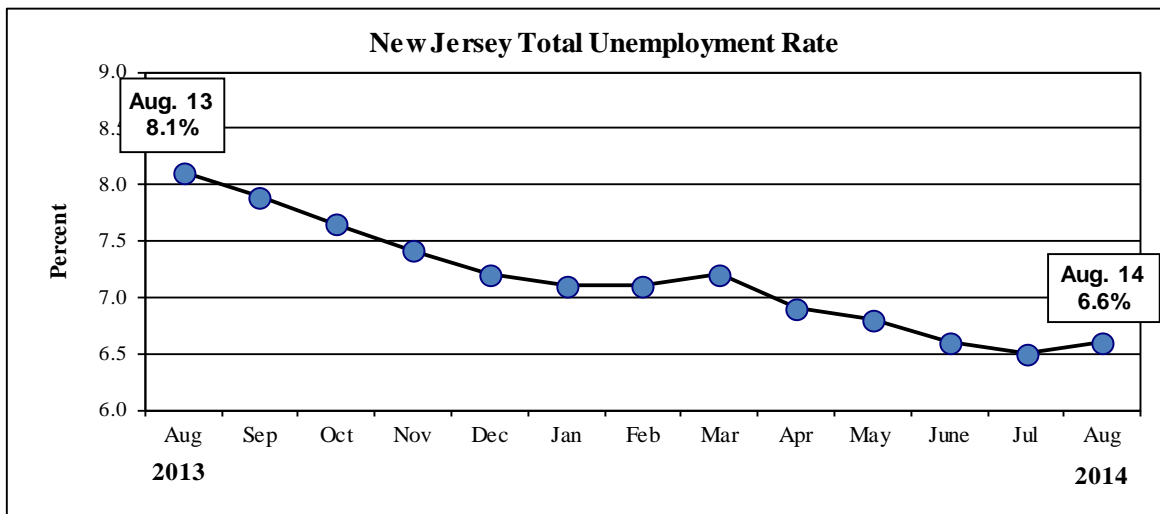
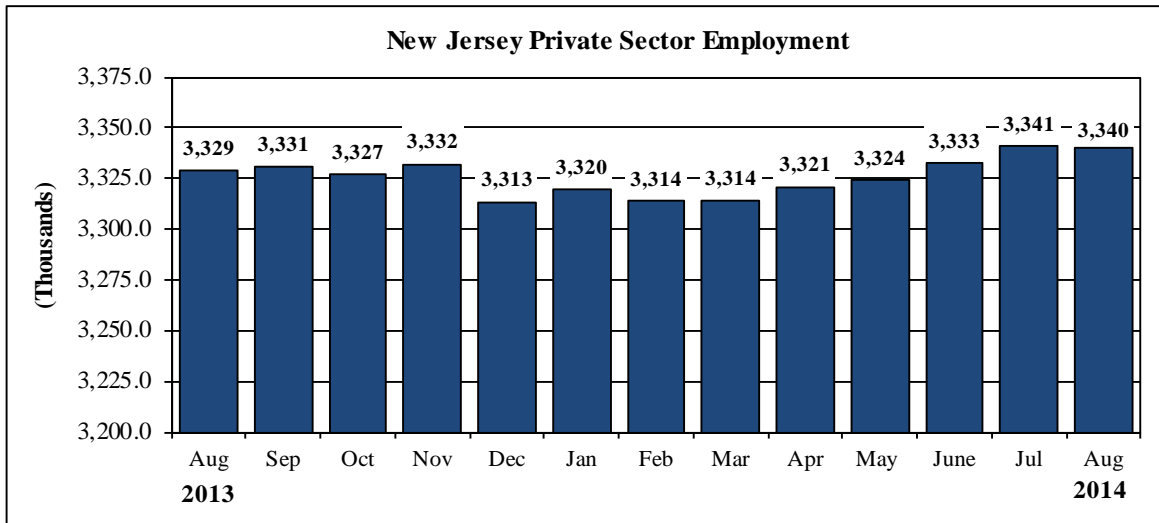
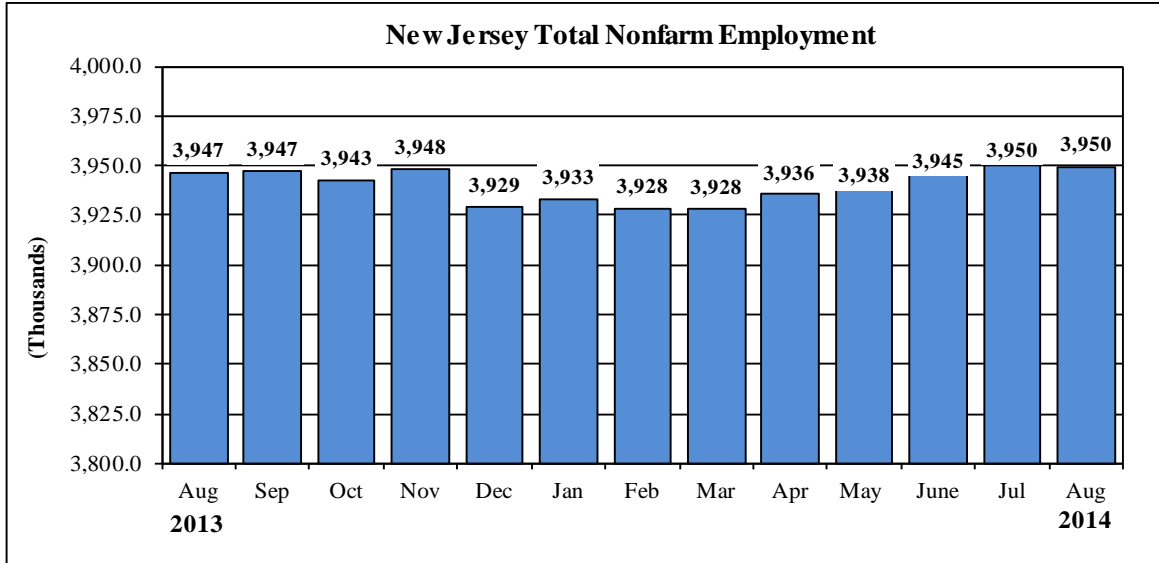
**Table 4: New Jersey Nonfarm Employment (in thousands) 2013 Benchmark**

Annual Averages						
	Total	Private Sector			Public	
Year		Total	Manufacturing	Construction	Service-Providing	
1993	3,493.0	2,922.3	462.9	116.3	2,340.8	570.7
1994	3,552.8	2,979.4	456.0	121.7	2,399.4	573.4
1995	3,600.6	3,027.2	448.6	123.3	2,453.0	573.4
1996	3,638.9	3,068.3	437.4	125.0	2,503.8	570.6
1997	3,724.5	3,154.3	435.4	131.8	2,584.9	570.3
1998	3,801.3	3,229.6	429.4	136.1	2,661.8	571.7
1999	3,901.1	3,323.5	422.5	143.6	2,755.3	577.6
2000	3,994.5	3,405.7	421.6	149.6	2,832.6	588.9
2001	3,996.8	3,394.2	401.2	158.8	2,832.5	602.6
2002	3,983.5	3,370.0	367.5	162.6	2,838.4	613.5
2003	3,977.1	3,355.2	350.4	160.5	2,842.7	621.9
2004	3,997.8	3,364.3	338.2	165.9	2,858.6	633.4
2005	4,038.2	3,396.6	330.4	169.1	2,895.4	641.6
2006	4,069.5	3,422.2	323.8	174.9	2,921.8	647.3
2007	4,076.9	3,429.2	311.3	172.3	2,944.0	647.7
2008	4,048.2	3,399.0	298.8	164.5	2,934.1	649.2
2009	3,893.9	3,241.5	266.3	138.6	2,835.1	652.4
2010	3,848.4	3,208.4	257.2	129.5	2,820.4	640.0
2011	3,847.5	3,228.6	251.5	129.9	2,846.0	618.9
