

JOB GROWTH SLOWS IN MARCH

Retail Is a Bright Spot for Latinos



RETAIL ADDS 26,000 JOBS

A positive trend in retail trade employment continued in March. Latinos represent 18% of workers in general merchandise stores, compared to 16% of the total workforce.

The Employment Situation for Latino Workers in March 2015

The U.S. Department of Labor [reported today](#) that U.S. employers added 126,000 jobs in March 2015, the lowest net job gain since December 2013. The national unemployment rate did not change from 5.5%. Gains in retail trade likely boosted Latino employment.

Indicators	Latinos, March 2015
Employed • Working people over the age of 16, including those temporarily absent from their jobs	24.3 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	26.1 million
Not in the Labor Force • People over the age of 16 classified as neither employed nor unemployed	13.2 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	66.3%
Employment-Population Ratio • Share of the population over the age of 16 that is working	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/empst.t03.htm> (accessed April 3, 2015), Table A-3.