

LATINO UNEMPLOYMENT SEES SLIGHT INCREASE

Employment Gains in Food Services a Bright Spot for Latinos



FOOD SERVICES ADDS 29,000 JOBS

A positive job growth trend continued in July in the food services industry, with U.S. employers adding 29,000 jobs. Latinos represent one-quarter (24.9%) of workers in food services, compared to 16% of the total workforce.

The Employment Situation for Latino Workers in July 2015

The U.S. Department of Labor [reported today](#) that U.S. employers added 215,000 jobs in July 2015, lower than the 235,000 average monthly gain for the last three months. The national unemployment rate remained unchanged at 5.3%. The unemployment rate for Latinos increased to 6.8% in July from 6.6% in June as more Latinos searched for work but fewer found jobs. The Latino unemployment rate remains stubbornly higher than the national unemployment rate. While monthly variations show one aspect of Latino job growth, long-term employment trends show Latinos are [gaining ground](#) in key sectors.

Indicators	Latinos, July 2015
Employed • Working people over the age of 16, including those temporarily absent from their jobs	24.4 million
Unemployed • 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	1.8 million
Civilian Labor Force • The sum of employed and unemployed people	26.2 million
Not in the Labor Force • People over the age of 16 classified as neither employed nor unemployed	13.5 million
Unemployment Rate • Share of the labor force that is unemployed	6.8%
Labor Force Participation Rate • Share of the population over the age of 16 that is in the labor force	66.0%
Employment-Population Ratio • Share of the population over the age of 16 that is working	61.5%

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 April 3, 2015), Table A-3.