

# NEWS



GUAM DEPARTMENT OF LABOR  
*Bureau of Labor Statistics*

---

Maria S. Connelley  
Director

Prepared by: Alan T. Wang  
BLS Administrator

Erica U. Perez  
Deputy Director

For Release: October 20, 2006  
Release No. 2006-05

Alan T. Wang  
BLS Administrator

Address: P O Box 9970  
Tamuning, GU 96931  
Phone: (671) 475-7054

---

## **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.

---

Acknowledge is due Bennett Manipol, Statistician I, MaryAnn Roman, Data Control Clerk I, Pierre Wong of the University of Guam's CES Program and their editors and coders and particularly to our temporary survey workers for collecting the data. Thanks also to the cooperation of the public in providing the data.

## 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 | %                      |       |
| <b>BOTH SEXES</b>      |                           |                      |       |          |              |       |       |                        |       |
| 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% |
| <b>FEMALES</b>         |                           |                      |       |          |              |       |       |                        |       |
| 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% |
| <b>MALES</b>           |                           |                      |       |          |              |       |       |                        |       |
| 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.

March 2006 Current Labor Force Survey

Sum of details may not equal totals due to rounding errors

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