

# U.S. Employers Add 224,000 Jobs in June

## Latino Unemployment Rate Slightly Increases to 4.3%



### PROFESSIONAL AND BUSINESS SERVICES LEADS JOB GROWTH, ADDING 51,000 JOBS

In June, professional and business services added 51,000 jobs. Latinos are underrepresented in the professional and business services sector, composing only 12.7% of workers.

INDICATORS	National	Latinos
<b>Employed</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Working people over the age of 16, including those temporarily absent from their jobs</li> </ul>	157.0 million	27.6 million
<b>Unemployed</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Those who are available to work, trying to find a job, or expect to be called back from a layoff but are not working</li> </ul>	6.0 million	1.3 million
<b>Civilian Labor Force</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The sum of employed and unemployed people</li> </ul>	163.0 million	28.9 million
<b>Not in the Labor Force</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>People over the age of 16 classified as neither employed nor unemployed</li> </ul>	96.1 million	14.6 million
<b>Unemployment Rate</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Share of the labor force that is unemployed</li> </ul>	3.7%	4.3%
<b>Labor Force Participation Rate</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Share of the population over the age of 16 that is in the labor force</li> </ul>	62.9%	66.4%
<b>Employment-Population Ratio</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Share of the population over the age of 16 that is working</li> </ul>	60.6%	63.5%

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, "Employment Status of the Hispanic or Latino Population by Sex and Age," *Current Population Survey*, <https://www.bls.gov/news.release/pdf/empst.pdf> (accessed July 5, 2019), Table A and A-3.

## Employment of Latinos in June 2019

The U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) reported that employers added 224,000 jobs in June, a significant increase from the 75,000 jobs added in May. Yet the national unemployment rate increased only slightly, to 3.7%. This may be because the number of employed persons remained at 157 million for the fifth consecutive month.

The Latino unemployment rate increased slightly to 4.3% in June. The Latino unemployment rate is higher than the national rate of 3.6%. In June, Latinos saw an increase in those employed (+109,000) and an increase in the number of unemployed (+57,000).

Despite high labor force participation, many Latino families continue to struggle to cover basic necessities. One contributing factor is insufficient wage growth, an important indicator of job quality and a key factor in economic security. Over the past year, average hourly earnings only rose by 2.7%, compared to the 3.5%–4% economists recommend for a healthy economy.

The following takes a closer look at Latino employment by gender and age:

- **Men (ages 20 years and older):** The Latino male unemployment rate increased from 3.4% in May to 3.6 in June. The number of employed Hispanic men decreased by approximately 95,000 between May and June.
- **Women (ages 20 years and older):** The unemployment rate for Latinas increased from 4.1% in May to 4.2% in June. The number of employed Hispanic women increased by 52,000.
- **Young Hispanic workers (ages 16–19 years old):** The unemployment rate for Latino youth decreased between May and June, from 15.1% to 14.0%.