

U.S. Employers Added 151,000 Jobs in August

Latino Unemployment Inches Up



Food Services Continue to Add the Most Jobs

Food services and drinking places, a subsector of the leisure and hospitality industry, have added 34,000 new jobs, the most of any industry in August. The addition of new jobs in this subsector greatly impacts Latinos who account for almost one-quarter of workers employed in food services and drinking places.

The Employment Situation for Latino Workers in August 2016

The U.S. Department of Labor [reported](#) today that U.S. employers added 151,000 jobs in August, a decrease from the robust 255,000 jobs added in July and 287,000 jobs added in June. Even so, the national unemployment rate remained at 4.9%. The number of Latinos not in the labor force decreased from 13.9 million in July to 13.8 million in August, while the Latino unemployment rate increased slightly from 5.4% in July to 5.6% in August. The increase in unemployment is due to more Latino workers entering the labor force who currently do not have work but are searching for employment.

Indicators	Latinos, August 2016
Employed • Working people over the age of 16, including those temporarily absent from their jobs	25.4 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	1.5 million
Civilian Labor Force • The sum of employed and unemployed people	26.9 million
Not in the Labor Force • People over the age of 16 classified as neither employed nor unemployed	13.8 million
Unemployment Rate • Share of the labor force that is unemployed	5.6%
Labor Force Participation Rate • Share of the population over the age of 16 that is in the labor force	66.1%
Employment-Population Ratio • Share of the population over the age of 16 that is working	62.4%

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 September 2, 2016), Table A-3