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## WORK EXPERIENCE OF THE POPULATION IN 2006

A total of 156.7 million persons worked at some point during 2006, the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor reported today. The proportion of workers who worked full time, year round rose to 68.4 percent in 2006 from 67.5 percent in 2005. The number of persons who experienced some unemployment in 2006 was 14.4 million, about the same as a year earlier.

These data are based on information collected in the Annual Social and Economic Supplement (ASEC) to the Current Population Survey (CPS). The CPS is a monthly survey conducted by the U.S. Census Bureau for the Bureau of Labor Statistics. The ASEC collects information on employment and unemployment experienced during the prior calendar year. Additional information about the CPS and the ASEC, including concepts and definitions, is provided in the Technical Note. Highlights from the 2006 data include:

- The proportion of the civilian noninstitutional population age 16 years old and over that worked at some time during the year was 67.8 percent in 2006, essentially unchanged from 2005.
- The proportion of workers who worked full time, year round in 2006 (68.4 percent) was up from 2005 (67.5 percent).
- The “work-experience unemployment rate”—defined as the number unemployed at some time during the year as a proportion of the number who worked or looked for work during the year—was 9.1 percent in 2006, little changed from 9.3 percent in 2005.

### Persons with Employment

The proportion of men who worked at some time during 2006 held at 74.4 percent. The percent of women who worked during 2006, at 61.6 percent, was little changed from a year earlier. (See table 1.)

The proportions of whites (68.5 percent), blacks (63.6 percent), and Asians (67.5 percent) that worked some time during the year were essentially unchanged in 2006. The proportion of Hispanics who worked at some point during 2006 (69.1 percent) was up from 2005 (68.0 percent). (See table 2.)

Among those with work experience during 2006, 78.0 percent were employed year round (working 50 to 52 weeks, either full or part time), up by 0.6 percentage point from 2005. The percentage of women working year round rose to 74.8 percent in 2006, and the percentage of men employed year round edged up to 80.9 percent. (See table 1.)

Of those employed at some time during 2006, 80.9 percent usually worked full time, up from 80.3 percent in 2005. Men were more likely to work full time during the year (87.8 percent) than were women (73.0 percent).

### Persons with Unemployment

Overall, 14.4 million persons experienced some unemployment in 2006, essentially unchanged from 14.5 million in 2005. (See table 3.) The number of persons that experienced some unemployment during the year was down by 2.4 million from its recent high of 16.8 million in 2002.

At 9.1 percent in 2006, the “work-experience unemployment rate” (those looking for work during the year as a percent of those who worked or looked for work during the year) was little changed from 9.3 percent in 2005. The 2006 rate is low by historical standards, but is above the series low of 8.6 percent reached in 2000. The rate for blacks fell in 2006; however, at 13.0 percent, it was higher than the rates for Hispanics (10.2 percent), whites (8.5 percent), and Asians (7.3 percent). (See tables 3 and 4.)

Overall, men continued to have higher “work-experience unemployment rates” than women in 2006. Among whites, the rate for men (9.0 percent) was higher than that for women (7.9 percent). This also was true for black men and women (14.5 and 11.7 percent, respectively). The rates for Asian men and women (7.5 and 7.0 percent, respectively) were little different from each other, as were the rates for Hispanic men and women (10.7 and 9.6 percent, respectively).

Among those who experienced unemployment in 2006, the median number of weeks spent looking for work was 13.8, down from 14.6 in 2005. About 1.9 million individuals had looked for a job but did not work at all in 2006, down from 2.4 million in 2005. Of the 12.5 million persons who worked during 2006 and also experienced unemployment, 24.5 percent had two or more spells of joblessness, about the same share as in 2005.

# Technical Note

The data presented in this release were collected in the Annual Social and Economic Supplement to the Current Population Survey (CPS). The CPS is a monthly sample survey conducted by the U.S. Census Bureau for the Bureau of Labor Statistics. Data from the CPS are used to obtain the monthly estimates of the nation's employment and unemployment levels. The supplement, conducted in the months of February through April, includes questions about work activity during the prior calendar year. For instance, data collected in 2007 refer to the 2006 calendar year. Because the reference period is a full year, the number of persons with some employment or unemployment greatly exceeds the average levels for any given month, which are based on a 1-week reference period, and the corresponding annual average of the monthly estimates. As shown below, for example, the number experiencing any unemployment during 2006 was about twice the number unemployed in an average month during the year.

