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Statement on June Employment Numbers	<a href="http://www.dol.gov/opa/media/press/opa/OPA20100944.htm">http://www.dol.gov/opa/media/press/opa/OPA20100944.htm</a>	Press Release	Statement of US Secretary of Labor Hilda L. Solis on June Employment Numbers	<p>U.S. Secretary of Labor Hilda L. Solis issued the following statement on the June 2010 Employment Situation report released today:</p> <p>"This past June, the economy gained 83,000 jobs in the private sector. Overall, employment declined by 125,000 and the unemployment rate dropped to 9.5 percent. The job losses are largely a result of 225,000 temporary census workers ending their service. However, over the first half of the year, we've seen the creation of 600,000 private sector jobs — steady growth averaging 100,000 new private sector jobs each month.</p> <p>"While this steady private sector job growth is encouraging, the large number of Americans without a job reminds us we need to continue working to create jobs and grow the economy. That's why the administration continues to work to extend some of the tax credits, unemployment assistance and other programs that have helped us get through the worst part of the recession.</p> <p>"The actions that this administration has taken over the past year have put the American economy on the right track. Millions of Americans are working today thanks to the Recovery Act, and we've gone from losing more than 700,000 jobs each month to steady private sector job growth. This summer is poised to be the most active Recovery Act season</p>	7/02/2010 10:00AM	unemployment rate;jobs;

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\$240K grant to storm recovery efforts in WV	<a href="http://www.dol.gov/opa/media/press/eta/eta20100922.htm">http://www.dol.gov/opa/media/press/eta/eta20100922.htm</a>	Press Release	US Department of Labor announces \$240,000 grant to continue storm recovery efforts in West Virginia	<p>The U.S. Department of Labor today announced a \$240,000 National Emergency Grant increment to help continue clean-up and recovery efforts in the wake of flooding that struck southern West Virginia in May 2009.</p> <p>"These funds will provide additional assistance to support clean up and repair efforts in the communities affected by last year's flooding," said Secretary of Labor Hilda L. Solis. "The floodwaters may have receded, but West Virginia is still cleaning up and we are committed to helping."</p> <p>This third and final increment of the original grant will be awarded to WorkForce West Virginia.</p> <p>On May 15, 2009, the Federal Emergency Management Agency declared the following counties in West Virginia eligible for FEMA's Public Assistance program: McDowell, Mercer, Mingo, Raleigh and Wyoming. The declaration was later amended to include Calhoun, Gilmer, Lewis, Roane, Upshur and Wirt counties.</p> <p>On June 10, 2009, a \$720,000 National Emergency Grant was awarded to the state by the Labor Department. Of that, \$240,000 was released initially to create about 40 temporary jobs for eligible dislocated workers to assist in the clean-up and recovery efforts. A second increment in the amount of \$240,000 was awarded on April 2, 2010.</p>	6/30/2010 2:00PM	grant;storm recovery;west virginia

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\$2.2M to NC unemployed with health insurance	<a href="http://www.dol.gov/opa/media/press/eta/eta20100916.htm">http://www.dol.gov/opa/media/press/eta/eta20100916.htm</a>	Press Release	US Department of Labor announces \$2.2 million grant to assist unemployed North Carolinians with health insurance payments	<p>The U.S. Department of Labor today announced a \$2.2 million National Emergency Grant supplemental award to provide an estimated 2,400 unemployed individuals in North Carolina with partial premium payments for health insurance coverage. The announcement bolsters an initial award of \$2 million made by the Labor Department to the Tar Heel State on Aug. 11, 2009. Those funds were used to serve about 1,800 unemployed North Carolinians who were eligible to participate in the Health Coverage Tax Credit program.</p> <p>"For working families, the loss of a job is difficult enough. But the adverse impact can be compounded severely by a loss of health insurance," said Secretary of Labor Hilda L. Solis. "These additional funds will help North Carolinians continue their families' health coverage as they seek new employment and get back on their feet."</p> <p>The supplemental funds, awarded today to the North Carolina Department of Commerce, Division of Employment and Training, will allow North Carolina to make "gap filler" payments for unemployed individuals who are receiving Trade Adjustment Assistance benefits and are eligible for the HCTC program. Under this program, eligible individuals can receive assistance with 80 percent of premium costs for qualified health insurance programs. This award brings the total number of individuals that will be served under this grant to about 4,200.</p>	6/30/2010 1:00PM	<a href="#">grant;unemployed;NC;health insurance</a>

