

Latino Unemployment Rate Drops Below 9%

The [latest report](#) from the U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) shows a larger-than-average increase in U.S. employment for November 2013. Employment rose by 203,000 workers thanks to gains in transportation and warehousing, retail, construction, and health care. The U.S. unemployment rate declined by 0.3 points to 7%.

The Latino unemployment rate dropped below 9% to 8.7%, the lowest level since November 2008. The decline in Latino unemployment appears to be due to growth in the number of jobseekers who found work last month. Between October and November, the number of employed Latinos increased by 368,000.

Table 1. The Employment Situation for Latino Workers in November 2013

Indicators	Latinos, November 2013
Employed — <i>Working people over the age of 16, including those temporarily absent from their jobs</i>	22.9 million
Unemployed — <i>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</i>	2.2 million
Civilian Labor Force — <i>The sum of employed and unemployed people</i>	25.1 million
Not in the Labor Force — <i>People over the age of 16 classified as neither employed nor unemployed</i>	12.8 million
Unemployment Rate — <i>Share of the labor force that is unemployed</i>	8.7%
Labor Force Participation Rate — <i>Share of the population over the age of 16 that is in the labor force</i>	66.3%
Employment-Population Ratio — <i>Share of the population over the age of 16 that is working</i>	60.5%

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/webapps/legacy/cpsatab3.htm> (accessed December 6, 2013), Table A-3.

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