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The Unemployment Situation on Guam: December 2020

The Unemployment rate in Guam for December 2020 was 19.4 percent, an increase of 1.5 percentage points from the September 2020 figure of 17.9 percent and up 13.3 percentage points from the December 2019 figure one year earlier.

The total number of persons unemployed in December 2020 was 13,850, which shows an increase over the figure of 4,670 one year earlier.

Guam's population covered by the survey, 16 years of age and over in December 2020 was 123,750, which shows an increase of 150, compared to September 2020.

The unemployment rate in December 2020 reflected an increase in the number of persons unemployed since December 2019 and an increase in the number of persons counted in the Not in the Labor Force category. The number of persons Not in the Labor Force increased from 47,270 in December 2019 to 52,390 in December 2020.

Decreased Labor Force participation was associated with both the reported employment reductions and unemployment increases over the year.

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 2020

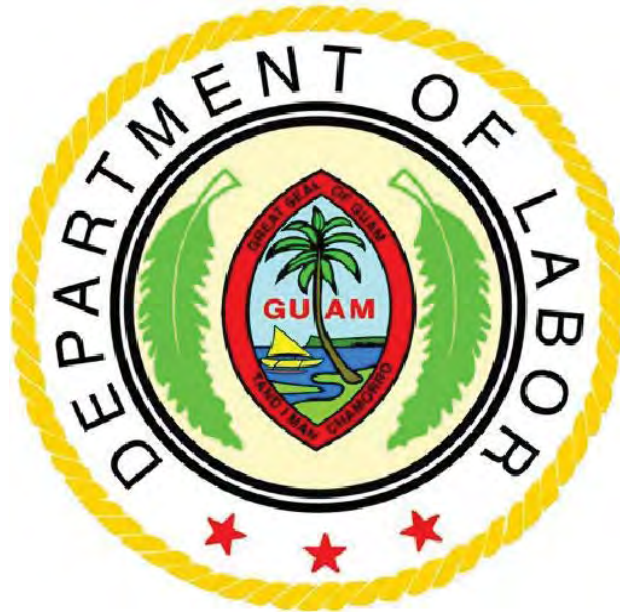
SELECTED CATEGORIES	Jun 2019	Sep 2019	Dec 2019	Jun 2020	Sep 2020	Dec 2020
Total Civilian Population						
16 years of age and over	123,160	123,300	123,380	123,560	123,600	123,750
Civilian Labor Force	69,790	70,590	76,110	74,640	70,620	71,360
Total Employed	66,940	68,370	71,440	61,750	57,970	57,510
Adult women	28,200	31,330	30,950	26,060	27,400	25,600
Adult men	37,660	36,120	38,370	34,750	29,660	31,010
Teenagers	1,070	920	2,120	940	910	900
Household Heads	25,880	28,570	27,350	22,970	24,680	20,170
Full-time workers	58,010	61,920	62,110	52,750	50,050	48,780
Part-time workers	8,930	6,450	9,330	9,000	7,920	8,730
U.S. Citizens	49,800	55,470	53,420	50,890	51,180	43,960
Immigrant aliens	17,140	12,900	18,020	10,860	6,790	13,550
Veterans	4,640	5,900	3,180	4,040	5,430	3,920
Total Unemployed	2,680	2,580	4,670	12,890	12,650	13,850
Not in the Labor Force	53,370	52,710	47,270	48,920	52,980	52,390

UNEMPLOYMENT RATES%						
All Workers	4.6	3.6	6.1	17.3	17.9	19.4
Adult women	3.3	3.4	3.9	18.6	18.8	15.8
Adult men	3.7	2.3	6.2	16.0	16.6	22.0
Teenagers	12.9	43.9	28.6	26.4	33.4	25.0
Household Heads	3.6	4.3	3.0	13.6	13.5	17.3
Full-time workers	4.0	2.1	5.8	14.9	16.3	18.2
Part-time workers	1.8	17.1	8.3	29.0	27.1	25.6
U.S. Citizens	4.1	3.2	6.0	15.4	16.9	18.9
Immigrants Aliens	2.7	2.8	6.6	25.2	25.0	21.1

TABLE 2. EMPLOYMENT SITUATION AND JOB DESIRE OF PERSONS OUTSIDE THE CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE AND REASON NOT SEEKING WORK: SEPTEMBER 2020

CATEGORIES	Jun 2019	Sep 2019	Dec 2019	Jun 2020	Sep 2020	Dec 2020
Not in the Labor Force	53,370	52,710	47,270	48,920	52,980	52,390
Did not want a job during survey period	50,520	51,420	36,880	47,040	49,580	45,160
Want job during survey period but did not look for work	2,860	1,290	10,390	1,880	3,400	7,230
Reasons for not looking for work:						
Believe no job available	540	-	210	310	230	1,200
Cannot find work	710	550	1,270	-	450	600
School attendance	360	370	2,540	-	680	2,710
Family Responsibility	1,070	370	3,820	620	910	4,220
Cannot arrange child care	540	180	2,330	310	230	900
Others	1,070	550	3,820	1,250	1,810	2,410

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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