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| Press Release | Statement of Secretary of Labor Hilda L. Solis on September employment numbers | WASHINGTON — Secretary of Labor Hilda L. Solis issued the following statement on the September 2010 Employment Situation report released today:

"This past September, nonfarm payroll employment edged down 95,000 jobs, but the economy gained 64,000 jobs in the private sector, and the unemployment rate remained at 9.6 percent.

"In the six months before the president took office, we lost nearly 4 million jobs. We now have added private sector jobs for nine straight months, totaling 863,000 private sector jobs since the beginning of the year. While we need to pick up the pace of recovery to erase the job losses and get Americans back to work, this encouraging growth shows that we are headed in the right direction.

"To continue our commitment to American workers, this week, the president announced the Skills for America’s Future initiative that will make it easier to connect students looking for jobs with businesses looking to hire. Our community colleges serve as a gateway to good jobs for millions of middle class Americans, and this initiative will dramatically improve private sector partnerships with community colleges to maximize workforce development strategies, increase job placement and ensure American competitiveness." | 10/08/2010 10:00AM | unemployment number; jobs; |