Economic Recovery: What’s Ahead for Men and Women Workers?

As our nation heads toward economic recovery, it appears that job losses and unemployment rates during the recession were much higher for men than women. Roughly 1.7 million more men than women entered the ranks of the unemployed between March 2008 and March 2009, while the national unemployment rate for men was 9.5 percent compared to 7.5 percent for women.

And how has this “man-cession” played out in Montana? Interestingly, our state’s unemployment rate gap between men and women of about 4.5 percentage points is actually double that of the national unemployment gap. The disproportionate recession impacts on men may have occurred because of industry and occupational differences between the genders.

At the 35th Annual Economic Outlook Seminar, Wendy Stock, department chair of Agricultural Economics and Economics at Montana State University, will discuss the recession’s impacts, economic recovery, and workforce issues.

This half-day seminar and luncheon will highlight the latest economic trends and forecasts for the nation, state, and local-area economies. Bureau economists Patrick Barkey and Paul Polzin will present economic outlook forecasts for each seminar city, and industry experts will provide the outlook for Montana’s important industries: nonresident travel, health care, agriculture, manufacturing, and forest products. Also included will be an update on Montana home sales. A luncheon program presented by Montana Kids Count will discuss investment in early childhood education.

Dates & Locations

Missoula  
Friday, January 22, 2010  
Hilton Garden Inn

Helena  
Tuesday, January 26, 2010  
Best Western Great Northern

Great Falls  
Wednesday, January 27, 2010  
Hilton Garden Inn

Billings  
Tuesday, February 2, 2010  
Montana State University – Billings Student Union Ballroom

Bozeman  
Wednesday, February 3, 2010  
Best Western GranTree Inn

Butte  
Thursday, February 4, 2010  
Holiday Inn Express

Lewistown  
Tuesday, March 16, 2010  
Central Montana Education Center

Kalispell  
Wednesday, March 17, 2010  
Hilton Garden Inn

Havre  
Tuesday, March 23, 2010  
Montana State University – Hensler Auditorium


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Seminar Agenda

7:45 - 8:00
Registration & Networking

8:00 - 8:30
Keynote Presentation
Wendy Stock, department chair, MSU Agricultural Economics and Economics

8:30 - 9:30
National, State, and Local Outlooks
Patrick Barkey, director, and Paul Polzin, research associate, UM Bureau of Business and Economic Research (BBER)

9:30 - 11:30
Industry Outlooks
Nonresident Travel
Norma Nickerson, director, UM Institute for Tourism & Recreation Research
Health Care
Gregg Davis, director, Health Care Industry Research, UM BBER
Agriculture
George Haynes, professor, MSU
Real Estate
Scott Rickard, director, Center for Applied Economic Research, MSU-Billings
Manufacturing & Forest Products
Todd Morgan, director, Forest Industry Research, UM BBER

11:30 - 12:00
Local Chamber of Commerce Report

Noon - 12:50
Luncheon Program
Investment in Early Childhood Education – Montana Kids Count
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