	Employed	Unemployed
2006 estimates (in thousands)		
Annual average of monthly estimates	144,427	7,001
Annual supplement data	156,658	14,424

In addition, estimates from the supplement differ from those obtained in the basic CPS because the questions used to classify workers as either employed or unemployed are different. More important, perhaps, is that fewer questions by which to categorize respondents are asked in the supplement. In regard to unemployment in particular, the supplement has no questions on the type of job search activity or on the respondent's availability to work. Also, individuals can be counted as both employed and unemployed in the work experience data, whereas, for a specific reference week, each person is only counted in one category and employment activity takes precedence over job search activity.

Work experience data for 2006, which were collected in the 2007 Annual Social and Economic Supplement to the CPS, are not strictly comparable with data for 2005 and earlier years because of the introduction in January 2007 of revised population controls used in the CPS. The effect of the revised population controls on the work experience estimates is unknown. However, the effect of the new controls on the monthly CPS estimates was to increase the December 2006 employment level by 153,000 and the unemployment level by 10,000. For additional information, see "Adjustments to Household Survey Population Estimates in January 2007" in the February 2007 issue of *Employment and Earnings*, available on the Internet at <http://www.bls.gov/cps/cps07adj.pdf>.

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## Reliability of the estimates

Statistics based on the CPS are subject to both sampling and nonsampling error. When a sample, rather than the entire population, is surveyed, there is a chance that the sample estimates may differ from the "true" population values they represent. The exact difference, or *sampling error*, varies depending on the particular sample selected, and this variability is measured by the standard error of the estimate. There is about a 90-percent chance, or level of confidence, that an estimate based on a sample will differ by no more than 1.6 standard errors from the "true" population value because of sampling error. BLS analyses are generally conducted at the 90-percent level of confidence.

The CPS data also are affected by *nonsampling error*. Nonsampling error can occur for many reasons, including the failure to sample a segment of the population, inability to obtain information for all respondents in the sample, inability or unwillingness of respondents to provide correct information, and errors made in the collection or processing of the data.

For a full discussion of the reliability of data from the CPS and information on estimating standard errors, see the "Explanatory Notes and Estimates of Error" section of *Employment and Earnings*.

## Concepts and definitions

*Persons who worked.* In the 2007 supplement, persons are considered to have worked if they responded "yes" to either the question "Did you work at a job or business at any time during 2006?" or "Did you do any temporary, part-time, or seasonal work even for a few days during 2006?"

*Unemployed persons.* Persons who worked during the year but not in every week are counted as unemployed if they also reported looking for work or being on layoff from a job during the year. Those who reported no work activity during the year are considered unemployed if they responded "yes" to the question "Even though you did not work in 2006, did you spend any time trying to find a job or on layoff?"

*Labor force participants.* Persons who either worked or were unemployed during the year.

*Usual full- and part-time employment.* These data refer to the number of hours a worker typically works during most weeks of the year. Workers are classified as full time if they usually worked 35 hours or more in a week; part-time employment refers to workers whose typical workweek was between 1 and 34 hours.

*Year-round and part-year employment.* Workers are classified as year round if they worked 50 to 52 weeks. Part-year employment refers to workers who worked fewer than 50 weeks.

