

Latino Employment Statistics for December 2014

The U.S. Department of Labor [reported today](#) that U.S. employers added 252,000 jobs in December 2014, rounding out a strong fourth quarter for the American workforce. The national unemployment rate dropped by 0.2 percentage points to 5.6%. The Latino unemployment rate edged down to 6.5%, the lowest level since February 2008 (see Table 1). Net job gains in construction (+48,000 in December), food services and drinking places (+43,600), food services and restaurants (+42,000), and leisure and hospitality (+36,000) likely boosted Latino employment.

Table 1. The Employment Situation for Latino Workers in December 2014

Indicators	Latinos, December 2014
Employed — <i>Working people over the age of 16, including those temporarily absent from their jobs</i>	24 million
Unemployed — <i>Those who are available to work, make an effort to find a job, or expect to be called back from a layoff but are not working</i>	1.7 million
Civilian Labor Force — <i>The sum of employed and unemployed people</i>	25.6 million
Not in the Labor Force — <i>People over the age of 16 classified as neither employed nor unemployed</i>	13.2 million
Unemployment Rate — <i>Share of the labor force that is unemployed</i>	6.5%
Labor Force Participation Rate — <i>Share of the population over the age of 16 that is in the labor force</i>	66%
Employment-Population Ratio — <i>Share of the population over the age of 16 that is working</i>	61.8%

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, "Employment Status of the Hispanic or Latino Population by Sex and Age," *Current Population Survey*, <http://www.bls.gov/news.release/empsit.t03.htm> (accessed January 9, 2015), Table A-3.

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