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The Unemployment Situation on Guam: June 2017

The Unemployment rate in Guam for June 2017 was 4.5 percent, an increase of 0.2 percentage points from the previous report of March 2017. In a comparison to the prior year's figure for June 2016, the rate increased 0.6 percentage points from 3.9 percent.

The total number of persons unemployed in June 2017 was 3,330, which shows an increase of 180 from the March 2017 figure of 3,150.

In comparison to the prior year's figure of June 2016, there was a decrease in the Not in the Labor Force category. For the June 2017 survey period, 5,510 persons or 11 percent indicated that they wanted a job but did not look for work for a variety of reasons. Alternatively, 88 percent of those in the Not in the Labor Force category indicated that they did not want a job during the survey period.

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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TABLE 1. HIGHLIGHTS OF THE EMPLOYMENT SITUATION ON GUAM: JUNE 2017

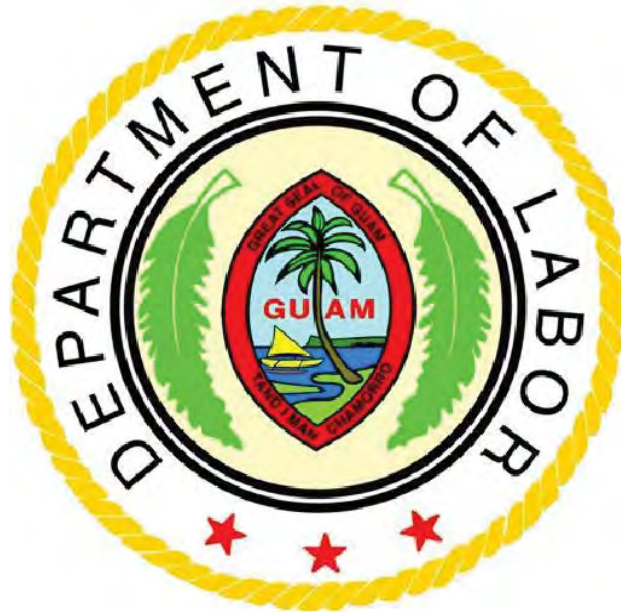
SELECTED CATEGORIES	Dec 2015	Mar 2016	Jun 2016	Sep 2016	Mar 2017	Jun 2017
Total Civilian Population						
16 years of age and over	121,600	121,770	121,970	122,170	122,380	122,440
Civilian Labor Force	73,210	69,400	71,420	71,960	72,510	73,900
Total Employed	69,660	66,600	68,650	68,050	69,360	70,570
Adult women	35,250	29,490	32,270	29,280	32,390	30,870
Adult men	33,370	35,080	34,190	37,140	35,390	38,690
Teenagers	1,040	2,030	2,190	1,630	1,580	1,010
Household Heads	28,570	25,800	24,610	24,670	29,380	25,500
Full-time workers	57,770	54,780	59,080	53,950	59,040	60,710
Part-time workers	11,890	11,820	9,570	14,100	10,320	9,860
U.S. Citizens	54,020	52,110	55,250	56,930	50,440	52,020
Immigrant aliens	15,640	14,490	13,400	11,120	18,920	18,550
Veterans	4,800	4,070	5,200	3,800	4,440	5,650
Total Unemployed	3,550	2,800	2,770	3,910	3,150	3,330
Not in the Labor Force	48,390	52,370	50,550	50,210	49,870	48,540

UNEMPLOYMENT RATES%						
All Workers	4.8	4.0	3.9	5.4	4.3	4.5
Adult women	2.9	2.1	3.7	2.3	5.4	3.6
Adult men	5.3	5.2	3.4	5.8	2.8	4.6
Teenagers	37.5	11.1	12.3	34.3	15.4	22.2
Household Heads	2.1	1.9	2.4	2.7	2.4	2.8
Full-time workers	4.2	4.4	4.0	6.8	4.8	5.0
Part-time workers	8.1	2.1	3.1	-	1.4	1.5
U.S. Citizens	3.7	4.0	4.2	5.4	5.6	4.8
Immigrants Aliens	8.5	4.2	2.2	5.8	0.8	3.8

TABLE 2. EMPLOYMENT SITUATION AND JOB DESIRE OF PERSONS OUTSIDE THE CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE AND REASON NOT SEEKING WORK: JUNE 2017

CATEGORIES	Dec 2015	Mar 2016	Jun 2016	Sep 2016	Mar 2017	Jun 2017
Not in the Labor Force	48,390	52,370	50,550	50,210	49,870	48,540
Did not want a job during survey period	43,590	48,430	45,880	46,450	43,850	43,030
Want job during survey period but did not look for work	4,800	3,940	4,670	3,760	6,020	5,510
Reasons for not looking for work:						
Believe no job available	210	250	-	-	860	730
Cannot find work	830	510	280	270	1,430	1,740
School attendance	1,460	1,270	280	1,070	1,000	1,160
Family Responsibility	2,090	640	1,920	1,610	2,150	1,160
Cannot arrange child care	420	250	-	-	430	290
Others	210	1,400	2,470	1,340	1,000	1,160

NOTES: Sum of details may not equal totals due to rounding. Respondents may list more than one reason for not looking for work. For coverage of survey and definitions, refer to EXPLANATORY NOTE.



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