

Job Growth Slows Significantly

Employers Add Only 38,000 Jobs in May



HEALTH CARE JOBS LEAD GROWTH IN MAY

The health care industry added 46,000 jobs in May, specifically in ambulatory health care services, hospitals, and nursing care facilities. Despite the health care industry's job growth, loss of jobs in the mining industry as well as in temporary help services account for the overall low job growth in May. While comprising 16% of the total workforce, Latinos only represent 8% of the health care industry, with the most representation as licensed practical nurses.

The Employment Situation for Latino Workers in May 2016

The U.S. Department of Labor [reported today](#) that U.S. employers added 38,000 jobs in May, well under the average of 116,000 over the past three months. The national unemployment rate declined from 5.1% in April to 4.7% in May, and the Latino unemployment rate also declined from 6.1% in April to 5.6% in May. While the Latino unemployment rate is an improvement from one year ago in May 2015 when it was 6.3%, 5.6% is still within the range of rates we have seen over the past three months. The decline in the U.S. unemployment rate may be due to people dropping out of the labor force. For example, recent workers on strike, whom the Labor Department categorized as unemployed, could have affected the unemployment rate this month.

Indicators	Latinos, May 2016
Employed <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Working people over the age of 16, including those temporarily absent from their jobs 	25 million
Unemployed <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 	1.5 million
Civilian Labor Force <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The sum of employed and unemployed people 	26.5 million
Not in the Labor Force <ul style="list-style-type: none"> People over the age of 16 classified as neither employed nor unemployed 	14 million
Unemployment Rate <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Share of the labor force that is unemployed 	5.6%
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 	65.4%
Employment-Population Ratio <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Share of the population over the age of 16 that is working 	61.7%

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 June 3, 2016), Table A-3.