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The Unemployment Situation on Guam: March 2011

The Unemployment rate in Guam for March 2011 was 13.3 percent, an increase of 4.0 percentage points from the September 2009 figure of 9.3 percent and an increase of 5.0 percentage points from the September 2007 figure of 8.3 percent.

The total number of persons unemployed in March 2011 was 9,970, an increase of 3,460 from the most recent previous survey of September 2009, in which 6,510 were unemployed.

While the unemployment rate went up reflecting an increased number of persons unemployed, the number of persons employed over the latest period shows an increase from 63,800 to 64,970. Guam's population covered by the survey, 16 years of age and over, has been steadily growing. It increased from an estimated 114,000 in September 2009 to 119,720 in March 2011. The increased civilian population and labor force has resulted in a combination of increased numbers of people in the Employed, Unemployed and Not in the Labor Force categories. The number of persons not in the labor force increased by 1,090 from 43,680 in September 2009 to 44,770 in March 2011. For the March 2011 survey period, 9,320 persons in the Not in the Labor Force category indicated they wanted a job but did not look for work for a variety of reasons.

Comparisons of the September 2009 to March 2011 periods show that the unemployment rate generally increased between 2.0 to 10.0 percent for nearly all categories, except for Veterans, which showed a decrease from 9.0 percent to 7.3 percent.

TABLE 1. HIGHLIGHTS OF THE EMPLOYMENT SITUATION ON GUAM: MARCH 2011

| SELECTED CATEGORIES | Sep 2006 | Sep 2007 | Sep 2009 | Mar 2011 |
|----------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Total Civilian Population | | | | |
| 16 years of age and over | 106,310 | 110,090 | 114,000 | 119,720 |
| Civilian Labor Force | 66,450 | 63,600 | 70,310 | 74,950 |
| Total Employed | 61,520 | 58,290 | 63,800 | 64,970 |
| Adult women | 26,670 | 24,240 | 27,530 | 29,010 |
| Adult men | 32,090 | 31,760 | 34,220 | 34,110 |
| Teenagers | 2,760 | 2,300 | 2,060 | 1,860 |
| Household Heads | 25,500 | 25,030 | 28,870 | 26,860 |
| Full-time workers | 53,550 | 51,400 | 55,280 | 54,450 |
| Part-time workers | 7,920 | 6,890 | 8,530 | 10,520 |
| U.S. Citizens | 45,370 | 43,960 | 48,960 | 51,470 |
| Immigrant aliens | 16,150 | 14,340 | 14,850 | 13,500 |
| Veterans | 3,510 | 4,200 | 4,150 | 4,150 |
| Total Unemployed | 4,890 | 5,310 | 6,510 | 9,970 |
| Not in the Labor Force | 39,900 | 46,490 | 43,680 | 44,770 |

| UNEMPLOYMENT RATES% | | | | |
|----------------------------|------|------|------|------|
| All Workers | 7.4 | 8.3 | 9.3 | 13.3 |
| Adult women | 6.4 | 7.8 | 9.1 | 14.8 |
| Adult men | 5.6 | 6.3 | 7.9 | 10.0 |
| Teenagers | 29.8 | 32.6 | 28.6 | 38.6 |
| Household Heads | 5.1 | 5.1 | 5.7 | 8.7 |
| Full-time workers | 7.4 | 8.1 | 9.2 | 13.4 |
| Part-time workers | 6.8 | 10.3 | 9.5 | 12.9 |
| U.S. Citizens | 7.8 | 8.0 | 8.1 | 12.4 |
| Immigrants Aliens | 6.2 | 9.5 | 12.7 | 16.4 |
| Veterans | 3.0 | 3.6 | 9.0 | 7.3 |

TABLE 2. EMPLOYMENT SITUATION AND JOB DESIRE OF PERSONS OUTSIDE THE CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE AND REASON NOT SEEKING WORK: MARCH 2011

| CATEGORIES | Sep 2006 | Sep 2007 | Sep 2009 | Mar 2011 |
|---|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Not in the Labor Force | 39,900 | 46,490 | 43,220 | 44,770 |
| Did not want a job during survey period | 35,060 | 37,620 | 37,000 | 35,450 |
| Want job during survey period but did not look for work | 4,840 | 8,870 | 3,220 | 9,320 |
| Reasons for not looking for work: | | | | |
| Believe no job available | 210 | 240 | 150 | 550 |
| Cannot find work | 580 | 2,850 | 960 | 1,380 |
| School attendance | 900 | 3,490 | 2,260 | 2,620 |
| Family Responsibility | 960 | 1,660 | 960 | 2,080 |
| Cannot arrange child care | 430 | 1,430 | 480 | 1,060 |
| Others | 1,010 | 1,270 | 1,890 | 2,840 |

