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The Unemployment Situation on Guam: December 2019

The Unemployment rate in Guam for December 2019 was 6.1 percent, an increase of 2.5 percentage points from the September 2019 figure of 3.6 percent and up 1.8 percent from the March 2019 figure three quarters earlier.

The total number of persons unemployed in December 2019 was 4,670, which shows an increase in the latest quarter and over the figure of three quarters earlier.

Guam's population covered by the survey, 16 years of age and over in September 2019 was 123,380, which shows an increase of 80, in the latest quarter.

The unemployment rate in December 2019 reflected an increase in the number of persons unemployed since September 2019 and a decrease in the number of persons counted in the Not in the Labor Force category. The number of persons Not in the Labor Force decreased from 49,700 in March 2019 to 47,270 in December 2019.

Increased Labor Force participation increased both the reported employment and unemployment figures for December 2019. More persons previously counted in the Not in the Labor Force category were looking for work and working.

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: DECEMBER 2019

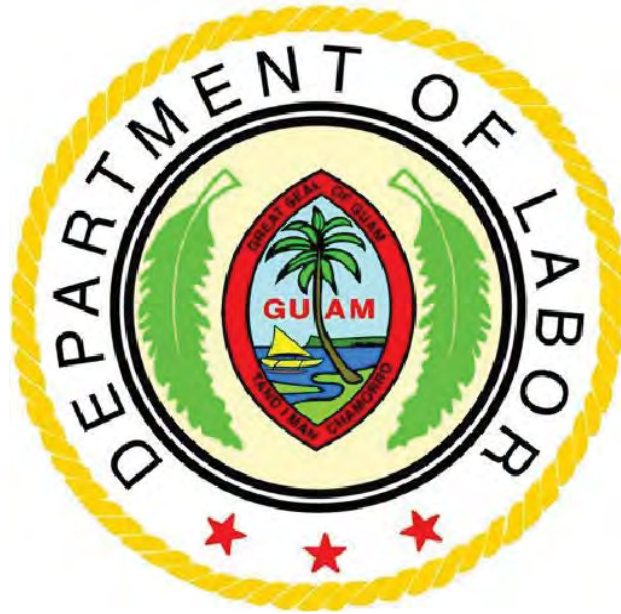
SELECTED CATEGORIES	Jun 2018	Sep 2018	Mar 2019	Jun 2019	Sep 2019	Dec 2019
Total Civilian Population						
16 years of age and over	122,890	122,950	123,060	123,160	123,300	123,380
Civilian Labor Force	73,510	71,490	73,360	69,790	70,590	76,110
Total Employed	70,980	69,300	70,240	66,940	68,370	71,440
Adult women	30,690	32,160	32,190	28,200	31,330	30,950
Adult men	39,280	34,940	36,680	37,660	36,120	38,370
Teenagers	1,010	2,190	1,370	1,070	920	2,120
Household Heads	25,770	28,950	27,330	25,880	28,570	27,350
Full-time workers	61,630	60,970	61,990	58,010	61,920	62,110
Part-time workers	9,350	8,330	8,250	8,930	6,450	9,330
U.S. Citizens	55,830	54,530	54,650	49,800	55,470	53,420
Immigrant aliens	15,160	14,770	15,590	17,140	12,900	18,020
Veterans	5,560	5,120	4,590	4,640	5,900	3,180
Total Unemployed	2,530	2,580	3,120	2,680	2,580	4,670
Not in the Labor Force	49,380	51,460	49,700	53,370	52,710	47,270

UNEMPLOYMENT RATES%						
All Workers	3.8	3.6	4.3	4.6	3.6	6.1
Adult women	2.7	2.1	3.3	3.3	3.4	3.9
Adult men	4.1	4.7	4.2	3.7	2.3	6.2
Teenagers	22.2	7.3	19.5	12.9	43.9	28.6
Household Heads	2.7	0.6	2.0	3.6	4.3	3.0
Full-time workers	3.5	4.1	4.2	4.0	2.1	5.8
Part-time workers	5.7	5.4	4.3	1.8	17.1	8.3
U.S. Citizens	3.9	3.6	4.2	4.1	3.2	6.0
Immigrants Aliens	3.5	3.4	4.5	2.7	2.8	6.6

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

CATEGORIES	Jun 2018	Sep 2018	Mar 2019	Jun 2019	Sep 2019	Dec 2019
Not in the Labor Force	49,380	51,460	49,700	53,370	52,710	47,270
Did not want a job during survey period	45,340	49,850	47,320	50,520	51,420	36,880
Want job during survey period but did not look for work	4,040	1,610	2,380	2,860	1,290	10,390
Reasons for not looking for work:						
Believe no job available	760	300	550	540	-	210
Cannot find work	130	50	370	710	550	1,270
School attendance	630	250	370	360	370	2,540
Family Responsibility	1,390	560	550	1,070	370	3,820
Cannot arrange child care	380	150	-	540	180	2,330
Others	1,390	560	1,110	1,070	550	3,820

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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