

## Healthcare Workplace Economy July 2010

### Jobs Report Summary for the Healthcare Industry Based on the BLS Report with June 2010 data

The June BLS report followed the trend of May's job data as a mixed bag, with the loss of 125,000 jobs, but a decreased unemployment rate of 9.7%. The number of long-term unemployed was essentially unchanged from May at 6.8 million. Total unemployed in the U.S. was down just a bit at 14.6 million.

The loss in jobs reflects both the end of 225,000 2010 census jobs, as well as a less robust than expected private sector. The decrease in the unemployment rate came from individuals that chose to stop seeking employment.

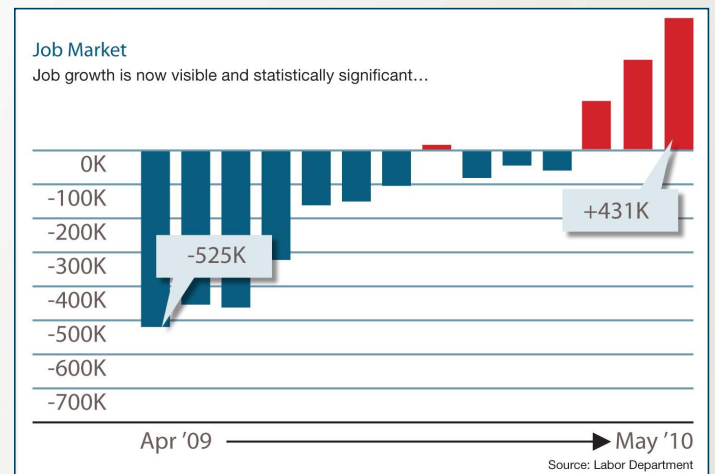
On a positive note, 83,000 private sector jobs were added in June, which is an improvement from the 15,000 private sector jobs added in May. The June report also continued with the trend of an increase in business and professional jobs (+46,000) –truly one of the sectors coming out of the recession. Management and technical consulting (+11,000) and business support services (+7,000) added jobs over the month.

In addition, the Healthcare sector added 9,300 jobs with a majority of those found in ambulatory health care services. Jobs in nursing and residential care facilities increased by 4,100.

Other notable insights from the report include:

### Temporary Sector

The temporary sector continues to flourish with the addition of 21,000 jobs. Since September 2009, this sector has added 379,000 jobs. Experts continue to expect to see the recovery occur, but it will be a drawn out process that will include both highs and lows. Employers are finding that temporary employees are certainly helping with the ebb and flow of the economy.



### Are Hospitals Deadlier in July?

Source: [cnn.com](http://cnn.com)

A recently released study from the University of California, San Diego shows a 10 percent increase in deaths from medication errors during July, suggesting a link to the introduction of new medical residents to hospitals.

“Researchers examined more than 240,000 death certificates of people who died of complications from medication errors between 1979 and 2006, and found mortality rates consistently spiked in July, especially in counties with teaching hospitals.”

<http://www.cnn.com/2010/HEALTH/07/07/hospital.deaths.july/index.html>

## **Jobs with Decent Pay and Low Stress**

**Source: Yahoo! Finance**

Two health-related jobs made the list of those that provide a decent paycheck as well as low stress. Massage therapists, who can often create their own hours, enjoy a work environment that includes soft music and gentle lighting. Speech Language Pathologists also experience less stress and are well paid. Working in locations such as clinics or schools, the experience is relaxed and comfortable.

[http://finance.yahoo.com/career-work/article/109989/jobs-with-low-stress-decent-pay?mod=career-worklife\\_balance](http://finance.yahoo.com/career-work/article/109989/jobs-with-low-stress-decent-pay?mod=career-worklife_balance)

## **Healthcare technology: iPhone versus iPad**

**Source: healthcaretechnologyonline.com**

While iPhone and iPad share features, there are a few key differences that may determine if either, or both, is right for healthcare use. The iPhone's 3.5-inch screen size may be a problem when entering or viewing patient notes. The iPad's 7.5-inch screen size is much better for this purpose but it requires you to carry another device to receive or make phone calls. The editor recommends evaluating all mobile devices before selecting a healthcare technology for your practice or facility.

<http://www.healthcaretechnologyonline.com/article.mvc/iPhone-Versus-iPad-In-Healthcare-0001>