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

Table 3. Employment Status of Civilian Noninstitutional Population 16 Years & Over by Age and Sex: March 2011

| | Total Civilian Population | Civilian Labor Force | | | | | | Not in the Labor Force | |
|------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|-------|----------|-------|------------|-------|------------------------|-------|
| | | Total | % | Employed | % | Unemployed | % | Total | % |
| BOTH SEXES | | | | | | | | | |
| Total 16 years & above | 119,720 | 74,950 | 62.6% | 64,970 | 86.7% | 9,970 | 13.3% | 44,770 | 37.4% |
| 16 -17 years | 6,950 | 690 | 9.9% | 360 | 52.2% | 330 | 47.8% | 6,260 | 90.1% |
| 18 - 19 years | 5,860 | 2,330 | 39.8% | 1,490 | 63.9% | 840 | 36.1% | 3,530 | 60.2% |
| 20 - 24 years | 10,880 | 7,900 | 72.6% | 5,860 | 74.2% | 2,040 | 25.8% | 2,990 | 27.5% |
| 25 - 34 years | 21,480 | 16,160 | 75.2% | 13,500 | 83.5% | 2,660 | 16.5% | 5,310 | 24.7% |
| 35 - 44 years | 22,970 | 18,380 | 80.0% | 16,380 | 89.1% | 2,000 | 10.9% | 4,590 | 20.0% |
| 45 - 59 years | 30,250 | 22,310 | 73.8% | 20,780 | 93.1% | 1,530 | 6.9% | 7,940 | 26.2% |
| 60 years & above | 21,330 | 7,170 | 33.6% | 6,590 | 91.9% | 580 | 8.1% | 14,160 | 66.4% |

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|------------------------|--------|--------|-------|--------|-------|-------|-------|--------|-------|
| FEMALES | | | | | | | | | |
| Total 16 years & above | 62,860 | 35,530 | 56.5% | 29,960 | 84.3% | 5,570 | 15.7% | 27,340 | 43.5% |
| 16 -17 years | 3,200 | 400 | 12.5% | 220 | 55.0% | 180 | 45.0% | 2,800 | 87.5% |
| 18 - 19 years | 2,950 | 1,090 | 36.9% | 730 | 67.0% | 360 | 33.0% | 1,860 | 63.1% |
| 20 - 24 years | 5,900 | 3,900 | 66.1% | 2,880 | 73.8% | 1,020 | 26.2% | 2,000 | 33.9% |
| 25 - 34 years | 11,430 | 7,720 | 67.5% | 6,120 | 79.3% | 1,600 | 20.7% | 3,710 | 32.5% |
| 35 - 44 years | 11,900 | 8,700 | 73.1% | 7,540 | 86.7% | 1,170 | 13.4% | 3,200 | 26.9% |
| 45 - 59 years | 15,980 | 10,850 | 67.9% | 9,900 | 91.2% | 950 | 8.8% | 5,130 | 32.1% |
| 60 years & above | 11,500 | 2,880 | 25.0% | 2,580 | 89.6% | 290 | 10.1% | 8,630 | 75.0% |

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|------------------------|--------|--------|-------|--------|-------|-------|-------|--------|-------|
| MALES | | | | | | | | | |
| Total 16 years & above | 56,860 | 39,420 | 69.3% | 35,020 | 88.8% | 4,400 | 11.2% | 17,440 | 30.7% |
| 16 -17 years | 3,750 | 290 | 7.7% | 150 | 51.7% | 150 | 51.7% | 3,460 | 92.3% |
| 18 - 19 years | 2,910 | 1,240 | 42.6% | 760 | 61.3% | 470 | 37.9% | 1,670 | 57.4% |
| 20 - 24 years | 4,990 | 4,000 | 80.2% | 2,990 | 74.8% | 1020 | 25.5% | 980 | 19.6% |
| 25 - 34 years | 10,050 | 8,450 | 84.1% | 7,390 | 87.5% | 1060 | 12.5% | 1,600 | 15.9% |
| 35 - 44 years | 11,070 | 9,680 | 87.4% | 8,850 | 91.4% | 840 | 8.7% | 1,380 | 12.5% |
| 45 - 59 years | 14,270 | 11,470 | 80.4% | 10,880 | 94.9% | 580 | 5.1% | 2,800 | 19.6% |
| 60 years & above | 9,830 | 4,300 | 43.7% | 4,000 | 93.0% | 290 | 6.7% | 5,530 | 56.3% |

Values are rounded to the nearest tens.

March 2011 Current Labor Force Survey

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For coverage of survey and definitions, refer to EXPLANATORY NOTE.

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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