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The Unemployment Situation on Guam: March 2006

The Guam Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics announced that the March 2006 unemployment rate was 6.9 percent, a decrease of 0.1 percentage points from the December 2005 report of 7.0 percent. In March 2006, the number of people employed reached 61,390, an increase of 1,760 from the latest quarter's report. Of the total employed, the immigrant aliens (PRA) category showed an increase of 1,590 from the December 2005 report of 13,260 to 14,850 in March 2006. Full-time workers showed an increase of 3,390 from the previous figure of 50,150 to 53,540.

The total number of people unemployed in March 2006 was 4,530, an increase of 30 from the previous survey in December 2005 of 4,500 unemployed. The unemployment rate for several of the reported categories increased while others declined.

The persons not in the labor force, who were persons not employed and not actively looking for work, numbered 38,890, a decrease of 1,960 from the previous survey of 40,850. Of the persons not in the labor force, 4,410 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 work (less than 15 hours) are also classified as not in the labor force.

TABLE 1. HIGHLIGHTS OF THE EMPLOYMENT SITUATION ON GUAM: MARCH 2006

SELECTED CATEGORIES	Mar 2004	Dec 2005	Mar 2006
Total Civilian Population			
16 years of age and over	99,780	104,980	104,830
Civilian Labor Force	61,520	64,130	65,940
Total Employed	56,810	59,630	61,390
Adult women	23,450	26,030	27,110
Adult men	31,120	30,880	31,640
Teenagers	2,250	2,720	2,640
Household Heads	23,970	24,250	24,310
Full-time workers	50,150	50,150	53,540
Part-time workers	6,660	8,860	7,570
U.S. Citizens	43,530	46,370	46,550
Immigrant aliens	13,280	13,260	14,850
Veterans	4,040	3,780	3,040
Total Unemployed	4,710	4,500	4,530
Not in the Labor Force	38,260	40,850	38,890
UNEMPLOYMENT RATES:			
All Workers	7.7	7.0	6.9
Adult women	7.1	7.6	7.1
Adult men	7.1	5.7	6.3
Teenagers	18.9	15.3	11.4
Household Heads	7.1	10.4	6.0
Full-time workers	8.0	6.2	6.7
Part-time workers	5.3	11.9	8.4
U.S. Citizens	7.5	6.5	5.7
Immigrants Aliens	8.3	8.6	10.4
Veterans	1.8	4.5	7.0

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: MARCH 2006

	Mar 2004	Dec 2005	Mar 2006
Not in Labor Force	38,260	40,850	38,890
Did not want a job during survey period	32,540	34,400	34,480
Want job during survey period but did not look for work	5,720	6,450	4,410
Reasons for not looking for work:			
Believe no job available	220	530	520
Cannot find work	1,650	1,290	630
School attendance	1,870	1,020	1,490
Family Responsibility	1,230	1,870	630
Cannot arrange child care	520	580	920
Others	1,380	1,960	1,950

Table 3. Employment Status of Civilian Noninstitutional Population 16 Years & Over by Age and Sex: March 2006

	Total Civilian Population	Civilian Labor Force						Not in the Labor Force	
		Total	%	Employed	% Unemployed	%	Total	%	
BOTH SEXES									
Total 16 years & above	104,830	65,940	62.9%	61,390	93.1%	4,550	6.9%	38,890	37.1%
16 -17 years	6,320	870	13.6%	690	79.3%	180	20.7%	5,450	86.2%
18 - 19 years	3,900	2,120	54.4%	1,940	91.5%	180	8.5%	1,780	45.6%
20 - 24 years	9,800	7,390	75.4%	6,420	86.9%	970	13.1%	2,410	24.6%
25 - 34 years	20,120	16,050	79.8%	15,080	94.0%	970	6.0%	4,070	20.2%
35 - 44 years	20,810	16,510	79.3%	15,130	91.6%	1,380	8.4%	4,300	20.7%
45 - 59 years	24,430	17,660	72.3%	16,910	95.8%	750	4.2%	6,770	27.7%
60 years & above	19,450	5,340	27.5%	5,220	97.8%	120	2.2%	14,110	72.5%
FEMALES									
Total 16 years & above	54,290	30,780	56.7%	28,480	92.5%	2,300	7.5%	23,510	43.3%
16 -17 years	2,930	520	17.7%	400	76.9%	120	23.1%	2,410	82.3%
18 - 19 years	1,950	1,090	55.9%	970	89.0%	120	11.0%	860	44.1%
20 - 24 years	4,520	3,030	67.0%	2,690	88.8%	340	11.2%	1,490	33.0%
25 - 34 years	11,290	8,080	71.6%	7,510	92.9%	570	7.1%	3,210	28.4%
35 - 44 years	10,950	7,510	68.6%	6,880	91.6%	630	8.4%	3,440	31.4%
45 - 59 years	12,210	7,910	64.8%	7,450	94.2%	460	5.8%	4,300	35.2%
60 years & above	10,440	2,640	25.3%	2,580	97.7%	60	2.3%	7,800	74.7%
MALES									
Total 16 years & above	50,540	35,160	69.6%	32,910	93.6%	2,250	6.4%	15,380	30.4%
16 -17 years	3,390	350	10.3%	290	82.9%	60	17.1%	3,040	89.7%
18 - 19 years	1,950	1,030	52.8%	970	94.2%	60	5.8%	920	47.2%
20 - 24 years	5,280	4,360	82.6%	3,730	85.6%	630	14.4%	920	17.4%
25 - 34 years	8,830	7,970	90.3%	7,570	95.0%	400	5.0%	860	9.7%
35 - 44 years	9,860	9,000	91.3%	8,250	91.7%	750	8.3%	860	8.7%
45 - 59 years	12,220	9,750	79.8%	9,460	97.0%	290	3.0%	2,470	20.2%
60 years & above	9,010	2,700	30.0%	2,640	97.8%	60	2.2%	6,310	70.0%

Values are rounded to the nearest ten.

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