

## Health Care Adds Most Jobs in August

Health Care Is a Bright Spot for Latinos as Job Growth Slows in August



### HEALTH CARE CONTINUES TO GROW

A positive trend in health care employment continued in August as U.S. employment in health care and social assistance grew by 56,000. Over the year, employment in this field has increased by 564,000. More than 2.3 million Latinos work in health care and social assistance occupations.

### The Employment Situation for Latino Workers in August 2015

The U.S. Department of Labor [reported today](#) that U.S. employers added 173,000 jobs in August 2015, the lowest number of new jobs added this summer. The national unemployment rate inched down to 5.1%. Although the unemployment rate for Latinos also declined slightly to 6.6%, the drop in unemployment was a result of Latinos who have stopped searching for work rather than newly employed workers.

### As Labor Day Approaches, Home Care Workers Are Closer to Critical Job Protections

In August, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia issued [a decision](#) that puts nearly two million home care workers in the United States [one step closer](#) to having critical minimum wage and overtime protections. Home care workers provide individual care to elderly adults and assist people with disabilities with daily tasks. These workers are low-paid, predominately immigrant women and women of color.

Indicators	Latinos, August 2015
<b>Employed</b> • Working people over the age of 16, including those temporarily absent from their jobs	24.3 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	1.7 million
<b>Civilian Labor Force</b> • The sum of employed and unemployed people	26.1 million
<b>Not in the Labor Force</b> • People over the age of 16 classified as neither employed nor unemployed	13.7 million
<b>Unemployment Rate</b> • Share of the labor force that is unemployed	6.6%
<b>Labor Force Participation Rate</b> • Share of the population over the age of 16 that is in the labor force	65.6%
<b>Employment-Population Ratio</b> • Share of the population over the age of 16 that is working	61.3%

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 September 4, 2015), Table A-3.