2012	3,890.8	3,274.8	245.3	130.4	2,897.8	616.0
2013	3,934.8	3,319.5	243.4	136.5	2,938.3	615.4
Seasonally Adjusted Monthly Data						
2013						
Jan	3,919.3	3,301.2	243.4	135.8	2,920.7	618.1
Feb	3,924.7	3,304.4	243.6	135.7	2,923.9	620.3
Mar	3,928.8	3,310.8	243.5	136.1	2,929.9	618.0
Apr	3,927.7	3,318.2	243.5	137.3	2,936.1	609.5
May	3,934.9	3,323.7	243.1	137.9	2,941.4	611.2
Jun	3,938.6	3,325.0	242.9	137.9	2,942.9	613.6
Jul	3,937.0	3,324.1	242.8	137.9	2,942.0	612.9
Aug	3,946.5	3,328.7	243.1	138.7	2,945.5	617.8
Sep	3,947.1	3,330.6	242.9	139.2	2,947.1	616.5
Oct	3,942.5	3,326.9	242.8	136.4	2,946.3	615.6
Nov	3,947.9	3,332.1	244.3	136.6	2,949.8	615.8
Dec	3,928.8	3,313.4	243.8	128.8	2,939.4	615.4
2014						
Jan	3,933.0	3,319.7	244.2	134.9	2,939.1	613.3
Feb	3,928.2	3,313.7	243.7	133.4	2,935.3	614.5
Mar	3,927.9	3,314.0	242.0	130.8	2,939.8	613.9
Apr	3,936.1	3,321.0	242.0	127.8	2,949.9	615.1
May	3,937.6	3,323.9	242.3	129.3	2,950.9	613.7
Jun	3,944.9	3,332.5	242.4	127.0	2,961.7	612.4
Jul (R)	3,950.4	3,340.8	242.1	129.0	2,968.4	609.6
Aug (P)	3,949.5	3,340.0	242.8	127.4	2,968.4	609.5
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**Key Economic Indicators: August 2014**  
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