

**A-15. Employment status of the civilian noninstitutional population by race, Hispanic or Latino ethnicity, sex, and age**

(Numbers in thousands)

Employment status, race, and Hispanic or Latino ethnicity	Total		Men, 20 years and over		Women, 20 years and over		Both sexes, 16 to 19 years	
	Aug. 2007	Aug. 2008	Aug. 2007	Aug. 2008	Aug. 2007	Aug. 2008	Aug. 2007	Aug. 2008
<b>TOTAL</b>								
Civilian noninstitutional population .....	232,211	234,107	103,723	104,613	111,479	112,401	17,009	17,092
Civilian labor force .....	153,493	155,387	78,793	79,476	67,319	68,440	7,382	7,471
Percent of population .....	66.1	66.4	76.0	76.0	60.4	60.9	43.4	43.7
Employed .....	146,406	145,909	75,821	75,305	64,311	64,462	6,274	6,142
Unemployed .....	7,088	9,479	2,972	4,171	3,008	3,979	1,108	1,329
Unemployment rate .....	4.6	6.1	3.8	5.2	4.5	5.8	15.0	17.8
Not in labor force .....	78,717	78,719	24,930	25,137	44,160	43,961	9,626	9,621
<b>White</b>								
Civilian noninstitutional population .....	188,479	189,747	85,536	86,166	89,884	90,490	13,059	13,092
Civilian labor force .....	125,033	126,337	65,174	65,729	53,702	54,491	6,156	6,117
Percent of population .....	66.3	66.6	76.2	76.3	59.7	60.2	47.1	46.7
Employed .....	119,790	119,475	62,914	62,683	51,512	51,630	5,363	5,162
Unemployed .....	5,243	6,862	2,261	3,046	2,190	2,861	793	954
Unemployment rate .....	4.2	5.4	3.5	4.6	4.1	5.3	12.9	15.6
Not in labor force .....	63,447	63,410	20,362	20,437	36,182	35,998	6,902	6,975
<b>Black or African American</b>								
Civilian noninstitutional population .....	27,541	27,896	11,081	11,218	13,812	13,998	2,648	2,681
Civilian labor force .....	17,621	18,057	8,036	8,133	8,782	9,022	803	903
Percent of population .....	64.0	64.7	72.5	72.5	63.6	64.5	30.3	33.7
Employed .....	16,268	16,132	7,524	7,329	8,200	8,173	544	631
Unemployed .....	1,352	1,925	512	804	582	849	259	272
Unemployment rate .....	7.7	10.7	6.4	9.9	6.6	9.4	32.2	30.1
Not in labor force .....	9,920	9,839	3,045	3,085	5,030	4,976	1,845	1,778
<b>Asian</b>								
Civilian noninstitutional population .....	10,674	10,840	4,730	4,805	5,291	5,398	652	637
Civilian labor force .....	7,160	7,301	3,762	3,837	3,224	3,297	174	167
Percent of population .....	67.1	67.4	79.5	79.9	60.9	61.1	26.7	26.2
Employed .....	6,917	6,978	3,653	3,685	3,115	3,159	149	134
Unemployed .....	242	323	109	152	108	138	25	33
Unemployment rate .....	3.4	4.4	2.9	4.0	3.4	4.2	14.5	19.9
Not in labor force .....	3,514	3,539	968	968	2,068	2,101	478	470
<b>Hispanic or Latino ethnicity</b>								
Civilian noninstitutional population .....	31,520	32,273	14,714	15,033	13,847	14,183	2,959	3,057
Civilian labor force .....	21,832	22,262	12,442	12,697	8,291	8,399	1,099	1,166
Percent of population .....	69.3	69.0	84.6	84.5	59.9	59.2	37.1	38.1
Employed .....	20,647	20,485	11,959	11,824	7,779	7,761	910	901
Unemployed .....	1,185	1,777	483	873	512	638	189	265
Unemployment rate .....	5.4	8.0	3.9	6.9	6.2	7.6	17.2	22.8
Not in labor force .....	9,688	10,011	2,272	2,336	5,556	5,784	1,860	1,891

NOTE: Estimates for the above race groups (white, black or African American, and Asian) do not sum to totals because data are not presented for all races. Persons whose ethnicity is identified as Hispanic or Latino may be of any race. Updated population controls are introduced annually with the release of January data.