

Latino Employment Statistics for August 2013

According to the [latest report](#) from the U.S. Department of Labor, employment in the United States increased by 169,000 workers in August. The national unemployment rate dropped slightly to 7.3%, in part due to the labor force shrinking by 312,000 workers. Employment trends for Latinos essentially followed national trends, although the Hispanic unemployment rate remained a full two points higher than the national rate at 9.3%. Between July and August, 98,000 Latinos left the labor force, and Hispanic employment declined by 63,000 people. Of particular concern is the dip in the Latino labor force participation rate, which counts the share of working-age people who are employed or are actively searching for a job. Historically, Hispanics have the highest labor-force participation rate of any demographic group. Yet the Latino labor force dropped by 0.4 percentage points last month, a possible signal of workers' lack of confidence that jobs will be available to them.

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

Indicators	Latinos, August 2013
Employed — <i>Working people over the age of 16, including those temporarily absent from their jobs</i>	22.6 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>	2.3 million
Civilian Labor Force — <i>The sum of employed and unemployed people</i>	24.9 million
Not in the Labor Force — <i>People over the age of 16 classified as neither employed nor unemployed</i>	12.7 million
Unemployment Rate — <i>Share of the labor force that is unemployed</i>	9.3%
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>	60.1%

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 September 6, 2013), Table A-3.

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