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## **The Unemployment Situation on Guam: September 2013**

The Unemployment rate in Guam for September 2013 was 10.0 percent, a decrease of 4.6 percentage points from the seasonally higher June 2013 figure of 14.6 percent and a decrease of 0.9 percentage points from the 10.9 percent figure for the comparable time period in September 2012.

The total number of persons unemployed in September 2013 was 7,160, which shows a decrease of 810 from the comparable period of one year ago in September 2012.

The unemployment rate went down in September 2013, reflecting a seasonal decrease in the number of persons unemployed from June 2013. In comparison to the prior years figures there was an increase in the number of persons in the Not in the Labor Force category. For the September 2013 survey period, 6,570 persons or 13 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, 87 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.

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**TABLE 1. HIGHLIGHTS OF THE EMPLOYMENT SITUATION ON GUAM: SEPTEMBER 2013**

<b>SELECTED CATEGORIES</b>	<b>Jun 2012</b>	<b>Sep 2012<sup>R</sup></b>	<b>Dec 2012</b>	<b>Mar 2013</b>	<b>Jun 2013</b>	<b>Sep 2013</b>
Total Civilian Population						
16 years of age and over	120,910	121,140	121,340	121,120	120,620	121,340
Civilian Labor Force	72,890	72,980	72,560	73,170	70,420	71,430
Total Employed	62,700	65,010	64,770	63,440	62,110	64,270
Adult women	27,620	28,100	30,190	28,960	28,690	29,650
Adult men	32,970	34,790	32,980	33,140	32,240	32,960
Teenagers	2,110	2,120	1,600	1,350	1,180	1,660
Household Heads	25,520	25,770	27,190	25,860	23,070	25,510
Full-time workers	50,620	54,440	52,370	49,700	49,100	52,180
Part-time workers	12,090	10,570	12,390	13,740	13,010	12,090
U.S. Citizens	50,110	54,660	49,980	47,150	48,360	50,520
Immigrant aliens	12,590	10,350	14,793	16,300	13,750	13,750
Veterans	3,410	3,950	4,800	3,370	2,510	2,790
Total Unemployed	10,190	7,970	7,800	9,730	10,310	7,160
Not in the Labor Force	48,020	48,160	48,780	47,950	50,200	49,910

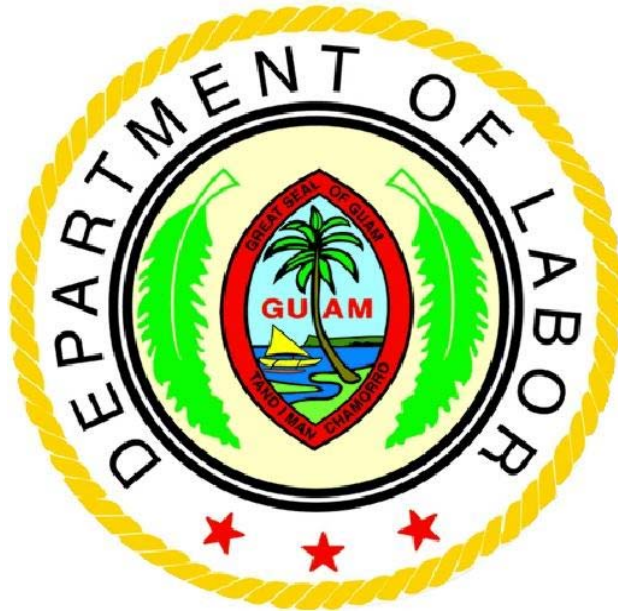
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<b>UNEMPLOYMENT RATES%</b>						
All Workers	14.0	10.9	10.7	13.3	14.6	10.0
Adult women	11.7	8.8	9.6	12.6	14.0	8.4
Adult men	14.5	10.8	9.3	10.2	11.0	8.4
Teenagers	30.5	31.5	42.8	56.5	66.6	44.0
Household Heads	9.4	6.3	6.2	6.3	8.5	6.2
Full-time workers	14.8	11.2	11.5	14.2	16.3	10.7
Part-time workers	10.2	9.3	7.5	9.7	8.5	7.1
U.S. Citizens	13.9	11.2	9.4	12.9	14.2	10.5
Immigrants Aliens	14.2	9.1	14.9	14.2	16.3	8.2

**TABLE 2. EMPLOYMENT SITUATION AND JOB DESIRE OF PERSONS OUTSIDE THE CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE AND REASON NOT SEEKING WORK: SEPTEMBER 2013**

<b>CATEGORIES</b>	<b>Jun 2012</b>	<b>Sep 2012</b>	<b>Dec 2012</b>	<b>Mar 2013</b>	<b>Jun 2013</b>	<b>Sep 2013</b>
Not in the Labor Force	48,020	48,160	48,780	47,950	50,200	49,910
Did not want a job during survey period	38,560	39,970	36,380	38,200	43,650	43,340
Want job during survey period but did not look for work	9,460	8,190	12,390	9,750	6,550	6,570
Reasons for not looking for work:						
Believe no job available	-	490	200	625	290	160
Cannot find work	780	490	1,200	1,040	730	660
School attendance	2,870	3,270	5,000	4,850	2,770	3,120
Family Responsibility	3,080	2,950	4,000	2,890	1,600	1,310
Cannot arrange child care	1,030	660	1,400	500	580	660
Others	2,400	1,960	2,800	1,800	870	660

**NOTES:** Sum of details may not equal totals due to rounding. For coverage of survey and definitions, refer to EXPLANATORY NOTE.



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