

CONSTRUCTION RESURGES

U.S. Employers Add 223,000 Jobs in April



NEARLY ONE-THIRD OF CONSTRUCTION WORKERS ARE HISPANIC

In April, U.S. employment in construction grew by 45,000. An estimated 27.3% of construction workers are Latino.

The Employment Situation for Latino Workers in April 2015

U.S. employers added 223,000 jobs in April, nearly three times the growth in the previous month. Unemployment, at 5.4%, changed little. Employment gains of 45,000 in construction boosted Latino employment. As construction mounts a comeback, preventable worker deaths are on the rise. Distressingly, the rate of Latino [construction worker deaths](#) is rising, while it is falling for non-Latino construction workers.

Indicators	Latinos, April 2015
Employed • Working people over the age of 16, including those temporarily absent from their jobs	24.4 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	1.8 million
Civilian Labor Force • The sum of employed and unemployed people	26.2 million
Not in the Labor Force • People over the age of 16 classified as neither employed nor unemployed	13.2 million
Unemployment Rate • Share of the labor force that is unemployed	6.9%
Labor Force Participation Rate • Share of the population over the age of 16 that is in the labor force	66.4%
Employment-Population Ratio • Share of the population over the age of 16 that is working	61.8%

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 May 8, 2015), Table A-3.