

## October Sees Return of Strong Job Growth

Latino Unemployment Rate Continues to Inch Down



### Food Services Adds 42,000 Jobs in October

Food services, health care, and construction were among the industries witnessing the largest job gains in October. Over the last year, the food services industry has added 368,000 jobs. This is important to Latinos because they are more likely to work in the food services labor force compared to other racial and ethnic groups.

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

The U.S. Department of Labor [reported today](#) that U.S. employers added 271,000 jobs in October 2015. This represents the highest number of new jobs added to the U.S. labor market this year since a peak in February. Job growth in October led to a slight decline in the national unemployment rate from 5.1% to 5.0%. The Latino unemployment rate also declined slightly, continuing to inch downward to 6.3% from 6.4% in the previous month. The Latino unemployment rate has continued on a slow but steady decline since a summer peak of 6.8% in July.

Indicators	Latinos, October 2015
<b>Employed</b> • Working people over the age of 16, including those temporarily absent from their jobs	24.5 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	1.7 million
<b>Civilian Labor Force</b> • The sum of employed and unemployed people	26.2 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	6.3%
<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	61.5%

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 November 6, 2015), Table A-3.