

**PRICE EMPLOYMENT CENTER**  
**REGIONAL COUNCIL REPORT**  
**JANUARY – MARCH 2010**

Employers/Job Connection/Economy

	Dec	Jan	Feb
Unemployment % 2010		8.0	7.8
Unemployment % 2009	8.1		6.1
Job Orders 1 <sup>st</sup> qtr 2009			188
Job Orders 1 <sup>st</sup> qtr 2010			183

- Total job orders for first quarter of 2010 compared to 2009 are very close.
- Latest unemployment rate for US (February) is 9.7%; for Utah 7.1%.
- SWAC Tournament attendees brought a lot of business to Carbon County.
- Renovation of the Newhouse apartments on Carbon and Main is complete.
- The Home and Garden Expo was a huge success with 78 booths and over 3500 in attendance.
- Ann's Hallmark closed its door on January 31.
- Carbon/Emery Job and Career Fair had over 60 booths and was well attended.
- Mine West and Carol West of Pennsylvania merged and expanded the office in Wellington.

Intensive and Eligibility Services

- There has been an unprecedented increase in applications for assistance – 25,000 in February that has greatly impacted the Eligibility Services Division.
- The conversion to the new computer system for eligibility services is nearly 90% complete.
- Snapshot of customers:
  - 74 youth
  - 45 training
  - 47 financial assistance
  - 54 veterans

Other

- The re-structuring of the new Workforce Development Division is nearing completion. Service Area Directors and managers have been selected and supervisors will be announced early May. The focus on employers and jobs is very exciting.