Education and health services experienced the largest increase in employment with a gain of 3.1 percent.

- Financial activities experienced the largest wage growth (7.4 percent), despite having the fourth largest decline in employment.

- In 2007, national private-sector employment grew by 1.1 percent, and average annual pay grew by 4.6 percent.

- Manufacturing employment declined 2.0 percent from 2006–2007, the largest decline of all industry groups.
Percent change in annual average private-sector employment and wages by industry, 2006–2007

Industry

Natural resources and mining
Construction
Manufacturing
Trade, transportation, and utilities
Information
Financial activities
Professional and business services
Education and health services
Leisure and hospitality
Other services

Percent

-4  -2  0  2  4  6  8  10  12

Employment
Annual average wages per employee