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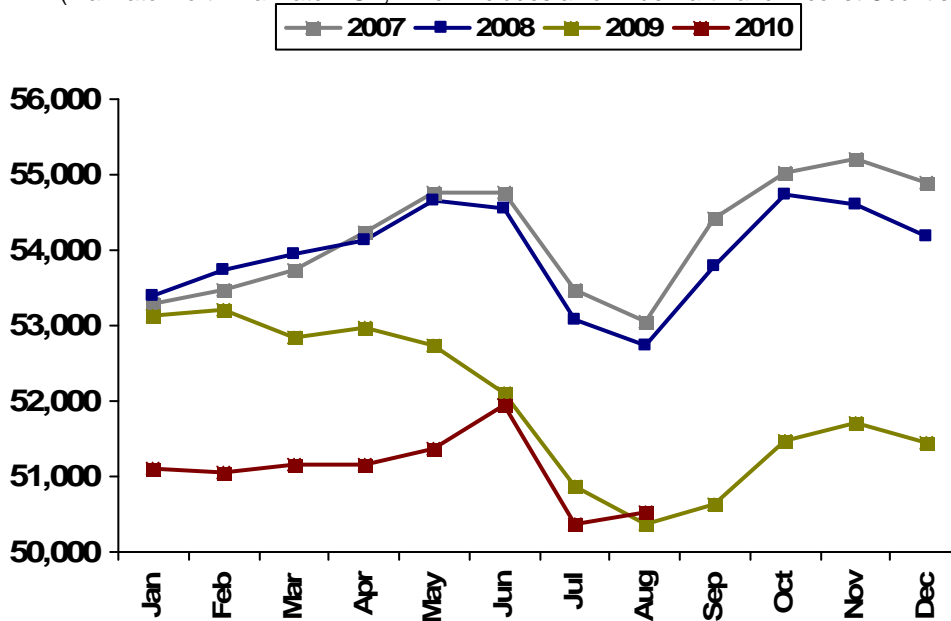
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Greater Mankato Year Over Year Job Numbers Rise for First Time Since March, 2008

Mankato, MINN (September 21, 2010) – The Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED) recently released its latest job figures and the news is good for Greater Mankato, as job numbers were up over the previous year for the first time, since March, 2008.

When it comes to judging the economic strength of a particular regional relative to jobs, one of the best sources is Current Employment Statistics (CES) data, which measures the number of jobs (both filled and unfilled) in a particular area, excluding self-employment and farm jobs.

Greater Mankato Jobs Four Year History
(Mankato-North Mankato MSA, which includes all of Blue Earth and Nicollet Counties)



Source: CES, Minnesota Department of Employment & Economic Development (DEED)
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Another measure of area employment is the **Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS)**. LAUS is not as much an indicator of the strength of the business climate, because it measures the total number of people who live in a particular region who are employed, rather than the businesses in the region employing them. Still, LAUS employment numbers continue to look promising, with the unemployed rate in the region remaining the same at 6.1% for both July and August 2010. Also, when compared to other areas of the state and country, Greater Mankato fares quite well in terms of low unemployment (for detailed comparisons visit <http://www.positivelyminnesota.com/apps/lmi/laus/Graph.aspx?geog=2721031860&adjust=0>).

“While the Greater Mankato region has been impacted economically by the national recession, because of our region’s economic diversity and relative stability, the length and severity of job loss appears to have been less than in other area’s of the country,” said Zierdt.

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