**Table 1. Work experience of the population during the year by sex and extent of employment, 2005-06**

Extent of employment	Total		Men		Women	
	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006
	Numbers (in thousands)					
Civilian noninstitutional population .....	227,975	231,033	110,161	111,733	117,814	119,300
Total who worked or looked for work .....	156,744	158,563	83,230	84,100	73,514	74,463
Percent of the population .....	68.8	68.6	75.6	75.3	62.4	62.4
Total who worked during the year <sup>1</sup> .....	154,322	156,658	82,013	83,131	72,309	73,527
Percent of the population .....	67.7	67.8	74.4	74.4	61.4	61.6
Full time <sup>2</sup> .....	123,911	126,677	71,361	72,967	52,550	53,709
50 to 52 weeks .....	104,147	107,105	60,851	62,479	43,297	44,626
48 to 49 weeks .....	1,980	1,945	1,121	1,110	859	835
40 to 47 weeks .....	5,224	5,481	2,835	3,029	2,389	2,452
27 to 39 weeks .....	4,587	4,286	2,323	2,213	2,264	2,073
14 to 26 weeks .....	4,799	4,728	2,610	2,466	2,189	2,262
1 to 13 weeks .....	3,172	3,132	1,621	1,670	1,552	1,462
Part time <sup>3</sup> .....	30,411	29,981	10,653	10,163	19,758	19,818
50 to 52 weeks .....	15,361	15,124	5,141	4,744	10,221	10,381
48 to 49 weeks .....	814	793	254	268	560	525
40 to 47 weeks .....	2,537	2,641	845	844	1,692	1,797
27 to 39 weeks .....	2,799	2,783	968	929	1,832	1,854
14 to 26 weeks .....	4,321	4,283	1,637	1,605	2,684	2,678
1 to 13 weeks .....	4,578	4,356	1,808	1,773	2,770	2,583
	Percent distribution					
Total who worked during the year <sup>1</sup> .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Full time <sup>2</sup> .....	80.3	80.9	87.0	87.8	72.7	73.0
50 to 52 weeks .....	67.5	68.4	74.2	75.2	59.9	60.7
48 to 49 weeks .....	1.3	1.2	1.4	1.3	1.2	1.1
40 to 47 weeks .....	3.4	3.5	3.5	3.6	3.3	3.3
27 to 39 weeks .....	3.0	2.7	2.8	2.7	3.1	2.8
14 to 26 weeks .....	3.1	3.0	3.2	3.0	3.0	3.1
1 to 13 weeks .....	2.1	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.1	2.0
Part time <sup>3</sup> .....	19.7	19.1	13.0	12.2	27.3	27.0
50 to 52 weeks .....	10.0	9.7	6.3	5.7	14.1	14.1
48 to 49 weeks .....	0.5	0.5	0.3	0.3	0.8	0.7
40 to 47 weeks .....	1.6	1.7	1.0	1.0	2.3	2.4
27 to 39 weeks .....	1.8	1.8	1.2	1.1	2.5	2.5
14 to 26 weeks .....	2.8	2.7	2.0	1.9	3.7	3.6
1 to 13 weeks .....	3.0	2.8	2.2	2.1	3.8	3.5

<sup>1</sup> Time worked includes paid vacation and sick leave.

<sup>2</sup> Usually worked 35 hours or more per week.

<sup>3</sup> Usually worked 1 to 34 hours per week.

NOTE: Data refer to persons 16 years and over. Data for 2006, which were collected in the 2007 Annual Social and Economic Supplement to the Current Population Survey, are not strictly comparable with data for 2005

and earlier years because of the introduction of updated population controls, which are introduced annually with the release of January data. For additional information, see the technical note and "Adjustments to Household Survey Population Estimates in January 2007" in the February 2007 issue of *Employment and Earnings*, available on the Internet at <http://www.bls.gov/cps/cps07adj.pdf>.

**Table 2. Work experience of the population during the year by race, Hispanic or Latino ethnicity, and sex, 2005-06**

(Numbers in thousands)

