

Health Care Leads Job Growth in May

U.S. Employers Add 138,000 Jobs



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Employment in health care expanded by 24,000 jobs, with ambulatory services and hospitals experiencing the quickest growth. Among Latinos who work in the health care sector, most workers are employed in the ambulatory services industry, which includes work in offices of health practitioners, medical laboratories, home health care services, and outpatient care centers.

The Employment Situation for Latino Workers in May 2017

The U.S. Department of Labor reported [today](#) that employers created 138,000 jobs in May, below economists' expectation of 180,000 jobs. However, May marks the 80th consecutive month of growth, and job gains over the past three months averaged 121,000—exceeding the number of jobs needed each month (50,000 to 110,000 according to the [Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco](#)) to maintain a steady labor force. The national unemployment rate fell from 4.4% to 4.3%, but this is mainly due to a lower labor force participation rate in May. The number of unemployed Latinos decreased by 5,000 workers, however the unemployment rate for Latinos remained at 5.2% also due to a lower labor force participation rate. Nonetheless, Latinos' labor force participation rate remains the highest out of any racial or ethnic group.

Indicators	Latinos, May 2017
Employed • Working people over the age of 16, including those temporarily absent from their jobs	25.8 million
Unemployed • Those who are available to work, are trying to find a job, or expect to be called back from a layoff but are not working	1.4 million
Civilian Labor Force • The sum of employed and unemployed people	27.2 million
Not in the Labor Force • People over the age of 16 classified as neither employed nor unemployed	14 million
Unemployment Rate • Share of the labor force that is unemployed	5.2%
Labor Force Participation Rate • Share of the population over the age of 16 that is in the labor force	66%
Employment-Population Ratio • Share of the population over the age of 16 that is working	62.6%

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/empstat.t03.htm> (accessed June 2, 2017), Table A-3.