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The Unemployment Situation on Guam: March 2019

The Unemployment rate in Guam for March 2019 was 4.3 percent, an increase of 0.7 percentage points from the September 2018 figure of 3.6 percent and a decrease of 0.1 percentage points from the March 2018 figure one year earlier of 4.4 percent.

The total number of persons unemployed in March 2019 was 3,120, which is virtually unchanged from one year ago..

Guam's population covered by the survey, 16 years of age and over in March 2019 was 123,060, which shows an increase of 340 since March 2018.

The unemployment rate went down very marginally reflecting an increase in the number of persons employed over the year. The number of persons Not in the Labor Force decreased by 1,760 from 51,460 in September 2018 to 49,700 in March 2018. For the March 2019 survey period, 2,380 persons, or five percent, in the Not in the Labor Force category indicated that they wanted a job but did not look for work for a variety of reasons. Whereas, 95 percent in the Not in the Labor Force category indicated that they did not want a job during the survey period.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Data on labor force, employment, and unemployment are derived from the sample survey of households conducted by the Bureau of Labor Statistics in its Current Labor Force Statistics program. These periodic surveys of the population are conducted with a scientifically selected sample of households designed to represent the civilian non-institutional population. Respondents are interviewed to obtain information about the employment status of each member of the household 16 years of age and over. The inquiry relates to activity or status during the calendar week, Sunday through Saturday, which includes the 12th of the month. This is known as the survey week. Actual field interviewing is conducted in the following weeks.

Inmates of institutions, members of the Armed Forces, civilian living in military installations and housings, persons under 16 years of age, and nonimmigrant aliens are not covered in the periodic enumerations and are excluded from this report. Included in this report are citizens of the Federated States of Micronesia, and the Republic of Marshall Islands, who are authorized by the Compact of Free Association to accept employment in the United States and also, citizens of the Republic of Palau which are authorized to accept employment through the Covenant with the U.S. in October 1994.

Employed persons comprise (a) all those within the scope of the survey who, during the survey week did any work at all as paid employees, in their own business, profession, or farm or who worked 15 hours or more as unpaid workers in an enterprise operated by a member of the family, and (b) all those were not working but who had jobs or business from which they were absent because of illness, bad weather, vacation, labor-management dispute, or personal reasons, whether or not they were paid by their employers for the time off, and whether or not they were seeking other jobs.

Each employed person is counted only once. For those who hold more than one job, the job which they worked the greatest number of hours during the reference period is the one counted.

Excluded are persons whose only activity consisted of work around the house (such as, own home housework, and painting or repairing own home) or volunteer work for religious, charitable, and similar organizations.

Unemployed persons comprise of all persons within the scope of the survey, who did not work during the survey week, who made specific efforts to find a job within the past 4 weeks, and who were available for work during the survey week (except for temporary illness). Also included as unemployed are those who did not work at all, were available for work, and (a) were waiting to be called back to a job from which they were laid off; or (b) were waiting to report to a new wage or salary job within 30 days.

The **civilian labor force** comprises the total of all civilians as employed or unemployed in accordance with the criteria described above.

Not in the labor force includes all civilians within the scope of the survey 16 years and over who are not classified as employed or unemployed. Persons doing only incidental unpaid family work (less than 15 hours) are also classified as not in the labor force.

Reliability of the estimates Statistics based on the household and establishment surveys are subject to both sampling and nonsampling error. When a sample, rather than the entire population, is surveyed, there is a chance that the sample estimates may differ from the true population values they represent.

