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UTAH'S EMPLOYMENT SITUATION: June 2009

Salt Lake City – Utah's nonfarm wage and salaried job count for June 2009, as generated by the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), contracted by 3.7 percent. Approximately 46,100 jobs have been removed from the Utah economy over the past year, lowering total wage and salary employment to 1,215,400.

Utah's other primary indicator of current labor market conditions, the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate, rose by three-tenths to 5.7 percent in June. Last June, the state's rate was 3.3 percent, a 2.4 percentage-point increase over the past 12 months. Approximately 78,100 Utahns were considered unemployed in June 2009, compared against 46,000 last June, an increase of 32,100 unemployed workers. The United States unemployment rate continued to rise, reaching 9.5 percent for June.

An in-depth analysis of the monthly report is available on the DWS Website, jobs.utah.gov. For more information, contact the department's Chief Economist, Mark Knold at 801-526-9458.

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