

## Latino Unemployment Rate Changes Little Employers Add 156,000 Jobs

### MANUFACTURING LEADS JOB GROWTH



Manufacturing employment rose by 36,000 in August. Job gains occurred in motor vehicles and parts, fabricated metal parts, and computer and electronic products. Within the industry, Latinos are overrepresented in lower-wage manufacturing occupations such as production workers and helpers, where the average hourly wage is \$13.58.

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

The U.S. Department of Labor reported that employers added 156,000 jobs in August, lower than gains for the last four months which hovered near or over 200,000. Nevertheless, the number of jobs created in August has historically been low. The national unemployment rate increased slightly by 0.1% from 4.3% in July to 4.4% in August. The small jump in unemployment could be attributed to an increase in workers who either completed temporary jobs or involuntarily left their jobs, but are seeking work. The Latino unemployment rate also increased by 0.1%, from 5.1% in July to 5.2% in August. Over the past four months, the number of Latinos who are unemployed but seeking work has been stubbornly stuck at around 1.4 million.

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## INDICATORS

## LATINOS, AUGUST 2017

**EMPLOYED**

- Working people over the age of 16, including those temporarily absent from their jobs

25.9 million

**UNEMPLOYED**

- Those who are available to work, make an effort to find a job, or expect to be called back from a layoff but are not working

1.4 million

**CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE**

- The sum of employed and unemployed people

27.3 million

**NOT IN THE LABOR FORCE**

- People over the age of 16 classified as neither employed nor unemployed

14.2 million

**UNEMPLOYMENT RATE**

- Share of the labor force that is unemployed

5.2%

**LABOR FORCE PARTICIPATION RATE**

- Share of the population over the age of 16 that is in the labor force

65.8%

**EMPLOYMENT-POPULATION RATIO**

- Share of the population over the age of 16 that is working

62.5%

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 September 1, 2017), Table A-3.