

## Latinos See a Decline in Unemployment

U.S. Employers Add 161,000 Jobs



### Professional Services Lead Job Growth

The professional and business services industry added 43,000 new jobs in October. Specifically, computer systems design and related services saw the highest growth. Out of the more than two million Latino workers employed in professional and business services, 6.3% (160,146) work in computer systems design.

### The Employment Situation for Latino Workers in October 2016

The U.S. Department of Labor reported today that employers added 161,000 jobs in October, lower than economists' prediction of around 175,000, but higher than September's growth of 156,000. Yet, due to steady job growth in 2016, the national unemployment rate remained relatively unchanged at 4.9% in October. The Latino unemployment rate fell from 6.4% in September to 5.7% in October, returning to the average rate for Latinos over the past five months. The decline is due, in part, to the 54,000 Latinos who gained employment in October. An increase in the number of workers, including Latinos, not in the labor force may have also reduced the Latino unemployment rate. Still, Latinos continue to have the highest labor force participation of any racial or ethnic group.

Indicators	Latinos, October 2016
<b>Employed</b> • Working people over the age of 16, including those temporarily absent from their jobs	25.4 million
<b>Unemployed</b> • Those who are available to work, try to find a job, or expect to be called back from a layoff but are not working	1.5 million
<b>Civilian Labor Force</b> • The sum of employed and unemployed people	26.9 million
<b>Not in the Labor Force</b> • People over the age of 16 classified as neither employed nor unemployed	14.1 million
<b>Unemployment Rate</b> • Share of the labor force that is unemployed	5.7%
<b>Labor Force Participation Rate</b> • Share of the population over the age of 16 that is in the labor force	65.6%
<b>Employment-Population Ratio</b> • Share of the population over the age of 16 that is working	61.9%

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, "Employment Status of the Hispanic or Latino Population by Sex and Age," *Current Population Survey*, <http://www.bls.gov/news.release/empsit.t03.htm> (accessed November 4, 2016), Table A-3.