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The Unemployment Situation on Guam: September 2007

The Guam Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics announced that the September 2007 unemployment rate was 8.3 percent, an increase of 0.9 percentage points from the 7.4 percent collected in September 2006. In September 2007, the number of people employed reached 58,290, a decrease of 3,230 from the previous results. Of the total employed, the immigrant aliens (PRA) category showed a decrease of 1,810 from the September 2006 report of 16,150 to 14,340 in September 2007.

The total number of people unemployed in September 2007 was 5,310, an increase of 420 from the previous survey in September 2006 of 4,890 unemployed. The unemployment rate for several of the reported categories increased.

The persons not in the labor force, who were persons not employed and not actively looking for work, numbered 46,490, an increase of 6,590 from the previous survey of 39,900. Of the persons not in the labor force, 8,870 desired to work but did not search for employment during the reference period for reasons presented in Table 2.

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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 week.

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 Marshall Islands and the Federated States of Micronesia, 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 works (less than 15 hours) are also classified as not in the labor force.

TABLE 1. HIGHLIGHTS OF THE EMPLOYMENT SITUATION ON GUAM: SEPTEMBER 2007

SELECTED CATEGORIES	Dec 2005	Mar 2006	Sept 2006	Sept 2007
Total Civilian Population				
16 years of age and over	104,980	104,830	106,310	110,090
Civilian Labor Force	64,130	65,940	66,450	63,600
Total Employed	59,630	61,390	61,520	58,290
Adult women	26,030	27,110	26,670	24,240
Adult men	30,880	31,640	32,090	31,760
Teenagers	2,720	2,640	2,760	2,300
Household Heads	24,250	24,310	25,500	25,030
Full-time workers	50,150	53,540	53,550	51,400
Part-time workers	8,860	7,570	7,920	6,890
U.S. Citizens	46,370	46,550	45,370	43,960
Immigrant aliens	13,260	14,850	16,150	14,340
Veterans	3,780	3,040	3,510	4,200
Total Unemployed	4,500	4,530	4,890	5,310
Not in the Labor Force	40,850	38,890	39,900	46,490
UNEMPLOYMENT RATES:				
All Workers	7.0	6.9	7.4	8.3
Adult women	7.6	7.1	6.4	7.8
Adult men	5.7	6.3	5.6	6.3
Teenagers	15.3	11.4	29.8	32.6
Household Heads	10.4	6.0	5.1	5.1
Full-time workers	6.2	6.7	7.4	8.1
Part-time workers	11.9	8.4	6.8	10.3
U.S. Citizens	6.5	5.7	7.8	8.0
Immigrants Aliens	8.6	10.4	6.2	9.5
Veterans	4.5	7.0	3.0	3.6

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

TABLE 2. EMPLOYMENT SITUATION AND JOB DESIRE OF PERSONS OUTSIDE THE CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE AND REASON NOT SEEKING WORK: SEPTEMBER 2007

	Dec 2005	Mar 2006	Sept 2006	Sept 2007
Not in Labor Force	40,850	38,890	39,900	46,490
Did not want a job during survey period	34,400	34,480	35,060	37,620
Want job during survey period but did not look for work	6,450	4,410	4,840	8,870
Reasons for not looking for work:				
Believe no job available	530	520	210	240
Cannot find work	1,290	630	580	2,850
School attendance	1,020	1,490	900	3,490
Family Responsibility	1,870	630	960	1,660
Cannot arrange child care	580	920	430	1,430
Others	1,960	1,950	1,010	1,270

**Table 3. Employment Status of Civilian Noninstitutional
Population 16 Years & Over by Age and Sex: September 2007**

	Total Civilian Population	Civilian Labor Force						Not in the Labor Force	
		Total	%	Employed	%	Unemployed	%	Total	%
BOTH SEXES									
Total 16 years & above	110,090	63,600	57.8%	58,290	91.7%	5,310	8.3%	46,490	42.2%
16 -17 years	10,060	560	5.5%	160	28.5%	400	71.5%	9,500	94.5%
18 - 19 years	5,460	2,850	52.2%	2,140	75.0%	710	25.0%	2,610	47.8%
20 - 24 years	11,170	8,560	76.6%	7,370	86.1%	1,190	13.9%	2,610	23.4%
25 - 34 years	18,060	13,860	76.8%	12,590	90.9%	1,270	9.1%	4,200	23.2%
35 - 44 years	19,560	15,280	78.1%	14,490	94.8%	790	5.2%	4,280	21.9%
45 - 59 years	26,140	16,950	64.8%	16,470	97.2%	480	2.8%	9,190	35.2%
60 years & above	19,650	5,550	28.2%	5,070	91.4%	480	8.6%	14,100	71.8%
FEMALES									
Total 16 years & above	57,340	27,960	48.8%	25,190	90.1%	2,770	9.9%	29,380	51.2%
16 -17 years	4,910	320	6.5%	80	24.9%	240	75.1%	4,590	93.6%
18 - 19 years	2,540	1,350	53.1%	870	64.7%	480	35.3%	1,190	46.9%
20 - 24 years	6,500	4,520	69.5%	4,040	89.5%	480	10.5%	1,980	30.5%
25 - 34 years	9,510	6,020	63.3%	5,230	86.8%	790	13.2%	3,490	36.7%
35 - 44 years	10,300	6,970	67.7%	6,570	94.3%	400	5.7%	3,330	32.3%
45 - 59 years	13,070	6,650	50.9%	6,490	97.6%	160	2.4%	6,420	49.1%
60 years & above	10,540	2,140	20.3%	1,900	88.9%	240	11.1%	8,400	79.7%
MALES									
Total 16 years & above	52,750	35,640	67.6%	33,110	92.9%	2,530	7.1%	17,110	32.4%
16 -17 years	5,150	240	4.6%	80	33.2%	160	66.4%	4,910	95.4%
18 - 19 years	2,940	1,510	51.4%	1,270	84.2%	240	15.8%	1,430	48.7%
20 - 24 years	4,670	4,040	86.4%	3,330	82.3%	710	17.7%	630	13.6%
25 - 34 years	8,560	7,850	91.7%	7,370	93.9%	480	6.1%	710	8.3%
35 - 44 years	9,270	8,320	89.7%	7,920	95.2%	400	4.8%	950	10.3%
45 - 59 years	13,070	10,300	78.8%	9,980	96.9%	320	3.1%	2,770	21.2%
60 years & above	9,110	3,410	37.4%	3,170	93.0%	240	7.0%	5,700	62.6%

Values are rounded to the nearest ten.

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