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TABLE 1. HIGHLIGHTS OF THE EMPLOYMENT SITUATION ON GUAM: MARCH 2019

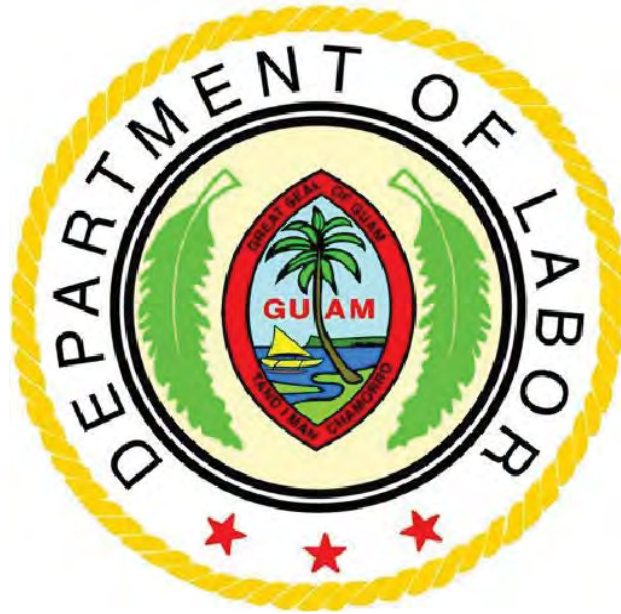
SELECTED CATEGORIES	Jun 2017	Sep 2017	Mar 2018	Jun 2018	Sep 2018	Mar 2019
Total Civilian Population						
16 years of age and over	122,440	122,540	122,720	122,890	122,950	123,060
Civilian Labor Force	73,900	71,600	71,060	73,510	71,490	73,360
Total Employed	70,570	67,470	67,960	70,980	69,300	70,240
Adult women	30,870	31,490	31,110	30,690	32,160	32,190
Adult men	38,690	34,540	35,470	39,280	34,940	36,680
Teenagers	1,010	1,440	1,380	1,010	2,190	1,370
Household Heads	25,500	26,270	26,400	25,770	28,950	27,330
Full-time workers	60,710	59,550	59,240	61,630	60,970	61,990
Part-time workers	9,860	7,910	8,730	9,350	8,330	8,250
U.S. Citizens	52,020	50,730	53,380	55,830	54,530	54,650
Immigrant aliens	18,550	16,730	14,580	15,160	14,770	15,590
Veterans	5,650	3,060	5,170	5,560	5,120	4,590
Total Unemployed	3,330	4,130	3,100	2,530	2,580	3,120
Not in the Labor Force	48,540	50,940	51,660	49,380	51,460	49,700

UNEMPLOYMENT RATES%						
All Workers	4.5	5.8	4.4	3.8	3.6	4.3
Adult women	3.6	3.8	1.8	2.7	2.1	3.3
Adult men	4.6	6.7	5.5	4.1	4.7	4.2
Teenagers	22.2	23.7	25.0	22.2	7.3	19.5
Household Heads	2.8	4.0	2.5	2.7	0.6	2.0
Full-time workers	5.0	5.6	4.4	3.5	4.1	4.2
Part-time workers	1.5	7.2	3.8	5.7	5.4	4.3
U.S. Citizens	4.8	4.4	3.5	3.9	3.6	4.2
Immigrants Aliens	3.8	9.9	7.3	3.5	3.4	4.5

TABLE 2. EMPLOYMENT SITUATION AND JOB DESIRE OF PERSONS OUTSIDE THE CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE AND REASON NOT SEEKING WORK: MARCH 2019

CATEGORIES	Jun 2017	Sep 2017	Mar 2018	Jun 2018	Sep 2018	Mar 2019
Not in the Labor Force	48,540	50,940	51,660	49,380	51,460	49,700
Did not want a job during survey period	43,030	48,270	49,130	4,534	49,850	47,320
Want job during survey period but did not look for work	5,510	2,670	2,530	4,040	1,610	2,380
Reasons for not looking for work:						
Believe no job available	730	180	690	760	300	550
Cannot find work	1,740	180	230	130	50	370
School attendance	1,160	530	120	630	250	370
Family Responsibility	1,160	890	460	1,390	560	550
Cannot arrange child care	290	530	230	380	150	-
Others	1,160	890	1,260	1,390	560	1,110

NOTES: Sum of details may not equal totals due to rounding. Respondents may list more than one reason for not looking for work. For coverage of survey and definitions, refer to EXPLANATORY NOTE.



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