

## Construction Leads Job Growth in November

Employers Add 211,000 Jobs in November



### NEARLY ONE-THIRD OF CONSTRUCTION WORKERS ARE LATINO

The construction industry lead job growth in November with 46,000 new jobs. Construction has added nearly 270,000 to date this year. Latinos are an estimated 27.3% of construction workers.

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

The U.S. Department of Labor [reported today](#) that U.S. employers added 211,000 jobs in November 2015, signaling continued growth. Though consistent with estimates, job growth in November is in decline from a peak of 271,000 in October. The unemployment rate remained unchanged at 5% in November. The Latino unemployment rate was also essentially unchanged at 6.4% from 6.3% in October. Consistent job growth and a decline in unemployment means that the Federal Reserve could decide to [raise interest rates](#), which have been near zero since 2008, as soon as their December 15 meeting later this month.

Indicators	Latinos, November 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	13.8 million
<b>Unemployment Rate</b> • Share of the labor force that is unemployed	6.4%
<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	61.4%

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 December 4, 2015), Table A-3.