

## Hiring in April Rebounds to 211,000 Jobs

Latino Unemployment Increases to 5.2%



### Leisure and Hospitality Leads Job Growth

Restaurants and hotels added 55,000 jobs in April. While Latinos are overrepresented in this high-growth industry, occupations within leisure and hospitality tend to pay below-median wages. Annual increases in wages have also been [sluggish](#), highlighting the need to [raise the federal minimum wage](#) to improve the lives of Latinos and all Americans.

### The Employment Situation for Latino Workers in April 2017

The U.S. Department of Labor [reported](#) today that employers added 211,000 jobs in April, a rebound from March's low number of 98,000. The national unemployment rate also declined to 4.4%, fueled by a 75-month streak of job growth following the end of the Great Recession in 2009, when the unemployment rate was 10%. However, the Latino unemployment rate inched up by 0.1% to 5.2%. While Latinos still have the highest labor force participation rate of any racial and ethnic group (66.2% in April), 227,000 Latinos dropped out of the labor force last month.

Indicators	Latinos, April 2017
<b>Employed</b> • Working people over the age of 16, including those temporarily absent from their jobs	25.8 million
<b>Unemployed</b> • Those who are available to work, are trying to find a job, or expect to be called back from a layoff but are not working	1.4 million
<b>Civilian Labor Force</b> • The sum of employed and unemployed people	27.2 million
<b>Not in the Labor Force</b> • People over the age of 16 classified as neither employed nor unemployed	13.9 million
<b>Unemployment Rate</b> • Share of the labor force that is unemployed	5.2%
<b>Labor Force Participation Rate</b> • Share of the population over the age of 16 that is in the labor force	66.2%
<b>Employment-Population Ratio</b> • Share of the population over the age of 16 that is working	62.8%

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 May 5, 2017), Table A-3