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The Unemployment Situation on Guam: September 2021

The unemployment rate in Guam for September 2021 was 8.1 percent, a decrease of 3.3 percentage points from the June 2021 figure of 11.4 percent, a reduction of 9.8 percentage points from September 2020, but up 4.5 percentage points from the September 2019 figure pre-pandemic.

The total number of persons unemployed in September 2021 was 5,660, which shows a substantial decrease in the latest quarter, but it remains well above the figure of 2,580 in September 2019.

Guam's population covered by the survey, 16 years of age and over in September 2021 was 124,110.

The September 2021 unemployment rate reflected a decrease in the number of persons unemployed since June 2021 due to an increase in employment and persons no longer looking for work contracting the labor force. The number of persons not in the labor force increased from 52,650 in June 2021 to 54,190 in September 2021.

The labor force participation rate, the civilian labor force as a fraction of the civilian population age 16 years of age and over, declined to 56.3 percent in September 2021 from 57.5 percent in June 2021 and 57.3 percent in September 2019 pre-pandemic.

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.

Reliability of the estimates Statistics based on the household and establishment surveys are subject to both sampling and nonsampling error. When a sample, rather than the entire population, is surveyed, there is a chance that the sample estimates may differ from the true population values they represent.

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TABLE 1. HIGHLIGHTS OF THE EMPLOYMENT SITUATION ON GUAM: September 2021

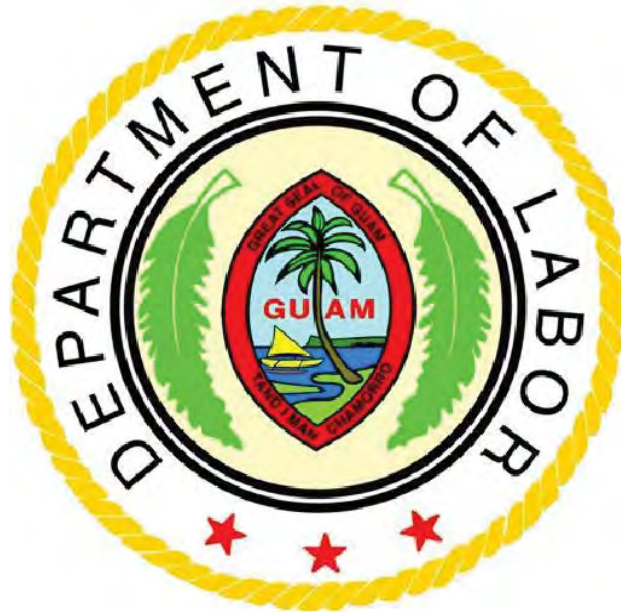
SELECTED CATEGORIES	Jun 2020	Sep 2020	Dec 2020	Mar 2021	Jun 2021	Sep 2021
Total Civilian Population						
16 years of age and over	123,560	123,600	123,750	123,830	123,900	124,110
Civilian Labor Force	74,640	70,620	71,360	76,690	71,250	69,920
Total Employed	61,750	57,970	57,510	64,030	63,070	64,260
Adult women	26,060	27,400	25,600	27,640	27,030	31,820
Adult men	34,750	29,660	31,010	36,390	35,000	32,130
Teenagers	940	910	900	1,060	1,040	310
Household Heads	22,970	24,680	20,170	25,680	23,220	25,830
Full-time workers	52,750	50,050	48,780	55,230	52,330	52,920
Part-time workers	9,000	7,920	8,730	8,800	10,740	11,340
U.S. Citizens	50,890	51,180	43,960	52,070	52,330	57,010
Immigrant aliens	10,860	6,790	13,550	11,960	10,740	7,250
Veterans	4,040	5,430	3,920	4,930	4,510	5,670
Total Unemployed	12,890	12,650	13,850	12,660	8,150	5,660
Not in the Labor Force	48,920	52,980	52,390	47,140	52,650	54,190

UNEMPLOYMENT RATES%						
All Workers	17.3	17.9	19.4	16.5	11.4	8.1
Adult women	18.6	18.8	15.8	15.7	7.9	6.8
Adult men	16.0	16.6	22.0	20.1	13.5	4.2
Teenagers	26.4	33.4	25.0	25.0	27.7	80.0
Household Heads	13.6	13.5	17.3	11.0	7.7	1.7
Full-time workers	14.9	16.3	18.2	17.4	12.4	8.1
Part-time workers	29.0	27.1	25.6	10.7	6.8	7.7
U.S. Citizens	15.4	16.9	18.9	17.8	11.2	8.2
Immigrants Aliens	25.2	25.0	21.1	10.5	12.6	6.1

TABLE 2. EMPLOYMENT SITUATION AND JOB DESIRE OF PERSONS OUTSIDE THE CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE AND REASON NOT SEEKING WORK: September 2021

CATEGORIES	Jun 2020	Sep 2020	Dec 2020	Mar 2021	Jun 2021	Sep 2021
Not in the Labor Force	48,920	52,980	52,390	47,140	52,650	54,190
Did not want a job during survey period	47,040	49,580	45,160	42,920	48,440	50,410
Want job during survey period but did not look for work	1,880	3,400	7,230	4,220	4,210	3,780
Reasons for not looking for work:						
Believe no job available	310	230	1,200	350	-	950
Cannot find work	-	450	600	350	-	950
School attendance	-	680	2,710	700	1,400	630
Family Responsibility	620	910	4,220	1,410	700	1,260
Cannot arrange child care	310	230	900	1,060	350	-
Others	1,250	1,810	2,410	2,460	2,460	2,200

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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