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## **The Unemployment Situation on Guam: March 2017**

The Unemployment rate in Guam for March 2017 was 4.3 percent, a decrease of 1.1 percentage points from the previous report of September 2016. In a comparison to the prior year’s figure for March 2016, the rate increased 0.3 percentage points from 4.0 percent.

The total number of persons unemployed in March 2017 was 3,150, which shows a decrease of 760 from the September 2016 figure of 3910.

In comparison to the prior year’s figure of March 2016, there was a decrease in the Not in the Labor Force category. For the March 2017 survey period, 6,020 persons or 12 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: MARCH 2017**

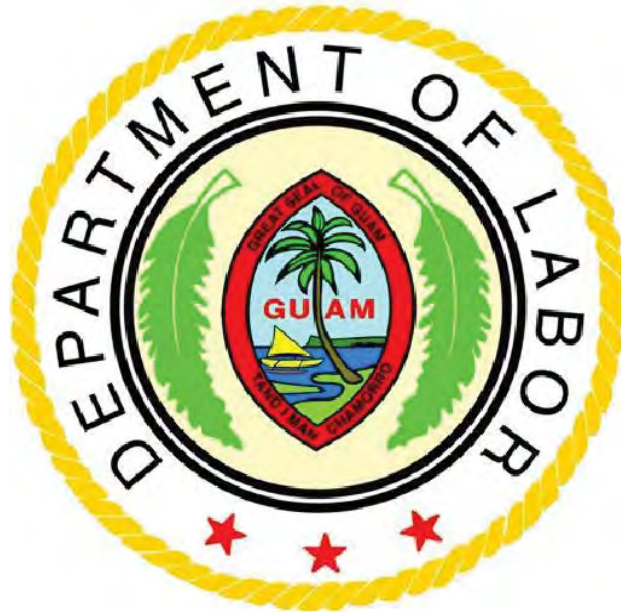
<b>SELECTED CATEGORIES</b>	<b>Sep 2015</b>	<b>Dec 2015</b>	<b>Mar 2016</b>	<b>Jun 2016</b>	<b>Sep 2016</b>	<b>Mar 2017</b>
Total Civilian Population						
16 years of age and over	121,480	121,600	121,770	121,970	122,170	122,380
Civilian Labor Force	69,800	73,210	69,400	71,420	71,960	72,510
Total Employed	66,670	69,660	66,600	68,650	68,050	69,360
Adult women	29,830	35,250	29,490	32,270	29,280	32,390
Adult men	34,400	33,370	35,080	34,190	37,140	35,390
Teenagers	2,440	1,040	2,030	2,190	1,630	1,580
Household Heads	25,270	28,570	25,800	24,610	24,670	29,380
Full-time workers	55,100	57,770	54,780	59,080	53,950	59,040
Part-time workers	11,570	11,890	11,820	9,570	14,100	10,320
U.S. Citizens	56,470	54,020	52,110	55,250	56,930	50,440
Immigrant aliens	10,200	15,640	14,490	13,400	11,120	18,920
Veterans	3,960	4,800	4,070	5,200	3,800	4,440
Total Unemployed	3,130	3,550	2,800	2,770	3,910	3,150
Not in the Labor Force	51,680	48,390	52,370	50,550	50,210	49,870

<b>UNEMPLOYMENT RATES%</b>						
All Workers	4.5	4.8	4.0	3.9	5.4	4.3
Adult women	1.7	2.9	2.1	3.7	2.3	5.4
Adult men	5.7	5.3	5.2	3.4	5.8	2.8
Teenagers	17.1	37.5	11.1	12.3	34.3	15.4
Household Heads	51.4	2.1	1.9	2.4	2.7	2.4
Full-time workers	4.9	4.2	4.4	4.0	6.8	4.8
Part-time workers	2.2	8.1	2.1	3.1	-	1.4
U.S. Citizens	3.9	3.7	4.0	4.2	5.4	5.6
Immigrants Aliens	7.0	8.5	4.2	2.2	5.8	0.8

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

<b>CATEGORIES</b>	<b>Sep 2015</b>	<b>Dec 2015</b>	<b>Mar 2016</b>	<b>Jun 2016</b>	<b>Sep 2016</b>	<b>Mar 2017</b>
Not in the Labor Force	51,680	48,390	52,370	50,550	50,210	49,870
Did not want a job during survey period	46,690	43,590	48,430	45,880	46,450	43,850
Want job during survey period but did not look for work	4,990	4,800	3,940	4,670	3,760	6,020
Reasons for not looking for work:						
Believe no job available	300	210	250	-	-	860
Cannot find work	760	830	510	280	270	1,430
School attendance	1,810	1,460	1,270	280	1,070	1,000
Family Responsibility	2,570	2,090	640	1,920	1,610	2,150
Cannot arrange child care	150	420	250	-	-	430
Others	450	210	1,400	2,470	1,340	1,000

**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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