

Steady Job Growth Continues

But Latino Unemployment Rate Climbs Faster than National Rate



Professional Services Lead Job Growth

Professional and business services added 67,000 jobs in September. Specifically, consulting services and administrative support saw the highest growth. As of 2015, there were 8,600 Latinos employed in this sector, accounting for fewer than 1% of all workers employed in this space.

The Employment Situation for Latino Workers in September 2016

The U.S. Department of Labor [reported today](#) that employers added 156,000 jobs in September, lower than the 175,000 jobs economists expected to see. However, the decrease is common when the economy is nearing full employment. While the national unemployment rate inched up from 4.9% in August to 5% in September, the Latino unemployment rate increased from 5.6% to 6.4%. This is the highest rate since September 2015, when the unemployment rate for Latinos reached 6.4%. However, this rise could be due to an increase in workers moving between jobs and new workers entering the labor force to look for work.

Indicators	Latinos, September 2016
Employed • Working people over the age of 16, including those temporarily absent from their jobs	25.3 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	1.7 million
Civilian Labor Force • The sum of employed and unemployed people	27 million
Not in the Labor Force • People over the age of 16 classified as neither employed nor unemployed	13.9 million
Unemployment Rate • Share of the labor force that is unemployed	6.4%
Labor Force Participation Rate • Share of the population over the age of 16 that is in the labor force	66.1%
Employment-Population Ratio • Share of the population over the age of 16 that is working	61.9%

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 October 7, 2016), Table A-3.