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The Unemployment Situation on Guam: December 2021

The unemployment rate in Guam for December 2021 was 7.2 percent, a decrease of 0.9 percentage points from the September 2021 figure of 8.1 percent, and a reduction of 12.2 percentage points from December 2020, but up 3.6 percentage points from the September 2019 figure pre-pandemic.

The total number of persons unemployed in December 2021 was 5,190, a decrease in the latest quarter, but remains well above the figure of 2,580 in September 2019.

Guam's population covered by the survey, 16 years of age and over in December 2021 was 124,120.

The December 2021 unemployment rate reflected a decrease in the number of persons unemployed since December 2021 due to an increase in employment and persons no longer looking for work contracting the labor force. The number of persons not in the labor force decreased in the latest quarter from 54,190 in September 2021 to 51,950 in December 2021.

The labor force participation rate, the civilian labor force as a fraction of the civilian population age 16 years of age and over, increased to 58.1 percent in December 2021 from 56.3 percent in September 2021.

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 2021

SELECTED CATEGORIES	Sep 2020	Dec 2020	Mar 2021	Jun 2021	Sep 2021	Dec 2021
Total Civilian Population						
16 years of age and over	123,600	123,750	123,830	123,900	124,110	124,120
Civilian Labor Force	70,620	71,360	76,690	71,250	69,920	72,170
Total Employed	57,970	57,510	64,030	63,070	64,260	66,980
Adult women	27,400	25,600	27,640	27,030	31,820	32,300
Adult men	29,660	31,010	36,390	35,000	32,130	33,660
Teenagers	910	900	1,060	1,040	310	1,020
Household Heads	24,680	20,170	25,680	23,220	25,830	24,820
Full-time workers	50,050	48,780	55,230	52,330	52,920	60,180
Part-time workers	7,920	8,730	8,800	10,740	11,340	6,800
U.S. Citizens	51,180	43,960	52,070	52,330	57,010	51,340
Immigrant aliens	6,790	13,550	11,960	10,740	7,250	15,640
Veterans	5,430	3,920	4,930	4,510	5,670	4,420
Total Unemployed	12,650	13,850	12,660	8,150	5,660	5,190
Not in the Labor Force	52,980	52,390	47,140	52,650	54,190	51,950

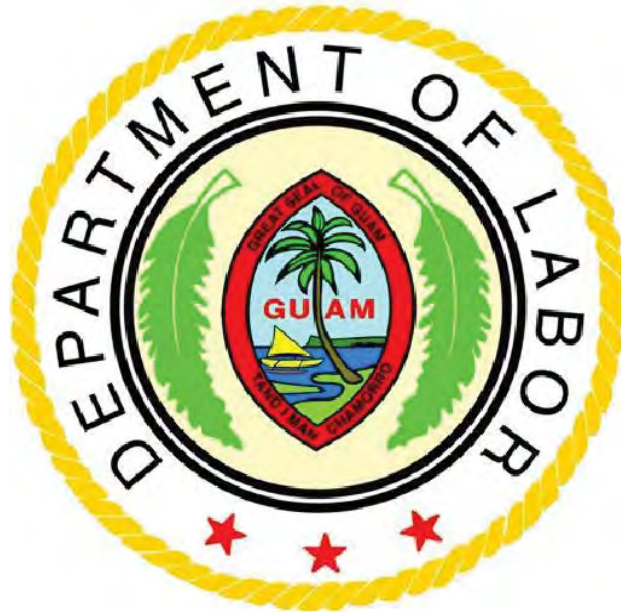
UNEMPLOYMENT RATES%

All Workers	17.9	19.4	16.5	11.4	8.1	7.2
Adult women	18.8	15.8	15.7	7.9	6.8	1.2
Adult men	16.6	22.0	20.1	13.5	4.2	8.8
Teenagers	33.4	25.0	25.0	27.7	80.0	66.7
Household Heads	13.5	17.3	11.0	7.7	1.7	6.1
Full-time workers	16.3	18.2	17.4	12.4	8.1	6.2
Part-time workers	27.1	25.6	10.7	6.8	7.7	15.2
U.S. Citizens	16.9	18.9	17.8	11.2	8.2	8.6
Immigrants Aliens	25.0	21.1	10.5	12.6	6.1	2.5

TABLE 2. EMPLOYMENT SITUATION AND JOB DESIRE OF PERSONS OUTSIDE THE CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE AND REASON NOT SEEKING WORK: December 2021

CATEGORIES	Sep 2020	Dec 2020	Mar 2021	Jun 2021	Sep 2021	Dec 2021
Not in the Labor Force	52,980	52,390	47,140	52,650	54,190	51,950
Did not want a job during survey period	49,580	45,160	42,920	48,440	50,410	48,550
Want job during survey period but did not look for work	3,400	7,230	4,220	4,210	3,780	3,400
Reasons for not looking for work:						
Believe no job available	230	1,200	350	-	950	680
Cannot find work	450	600	350	-	950	680
School attendance	680	2,710	700	1,400	630	
Family Responsibility	910	4,220	1,410	700	1,260	2,380
Cannot arrange child care	230	900	1,060	350	-	340
Others	1,810	2,410	2,460	2,460	2,200	1,360

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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