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

The Unemployment rate in Guam for June 2013 was 14.6 percent, an increase of 1.3 percentage points from the March 2013 figure of 13.3 percent and an increase of 0.5 percentage points from the 14.0 percent figure for the comparable time period in June 2012.

The total number of persons unemployed in June 2013 was 10,310, which is little changed since comparable period of one year ago in June 2012.

The unemployment rate went up reflecting a slight decrease in the number of persons employed and a slight increase in the number of persons in the unemployed category. The number of persons Not in the Labor Force increased by 2,180 from 48,020 in June 2012 to 50,200 in June 2013. For the June 2013 survey period, 6,550 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: JUNE 2013**

<b>SELECTED CATEGORIES</b>	<b>Mar 2012</b>	<b>Jun 2012</b>	<b>Sep 2012</b>	<b>Dec 2012</b>	<b>Mar 2013</b>	<b>Jun 2013</b>
Total Civilian Population						
16 years of age and over	120,810	120,910	121,140	121,340	121,120	120,620
Civilian Labor Force	68,400	72,890	72,980	72,560	73,170	70,420
Total Employed	60,340	62,700	65,010	64,770	63,440	62,110
Adult women	28,320	27,620	27,050	30,190	28,960	28,690
Adult men	30,790	32,970	33,480	32,980	33,140	32,240
Teenagers	1,440	2,110	2,040	1,600	1,350	1,180
Household Heads	25,320	25,520	24,800	27,190	25,860	23,070
Full-time workers	50,920	50,620	52,380	52,370	49,700	49,100
Part-time workers	9,460	12,090	9,960	12,390	13,740	13,010
U.S. Citizens	47,070	50,110	52,600	49,980	47,150	48,360
Immigrant aliens	13,230	12,590	9,960	14,793	16,300	13,750
Veterans	4,350	3,410	3,800	4,800	3,370	2,510
Total Unemployed	8,060	10,190	7,970	7,800	9,730	10,310
Not in the Labor Force	52,410	48,020	48,160	48,780	47,950	50,200

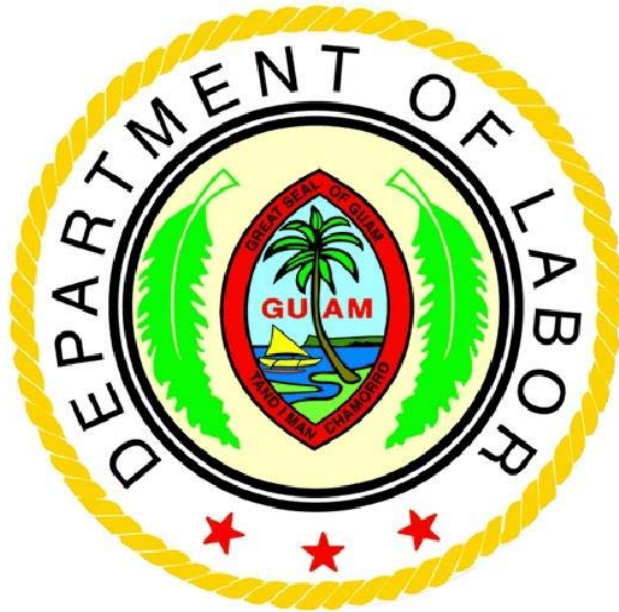
<b>UNEMPLOYMENT RATES%</b>						
All Workers	11.8	14.0	10.9	10.7	13.3	14.6
Adult women	12.0	11.7	8.8	9.6	12.6	14.0
Adult men	10.5	14.5	10.8	9.3	10.2	11.0
Teenagers	34.5	30.5	31.5	42.8	56.5	66.6
Household Heads	7.2	9.4	6.3	6.2	6.3	8.5
Full-time workers	11.9	14.8	11.2	11.5	14.2	16.3
Part-time workers	11.5	10.2	9.3	7.5	9.7	8.5
U.S. Citizens	11.0	13.9	11.2	9.4	12.9	14.2
Immigrants Aliens	14.8	14.2	9.1	14.9	14.2	16.3
Veterans	8.0	11.1	7.7	*****	10.7	*****

NOTE: \*\*\*\*\*Data not available.

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

<b>CATEGORIES</b>	<b>Mar 2012</b>	<b>Jun 2012</b>	<b>Sep 2012</b>	<b>Dec 2012</b>	<b>Mar 2013</b>	<b>Jun 2013</b>
Not in the Labor Force	52,410	48,020	48,160	48,780	47,950	50,200
Did not want a job during survey period	41,960	38,560	39,970	36,380	38,200	43,650
Want job during survey period but did not look for work	10,450	9,460	8,190	12,390	9,750	6,550
Reasons for not looking for work:						
Believe no job available	670	-	490	200	625	290
Cannot find work	1,110	780	490	1,200	1,040	730
School attendance	5,200	2,870	3,270	5,000	4,850	2,770
Family Responsibility	3,100	3,080	2,950	4,000	2,890	1,600
Cannot arrange child care	530	1,030	660	1,400	500	580
Others	1,930	2,400	1,960	2,800	1,800	870

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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