Extent of employment, race, and Hispanic or Latino ethnicity	Total		Men		Women	
	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006
<b>WHITE</b>						
Civilian noninstitutional population .....	185,628	187,721	90,642	91,792	94,986	95,929
Total who worked or looked for work .....	128,319	129,766	69,410	70,160	58,909	59,606
Percent of the population .....	69.1	69.1	76.6	76.4	62.0	62.1
Total who worked during the year <sup>1</sup> .....	126,744	128,503	68,595	69,504	58,149	58,999
Percent of the population .....	68.3	68.5	75.7	75.7	61.2	61.5
Percent who worked during the year <sup>1</sup> .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Full time <sup>2</sup> .....	79.9	80.4	87.2	87.9	71.3	71.7
50 to 52 weeks .....	67.4	68.1	74.7	75.4	58.7	59.4
27 to 49 weeks .....	7.6	7.6	7.6	7.7	7.7	7.5
1 to 26 weeks .....	4.9	4.8	4.9	4.7	4.9	4.8
Part time <sup>3</sup> .....	20.1	19.6	12.8	12.1	28.7	28.3
50 to 52 weeks .....	10.3	10.0	6.2	5.7	15.1	15.0
27 to 49 weeks .....	4.1	4.1	2.5	2.5	6.0	6.1
1 to 26 weeks .....	5.7	5.5	4.1	4.0	7.6	7.3
<b>BLACK OR AFRICAN AMERICAN</b>						
Civilian noninstitutional population .....	26,866	27,345	12,059	12,291	14,807	15,055
Total who worked or looked for work .....	17,764	17,879	8,133	8,200	9,631	9,678
Percent of the population .....	66.1	65.4	67.4	66.7	65.0	64.3
Total who worked during the year <sup>1</sup> .....	17,103	17,405	7,830	7,973	9,273	9,432
Percent of the population .....	63.7	63.6	64.9	64.9	62.6	62.7
Percent who worked during the year <sup>1</sup> .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Full time <sup>2</sup> .....	82.6	83.5	85.8	87.1	79.9	80.4
50 to 52 weeks .....	68.1	70.5	70.3	73.0	66.1	68.3
27 to 49 weeks .....	7.8	6.7	8.1	7.4	7.6	6.2
1 to 26 weeks .....	6.7	6.3	7.3	6.7	6.1	6.0
Part time <sup>3</sup> .....	17.4	16.5	14.2	12.9	20.1	19.6
50 to 52 weeks .....	8.0	7.6	6.6	5.6	9.2	9.3
27 to 49 weeks .....	3.3	3.2	2.8	2.6	3.7	3.7
1 to 26 weeks .....	6.1	5.7	4.8	4.6	7.3	6.6
<b>ASIAN</b>						
Civilian noninstitutional population .....	10,003	10,518	4,742	4,999	5,261	5,519
Total who worked or looked for work .....	6,850	7,174	3,642	3,797	3,207	3,378
Percent of the population .....	68.5	68.2	76.8	76.0	61.0	61.2
Total who worked during the year <sup>1</sup> .....	6,738	7,096	3,582	3,754	3,156	3,342
Percent of the population .....	67.4	67.5	75.5	75.1	60.0	60.5
Percent who worked during the year <sup>1</sup> .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Full time <sup>2</sup> .....	83.1	83.3	88.3	88.7	77.2	77.4
50 to 52 weeks .....	71.4	72.7	77.2	79.1	64.8	65.6
27 to 49 weeks .....	7.0	5.7	7.2	4.9	6.8	6.6
1 to 26 weeks .....	4.7	4.9	3.9	4.6	5.6	5.2
Part time <sup>3</sup> .....	16.9	16.7	11.7	11.3	22.8	22.6
50 to 52 weeks .....	8.8	9.4	5.8	5.9	12.1	13.3
27 to 49 weeks .....	3.2	3.0	1.4	2.0	5.3	4.1
1 to 26 weeks .....	4.9	4.3	4.5	3.4	5.4	5.3

See footnotes at end of table.

**Table 2. Work experience of the population during the year by race, Hispanic or Latino ethnicity, and sex, 2005-06 — Continued**

(Numbers in thousands)

Extent of employment, race, and Hispanic or Latino ethnicity	Total		Men		Women	
	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006
<b>HISPANIC OR LATINO ETHNICITY</b>						
Civilian noninstitutional population .....	29,793	31,054	15,309	15,979	14,484	15,075
Total who worked or looked for work .....	20,605	21,708	12,296	12,906	8,309	8,802
Percent of the population .....	69.2	69.9	80.3	80.8	57.4	58.4
Total who worked during the year <sup>1</sup> .....	20,262	21,447	12,121	12,795	8,141	8,651
Percent of the population .....	68.0	69.1	79.2	80.1	56.2	57.4
Percent who worked during the year <sup>1</sup> .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Full time <sup>2</sup> .....	85.0	85.2	90.9	91.4	76.3	75.9
50 to 52 weeks .....	70.5	70.9	76.6	77.0	61.4	61.9
27 to 49 weeks .....	8.6	8.5	8.8	9.1	8.2	7.6
1 to 26 weeks .....	6.0	5.8	5.4	5.3	6.7	6.4
Part time <sup>3</sup> .....	15.0	14.8	9.1	8.6	23.7	24.1
50 to 52 weeks .....	8.0	7.5	4.8	4.0	12.7	12.7
27 to 49 weeks .....	2.5	2.9	1.4	1.9	4.1	4.3
1 to 26 weeks .....	4.5	4.4	2.9	2.6	6.9	7.1

<sup>1</sup> Time worked includes paid vacation and sick leave.

