

## December Marks 75th Consecutive Month of Growth

Employers Added 156,000 Jobs in December



### Health Care Industry Leads Job Growth

Health care jobs rose by 43,000 in December, with ambulatory health care services and hospitals adding the most. Health care represents the industry with the highest projected job growth by 2024. However, Latinos are underrepresented in higher-paying hospital occupations, accounting for only 10% of hospital employees while comprising 16% of the total workforce.

### The Employment Situation for Latino Workers in December 2016

The U.S. Department of Labor reported today that employers created 156,000 jobs in December, below the 2016 monthly average, but still marking the 75th consecutive month of growth. This gain pushed the number of jobs created in 2016 to over two million. The national unemployment rate increased from 4.6% in November to 4.7% in December as more workers with temporary jobs or who involuntarily left their old jobs searched for employment. The Latino unemployment rate also inched up, from 5.7% in November to 5.9% in December. However, this bump can be attributed to more workers returning to the labor force.

Indicators	Latinos, December 2016
<b>Employed</b> • Working people over the age of 16, including those temporarily absent from their jobs	25.5 million
<b>Unemployed</b> • 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	1.6 million
<b>Civilian Labor Force</b> • The sum of employed and unemployed people	27.1 million
<b>Not in the Labor Force</b> • People over the age of 16 classified as neither employed nor unemployed	14.1 million
<b>Unemployment Rate</b> • Share of the labor force that is unemployed	5.9%
<b>Labor Force Participation Rate</b> • Share of the population over the age of 16 that is in the labor force	65.7%
<b>Employment-Population Ratio</b> • 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 January 6, 2017), Table A-3: