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The Unemployment Situation on Guam: December 2022

The unemployment rate in Guam for December 2022 was 4.0 percent, a decrease of 0.4 percentage points from the September 2022 figure of 4.4 percent, and a reduction of 3.2 percentage points from the December 2021 figure one year earlier of 7.2 percent.

The total number of persons unemployed in December 2022 was 2,900, a decrease in the latest quarter and year. The December 2022 statistics continue the trend of declining numbers of unemployed persons along with the unemployment rate every quarter consecutively for the last eight quarters since the pandemic high figures occurred in December 2020.

Guam's population covered by the survey, 16 years of age and over in December 2022 was 123,110. The covered civilian population is comprised of those in the labor force and those not in the labor force.

The December 2022 unemployment rate reflected a decrease in the number of persons unemployed due to an increase in employment and a decrease in the number of persons that were out of the labor force. The number of persons not in the labor force decreased from 51,950 in December 2021 to 49,740 in December 2022.

The labor force participation rate, the civilian labor force as a fraction of the civilian population age 16 years of age and over, increased to 60.0 percent in December 2022.

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.

Acknowledgement is due to those surveyed individuals whose cooperation and participation made this survey possible.

TABLE 1. HIGHLIGHTS OF THE EMPLOYMENT SITUATION ON GUAM: December 2022

SELECTED CATEGORIES	Sep 2021	Dec 2021	Mar 2022	Jun 2022	Sep 2022	Dec 2022
Total Civilian Population						
16 years of age and over	124,110	124,120	124,200	123,980	123,640	123,110
Civilian Labor Force	69,920	72,170	72,720	69,780	71,680	73,370
Total Employed	64,260	66,980	69,050	66,400	68,550	70,460
Adult women	31,820	32,300	33,500	31,150	31,610	30,670
Adult men	32,130	33,660	35,140	34,690	35,370	38,130
Teenagers	310	1,020	410	560	1,570	1,660
Household Heads	25,830	24,820	28,600	25,260	27,540	25,290
Full-time workers	52,920	60,180	60,880	56,990	61,040	65,070
Part-time workers	11,340	6,800	8,170	9,410	7,510	5,390
U.S. Citizens	57,010	51,340	59,650	54,140	59,850	56,780
Immigrant aliens	7,250	15,640	9,400	10,560	8,700	13,680
Veterans	5,670	4,420	6,130	5,450	6,260	4,560
Total Unemployed	5,660	5,190	3,670	3,380	3,130	2,900
Not in the Labor Force	54,190	51,950	51,480	54,200	51,960	49,740

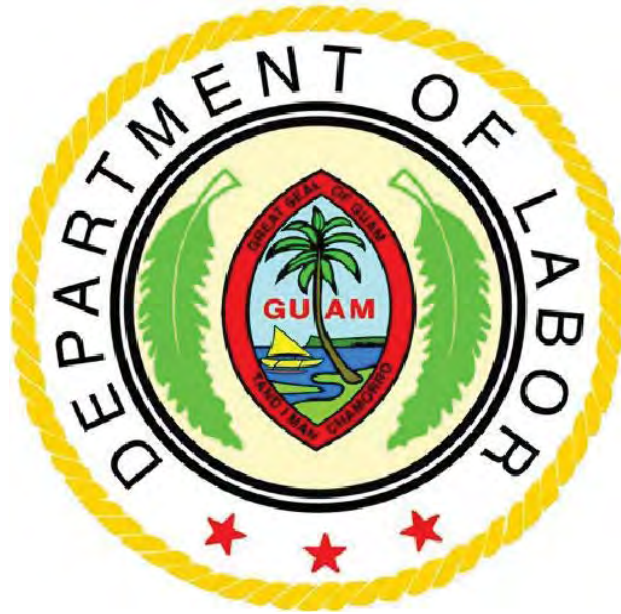
UNEMPLOYMENT RATES%

All Workers	8.1	7.2	5.1	4.8	4.4	4.0
Adult women	6.8	1.2	4.7	3.0	2.9	3.9
Adult men	4.2	8.8	5.5	4.6	3.4	1.1
Teenagers	80.0	66.7	-	23.0	37.5	42.9
Household Heads	1.7	6.1	1.4	2.8	5.4	3.2
Full-time workers	8.1	6.2	4.5	4.8	3.9	4.3
Part-time workers	7.7	15.2	9.1	5.1	7.7	-
U.S. Citizens	8.2	8.6	5.2	4.9	4.2	3.5
Immigrants Aliens	6.1	2.5	4.2	4.1	6.3	5.7

TABLE 2. EMPLOYMENT SITUATION AND JOB DESIRE OF PERSONS OUTSIDE THE CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE AND REASON NOT SEEKING WORK: December 2022

CATEGORIES	Sep 2021	Dec 2021	Mar 2022	Jun 2022	Sep 2022	Dec 2022
Not in the Labor Force	54,190	51,950	51,480	54,200	51,960	49,740
Did not want a job during survey period	50,410	48,550	49,030	50,670	50,390	49,330
Want job during survey period but did not look for work	3,780	3,400	2,450	3,530	1,570	415
Reasons for not looking for work:						
Believe no job available	950	680	410	520	-	-
Cannot find work	950	680	820	820	-	-
School attendance	630	-	820	790	310	-
Family Responsibility	1,260	2,380	-	980	310	-
Cannot arrange child care	-	340	-	140	-	415
Others	2,200	1,360	820	1,910	940	-

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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