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The Unemployment Situation on Guam: March 2018

The Unemployment rate in Guam for March 2018 was 4.4 percent, a decrease of 1.4 percentage points from the previous report of September 2017. In comparison to the prior year’s figure of March 2017, the rate increased 0.1 percentage points, from 4.3 percent.

The total number of persons unemployed in March 2018 was 3,100, which shows a decrease of 1,030 from the September 2017 figure of 4,130. Over the year, from March 2017 to March 2018 the number of persons unemployed was virtually unchanged.

In comparison to the prior year’s figure of March 2017, there was a slight increase in the Not in the Labor Force category from 49,870 to 51,660. For the March 2017 survey period, 2,530 persons or five percent in the Not in the Labor Force category indicated that they wanted a job but did not look for work for a variety of reasons. Alternatively, 95 percent of those in the Not in the Labor Force category indicated that they did not want a job during the survey period.

The labor force participation rate for March 2018 was 57.9 percent. The labor force participation rate is the percent of the total civilian population age 16 years of age or older in the labor force as either employed or unemployed. The participation rate declined from the period one year earlier in March 2017 when it was 59.2 percent.

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 2018

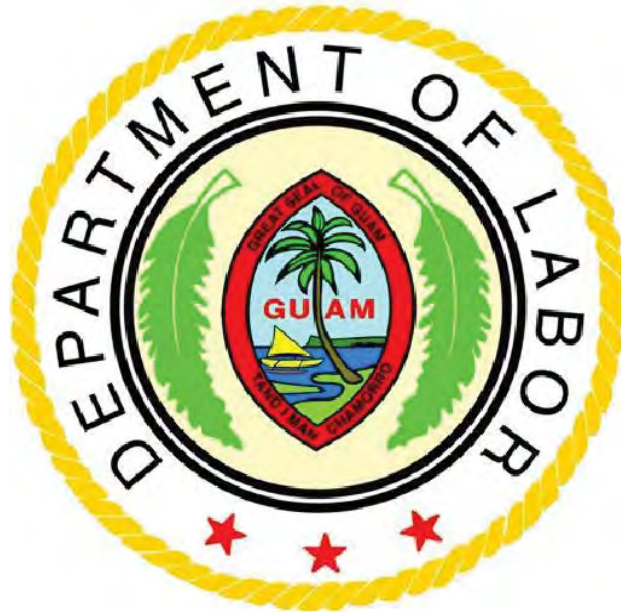
SELECTED CATEGORIES	Jun 2016	Sep 2016	Mar 2017	Jun 2017	Sep 2017	Mar 2018
Total Civilian Population						
16 years of age and over	121,970	122,170	122,380	122,440	122,540	122,720
Civilian Labor Force	71,420	71,960	72,510	73,900	71,600	71,060
Total Employed	68,650	68,050	69,360	70,570	67,470	67,960
Adult women	32,270	29,280	32,390	30,870	31,490	31,110
Adult men	34,190	37,140	35,390	38,690	34,540	35,470
Teenagers	2,190	1,630	1,580	1,010	1,440	1,380
Household Heads	24,610	24,670	29,380	25,500	26,270	26,400
Full-time workers	59,080	53,950	59,040	60,710	59,550	59,240
Part-time workers	9,570	14,100	10,320	9,860	7,910	8,730
U.S. Citizens	55,250	56,930	50,440	52,020	50,730	53,380
Immigrant aliens	13,400	11,120	18,920	18,550	16,730	14,580
Veterans	5,200	3,800	4,440	5,650	3,060	5,170
Total Unemployed	2,770	3,910	3,150	3,330	4,130	3,100
Not in the Labor Force	50,550	50,210	49,870	48,540	50,940	51,660

UNEMPLOYMENT RATES%						
All Workers	3.9	5.4	4.3	4.5	5.8	4.4
Adult women	3.7	2.3	5.4	3.6	3.8	1.8
Adult men	3.4	5.8	2.8	4.6	6.7	5.5
Teenagers	12.3	34.3	15.4	22.2	23.7	25.0
Household Heads	2.4	2.7	2.4	2.8	4.0	2.5
Full-time workers	4.0	6.8	4.8	5.0	5.6	4.4
Part-time workers	3.1	-	1.4	1.5	7.2	3.8
U.S. Citizens	4.2	5.4	5.6	4.8	4.4	3.5
Immigrants Aliens	2.2	5.8	0.8	3.8	9.9	7.3

TABLE 2. EMPLOYMENT SITUATION AND JOB DESIRE OF PERSONS OUTSIDE THE CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE AND REASON NOT SEEKING WORK: MARCH 2018

CATEGORIES	Jun 2016	Sep 2016	Mar 2017	Jun 2017	Sep 2017	Mar 2018
Not in the Labor Force	50,550	50,210	49,870	48,540	50,940	51,660
Did not want a job during survey period	45,880	46,450	43,850	43,030	48,270	49,130
Want job during survey period but did not look for work	4,670	3,760	6,020	5,510	2,670	2,530
Reasons for not looking for work:						
Believe no job available	-	-	860	730	180	690
Cannot find work	280	270	1,430	1,740	180	230
School attendance	280	1,070	1,000	1,160	530	120
Family Responsibility	1,920	1,610	2,150	1,160	890	460
Cannot arrange child care	-	-	430	290	530	230
Others	2,470	1,340	1,000	1,160	890	1,260

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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