

NEWS



GUAM DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
Bureau of Labor Statistics

Maria S. Connelley
Director

Prepared by: Alan T.K. Wang
BLS Administrator

Erica U. Perez
Deputy Director

For Release: October 3, 2006
Release No. 2006-04

Alan T.K. Wang
BLS Administrator

Address: P O Box 9970
Tamuning, GU 96931
Phone: (671) 475-7053

The Unemployment Situation on Guam: December 2005

The Guam Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics announced that the December 2005 unemployment rate was 7.0 percent, a decrease of 0.7 percentage points from the 7.7 percent reported in March 2004. In December 2005, the number of people employed reached 59,630, an increase of 2,820 from the previous results. Of the total employed, the U.S. citizen category showed an increase of 2,840 from the March 2004 report of 43,530 to 46,370 in December 2005.

The total number of people unemployed in December 2005 was 4,500, a decrease of 210 from the previous survey in March 2004 of 4,710 unemployed. The unemployment rate for many of the reported categories in Table 1 declined.

The persons not in the labor force, who were persons not employed and not actively looking for work, numbered 40,850, an increase of 2,590 from the prior survey. Of the persons not in the labor force, 6,450 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: DECEMBER 2005

SELECTED CATEGORIES	Mar 2002	Mar 2004	Dec 2005
Total Civilian Population			
16 years of age and over	99,500	99,780	104,980
Civilian Labor Force	62,050	61,520	64,130
Total Employed	54,980	56,810	59,630
Adult women	24,910	23,450	26,030
Adult men	28,610	31,120	30,880
Teenagers	1,460	2,250	2,720
Household Heads	24,070	23,970	24,250
Full-time workers	47,790	50,150	50,150
Part-time workers	7,190	6,660	8,860
U.S. Citizens	45,360	43,530	46,370
Immigrant aliens	9,620	13,280	13,260
Veterans	3,760	4,040	3,780
Total Unemployed	7,070	4,710	4,500
Not in the Labor Force	37,450	38,260	40,850
UNEMPLOYMENT RATES:			
All Workers	11.4	7.7	7.0
Adult women	8.9	7.1	7.6
Adult men	11.9	7.1	5.7
Teenagers	34.8	18.9	15.3
Household Heads	8.8	7.1	10.4
Full-time workers	11.8	8.0	6.2
Part-time workers	8.6	5.3	11.9
U.S. Citizens	11.1	7.5	6.5
Immigrants Aliens	12.9	8.3	8.6
Veterans	7.9	1.8	4.5

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: DECEMBER 2005

	Mar 2002	Mar 2004	Dec 2005
Not in Labor Force	37,450	38,260	40,850
Did not want a job during survey period	30,160	32,540	34,400
Want job during survey period but did not look for work	7,290	5,720	6,450
Reasons for not looking for work:			
Believe no job available	390	220	530
Cannot find work	3,140	1,650	1,290
School attendance	2,460	1,870	1,020
Family Responsibility	1,260	1,230	1,870
Cannot arrange child care	450	520	580
Others	1,000	1,380	1,960

**Table 3. Employment Status of Civilian Noninstitutional
Population 16 Years & Over by Age and Sex: December 2005**

	Total Civilian Population	Civilian Labor Force						Not in the Labor Force	
		Total	%	Employed	% Unemployed	%	Total	%	
BOTH SEXES									
Total 16 years & above	104,980	64,130	61.1%	59,630	93.0%	4,500	7.0%	40,850	38.9%
16 -17 years	5,800	590	10.0%	450	77.6%	140	22.4%	5,210	90.0%
18 - 19 years	4,670	2,620	56.3%	2,270	86.3%	350	13.7%	2,050	43.9%
20 - 24 years	9,880	7,250	73.4%	6,360	87.7%	890	12.3%	2,630	26.6%
25 - 34 years	19,680	15,450	78.5%	14,020	90.8%	1,430	9.2%	4,230	21.5%
35 - 44 years	18,190	14,190	78.0%	13,390	94.4%	800	5.6%	4,000	22.0%
45 - 59 years	27,100	19,050	70.3%	18,380	96.5%	670	3.5%	8,050	29.7%
60 years & above	19,660	4,980	25.3%	4,760	95.6%	220	4.4%	14,680	74.7%
FEMALES									
Total 16 years & above	54,240	29,900	55.1%	27,590	92.2%	2,310	7.7%	24,340	44.9%
16 -17 years	2,770	230	8.0%	180	81.8%	50	22.7%	2,540	92.0%
18 - 19 years	2,450	1,510	61.6%	1,380	91.4%	130	8.6%	940	38.4%
20 - 24 years	5,200	3,510	67.6%	2,980	84.7%	530	15.1%	1,690	32.4%
25 - 34 years	10,600	7,440	70.2%	6,590	88.7%	850	11.4%	3,160	29.8%
35 - 44 years	9,250	6,360	68.7%	6,050	95.1%	310	4.9%	2,890	31.2%
45 - 59 years	13,610	8,630	63.4%	8,320	96.4%	310	3.6%	4,980	36.6%
60 years & above	10,360	2,220	21.5%	2,090	93.7%	130	5.8%	8,140	78.5%
MALES									
Total 16 years & above	50,740	34,230	67.5%	32,040	93.6%	2190	6.4%	16,510	32.5%
16 -17 years	3,030	360	11.9%	270	75.0%	90	25.0%	2,670	88.1%
18 - 19 years	2,220	1,110	49.8%	890	80.2%	220	19.8%	1,110	49.8%
20 - 24 years	4,680	3,740	80.1%	3,380	90.4%	360	9.6%	940	20.1%
25 - 34 years	9,080	8,010	88.2%	7,430	92.8%	580	7.2%	1,070	11.8%
35 - 44 years	8,940	7,830	87.5%	7,340	93.7%	490	6.3%	1,110	12.4%
45 - 59 years	13,490	10,420	77.2%	10,060	96.6%	360	3.5%	3,070	22.8%
60 years & above	9,300	2,760	29.7%	2,670	96.7%	90	3.3%	6,540	70.3%

Values are rounded to the nearest ten.

December 2005 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.