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The Unemployment Situation on Guam: March 2013

The Unemployment rate in Guam for March 2013 was 13.3 percent, an increase of 2.6 percentage points from the December 2012 figure of 10.7 percent and an increase of 1.5 percentage points from the March 2012 figure of 11.8 percent. The March 2013 unemployment rate was unchanged in the comparison with the March 2011 period, two years ago.

The total number of persons unemployed in March 2013 was 9,730, which shows an increase of 1,670 since the comparable period of one year ago in March 2012. The unemployment rate went up reflecting an increase in the number in the labor force and an increase in the number of persons unemployed in the category.

The number of persons Not in the Labor Force decreased by 830 from 48,780 in December 2012 to 47,950 in March 2013. For the March 2013 survey period, 9,750 persons, or 20 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, 80 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: MARCH 2013

SELECTED CATEGORIES	Mar 2011	Mar 2012	Jun 2012	Sep 2012	Dec 2012	Mar 2013
Total Civilian Population						
16 years of age and over	119,720	120,810	120,910	121,140	121,340	121,120
Civilian Labor Force	74,950	68,400	72,890	72,980	72,560	73,170
Total Employed	64,970	60,340	62,700	65,010	64,770	63,440
Adult women	29,010	28,320	27,620	27,050	30,190	28,960
Adult men	34,110	30,790	32,970	33,480	32,980	33,140
Teenagers	1,860	1,440	2,110	2,040	1,600	1,350
Household Heads	26,860	25,320	25,520	24,800	27,190	25,860
Full-time workers	54,450	50,920	50,620	52,380	52,370	49,700
Part-time workers	10,520	9,460	12,090	9,960	12,390	13,740
U.S. Citizens	51,470	47,070	50,110	52,600	49,980	47,150
Immigrant aliens	13,500	13,230	12,590	9,960	14,793	16,300
Veterans	4,150	4,350	3,410	3,800	4,800	3,370
Total Unemployed	9,970	8,060	10,190	7,970	7,800	9,730
Not in the Labor Force	44,770	52,410	48,020	48,160	48,780	47,950

UNEMPLOYMENT RATES%						
All Workers	13.3	11.8	14.0	10.9	10.7	13.3
Adult women	14.8	12.0	11.7	8.8	9.6	12.6
Adult men	10.0	10.5	14.5	10.8	9.3	10.2
Teenagers	38.6	34.5	30.5	31.5	42.8	56.5
Household Heads	8.7	7.2	9.4	6.3	6.2	6.3
Full-time workers	13.4	11.9	14.8	11.2	11.5	14.2
Part-time workers	12.9	11.5	10.2	9.3	7.5	9.7
U.S. Citizens	12.4	11.0	13.9	11.2	9.4	12.9
Immigrants Aliens	16.4	14.8	14.2	9.1	14.9	14.2
Veterans	3.0	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: MARCH 2013

CATEGORIES	Mar 2011	Mar 2012	Jun 2012	Sep 2012	Dec 2012	Mar 2013
Not in the Labor Force	44,770	52,410	48,020	48,160	48,780	47,950
Did not want a job during survey period	35,450	41,960	38,560	39,970	36,380	38,200
Want job during survey period but did not look for work	9,320	10,450	9,460	8,190	12,390	9,750
Reasons for not looking for work:						
Believe no job available	550	670	-	490	200	625
Cannot find work	1,380	1,110	780	490	1,200	1,040
School attendance	2,620	5,200	2,870	3,270	5,000	4,850
Family Responsibility	2,080	3,100	3,080	2,950	4,000	2,890
Cannot arrange child care	1,060	530	1,030	660	1,400	500
Others	2,840	1,930	2,400	1,960	2,800	1,800

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