

Restaurants and Temp Firms Gain Jobs in March

The [latest report](#) from the U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) shows a greater-than-average increase in U.S. employment for March 2014. Employment rose by 192,000 workers, due in part to gains in food services and restaurants (+30,400 employed), temporary help services (+28,500), and construction (+19,000). However, the U.S. unemployment rate remained unchanged at 6.7%.

These hiring gains could explain the slight increase in the share of Latinos who were working in March, since Latinos are overrepresented in the aforementioned industries. In February, the Latino employment-to-population ratio was 60.5%, and in March it was 61.0%. However, [low wages](#), limited health and retirement coverage, and volatile employment are common in all three of these growth industries, leaving many workers without the income or certainty they need to become economically secure.

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

Indicators	Latinos, March 2014
Employed — <i>Working people over the age of 16, including those temporarily absent from their jobs</i>	23.3 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>	2.0 million
Civilian Labor Force — <i>The sum of employed and unemployed people</i>	25.3 million
Not in the Labor Force — <i>People over the age of 16 classified as neither employed nor unemployed</i>	12.9 million
Unemployment Rate — <i>Share of the labor force that is unemployed</i>	7.9%
Labor Force Participation Rate — <i>Share of the population over the age of 16 that is in the labor force</i>	66.3%
Employment-Population Ratio — <i>Share of the population over the age of 16 that is working</i>	61.0%

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/webapps/legacy/cpsatab3.htm> (accessed April 4, 2014), Table A-3.

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