

U.S. EMPLOYERS ADD 215,000 JOBS IN MARCH

Latino Unemployment Rate Inches Up After Four-Month Decline



RETAIL TRADE ADDS MOST JOBS IN MARCH

Retail trade added more jobs than any other sector—48,000 jobs—in March 2016. Growth occurred in general merchandise stores, health and personal care stores, building materials stores, and automobile dealers. Latinos represent nearly 17% of the retail trade workforce and comprise 16% of the total workforce.

The Employment Situation for Latino Workers in March 2016

The U.S. Department of Labor [reported today](#) that U.S. employers added 215,000 jobs in March 2016, down from 245,000 in the previous month. Modest job growth led to a nearly unchanged national unemployment rate of 4.9% in the previous two months to 5% in March. The Latino unemployment rate increased slightly from 5.4% in February to 5.6% in March after a slow but steady four-month decline. The number of unemployed Latinos inched up even as the number of employed Latinos increased. This could be due, in part, to previously discouraged workers seeking work as steady job growth creates a greater demand for workers.

Indicators	Latinos, March 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	1.5 million
Civilian Labor Force • The sum of employed and unemployed people	26.8 million
Not in the Labor Force • People over the age of 16 classified as neither employed nor unemployed	13.6 million
Unemployment Rate • Share of the labor force that is unemployed	5.6%
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	62.6%

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 1, 2016), Table A-3.