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## **The Unemployment Situation on Guam: December 2013**

The Unemployment rate in Guam for December 2013 was 8.4 percent, a decrease of 1.6 percentage points from the September 2013 figure of 10.0 percent and a decrease of 2.3 percentage points from the 10.7 percent figure for the comparable time period in December 2012. An increase in the number of jobs and persons employed contributed to this decline.

The total number of persons unemployed in December 2013 was 5,920, which shows a decrease for the comparable period of one year ago in December 2012.

In comparison to the prior years figures there was an increase in the Not in the Labor Force category. For the December 2013 survey period, 7,720 persons or 15 percent indicated that they wanted a job but did not look for work for a variety reasons. Whereas, 85 percent 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: DECEMBER 2013**

<b>SELECTED CATEGORIES</b>	<b>Sep 2012</b>	<b>Dec 2012</b>	<b>Mar 2013</b>	<b>Jun 2013</b>	<b>Sep 2013</b>	<b>Dec 2013</b>
Total Civilian Population						
16 years of age and over	121,140	121,340	121,120	120,620	121,340	121,570
Civilian Labor Force	72,980	72,560	73,170	70,420	71,430	70,450
Total Employed	65,010	64,770	63,440	62,110	64,270	64,530
Adult women	28,100	30,190	28,960	28,690	29,650	29,890
Adult men	34,790	32,980	33,140	32,240	32,960	33,350
Teenagers	2,120	1,600	1,350	1,180	1,660	1,290
Household Heads	25,770	27,190	25,860	23,070	25,510	28,110
Full-time workers	54,440	52,370	49,700	49,100	52,180	53,250
Part-time workers	10,570	12,390	13,740	13,010	12,090	11,280
U.S. Citizens	54,660	49,980	47,150	48,360	50,520	50,280
Immigrant aliens	10,350	14,793	16,300	13,750	13,750	14,250
Veterans	3,950	4,800	3,370	2,510	2,790	4,550
Total Unemployed	7,970	7,800	9,730	10,310	7,160	5,920
Not in the Labor Force	48,160	48,780	47,950	50,200	49,910	51,120

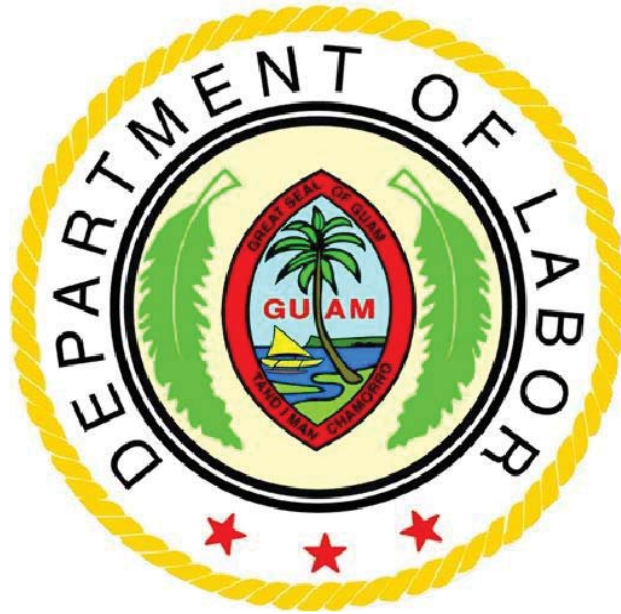
**UNEMPLOYMENT RATES%**

All Workers	10.9	10.7	13.3	14.6	10.0	8.4
Adult women	8.8	9.6	12.6	14.0	8.4	9.6
Adult men	10.8	9.3	10.2	11.0	8.4	6.6
Teenagers	31.5	42.8	56.5	66.6	44.0	33.3
Household Heads	6.3	6.2	6.3	8.5	6.2	6.6
Full-time workers	11.2	11.5	14.2	16.3	10.7	7.6
Part-time workers	9.3	7.5	9.7	8.5	7.1	12.3
U.S. Citizens	11.2	9.4	12.9	14.2	10.5	6.6
Immigrants Aliens	9.1	14.9	14.2	16.3	8.2	14.3

**TABLE 2. EMPLOYMENT SITUATION AND JOB DESIRE OF PERSONS OUTSIDE THE CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE AND REASON NOT SEEKING WORK: DECEMBER 2013**

<b>CATEGORIES</b>	<b>Sep 2012</b>	<b>Dec 2012</b>	<b>Mar 2013</b>	<b>Jun 2013</b>	<b>Sep 2013</b>	<b>Dec 2013</b>
Not in the Labor Force	48,160	48,780	47,950	50,200	49,910	51,120
Did not want a job during survey period	39,970	36,380	38,200	43,650	43,340	43,400
Want job during survey period but did not look for work	8,190	12,390	9,750	6,550	6,570	7,720
Reasons for not looking for work:						
Believe no job available	490	200	625	290	160	200
Cannot find work	490	1,200	1,040	730	660	1,390
School attendance	3,270	5,000	4,850	2,770	3,120	1,390
Family Responsibility	2,950	4,000	2,890	1,600	1,310	800
Cannot arrange child care	660	1,400	500	580	660	2,380
Others	1,960	2,800	1,800	870	660	1,580

**NOTES:** Sum of details may not equal totals due to rounding. For coverage of survey and definitions, refer to EXPLANATORY NOTE.



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