

U.S. Employers Add 164,000 Jobs in July

Latino Unemployment Rate Slightly Increases to 4.5%



PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL SERVICES LEADS JOB GROWTH, ADDING 31,000 JOBS

In July, professional and technical services added 31,000 jobs. Latinos are underrepresented in the professional and technical services sector, composing only 12.7% of workers.

INDICATORS	National	Latinos
Employed <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Working people over the age of 16, including those temporarily absent from their jobs 	157.3 million	27.6 million
Unemployed <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Those who are available to work, trying to find a job, or expect to be called back from a layoff but are not working 	6.06 million	1.31 million
Civilian Labor Force <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The sum of employed and unemployed people 	163.4 million	28.9 million
Not in the Labor Force <ul style="list-style-type: none"> People over the age of 16 classified as neither employed nor unemployed 	95.9 million	14.6 million
Unemployment Rate <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Share of the labor force that is unemployed 	3.7%	4.5%
Labor Force Participation Rate <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Share of the population over the age of 16 that is in the labor force 	63.0%	66.4%
Employment-Population Ratio <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Share of the population over the age of 16 that is working 	60.7%	63.4%

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 August 8, 2019), Table A and A-3.

Employment of Latinos in July 2019

The U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) reported that employers added 164,000 jobs in July, a significant decrease from the 224,000 jobs added in June. Yet the national unemployment rate remained the same, at 3.7%. The number of employed persons remained at 157 million for the sixth consecutive month.

The Latino unemployment rate increased slightly for a second consecutive month to 4.5% in July. The Latino unemployment rate is higher than the national rate of 3.7%. In July, Latinos saw a slight decrease in those employed (-21,000) and an increase in the number of unemployed (+61,000).

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 3.6% in June to 4.0% in July. The number of employed Hispanic men decreased by approximately 76,000 between June and July.
- **Women (ages 20 years and older):** The unemployment rate for Latinas decreased from 4.2% in June to 3.8% in July. The number of employed Hispanic women increased by 98,000.
- **Young Hispanic workers (ages 16–19 years old):** The unemployment rate for Latino youth increased between June and July, from 14.0% to 17.6%.