<sup>2</sup> Usually worked 35 hours or more per week.

<sup>3</sup> Usually worked 1 to 34 hours per week.

NOTE: Estimates for the above race groups (white, black or African

American, and Asian) do not sum to totals shown in table 1 because data are not presented for all races. Persons whose ethnicity is identified as Hispanic or Latino may be of any race. Also, see Note, table 1.

**Table 3. Extent of unemployment during the year by sex, 2005-06**

Extent of unemployment	Total		Men		Women	
	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006
Numbers (in thousands)						
Total who worked or looked for work .....	156,744	158,563	83,230	84,100	73,514	74,463
Percent with unemployment .....	9.3	9.1	9.7	9.6	8.8	8.5
Total with unemployment .....	14,531	14,424	8,090	8,097	6,441	6,326
Did not work but looked for work .....	2,422	1,905	1,216	969	1,206	936
1 to 14 weeks .....	1,016	797	436	349	580	448
15 weeks or more .....	1,406	1,108	780	620	626	488
Worked during the year .....	12,108	12,519	6,873	7,128	5,235	5,391
Year-round workers <sup>1</sup> with 1 or 2 weeks of unemployment .....	429	449	293	295	136	154
Part-year workers <sup>2</sup> with unemployment .....	11,680	12,069	6,580	6,833	5,100	5,236
1 to 4 weeks .....	1,939	2,596	1,051	1,278	888	1,317
5 to 10 weeks .....	2,158	2,098	1,197	1,262	961	836
11 to 14 weeks .....	1,690	1,613	1,017	959	673	655
15 to 26 weeks .....	3,347	3,170	1,921	1,863	1,426	1,307
27 weeks or more .....	2,545	2,592	1,394	1,472	1,151	1,120
Median weeks of unemployment for all workers .....	14.6	13.8	14.5	14.0	14.8	13.4
With 2 spells or more of unemployment .....	3,092	3,068	1,972	1,929	1,120	1,139
2 spells .....	1,475	1,559	938	940	537	619
3 spells or more .....	1,618	1,508	1,035	988	583	520
Percent distribution						
Did not work but looked for work .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
1 to 14 weeks .....	41.9	41.8	35.9	36.0	48.1	47.8
15 weeks or more .....	58.1	58.2	64.1	64.0	51.9	52.2
Worked during the year .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Year-round workers <sup>1</sup> with 1 or 2 weeks of unemployment .....	3.5	3.6	4.3	4.1	2.6	2.9
Part-year workers <sup>2</sup> with unemployment .....	96.5	96.4	95.7	95.9	97.4	97.1
1 to 4 weeks .....	16.0	20.7	15.3	17.9	17.0	24.4
5 to 10 weeks .....	17.8	16.8	17.4	17.7	18.4	15.5
11 to 14 weeks .....	14.0	12.9	14.8	13.4	12.9	12.1
15 to 26 weeks .....	27.6	25.3	28.0	26.1	27.2	24.3
27 weeks or more .....	21.0	20.7	20.3	20.6	22.0	20.8
With 2 spells or more of unemployment .....	25.5	24.5	28.7	27.1	21.4	21.1
2 spells .....	12.2	12.5	13.6	13.2	10.3	11.5
3 spells or more .....	13.4	12.0	15.1	13.9	11.1	9.6

<sup>1</sup> Worked 50 or 51 weeks.

<sup>2</sup> Worked less than 50 weeks.

NOTE: See Note, table 1.

**Table 4. Extent of unemployment during the year by race, Hispanic or Latino ethnicity, and sex, 2005-06**

(Numbers in thousands)

Extent of unemployment, race, and Hispanic or Latino ethnicity	Total		Men		Women	
	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006
<b>WHITE</b>						
Total who worked or looked for work .....	128,319	129,766	69,410	70,160	58,909	59,606
Percent with unemployment .....	8.5	8.5	8.9	9.0	7.9	7.9
Total with unemployment .....	10,856	11,042	6,181	6,308	4,675	4,734
Did not work but looked for work .....	1,575	1,263	816	656	759	607
Worked during the year .....	9,281	9,779	5,365	5,652	3,916	4,127
Median weeks of unemployment for all workers .....	14.0	13.1	14.2	13.5	13.8	12.5
Percent who worked during the year <sup>1</sup> .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Year-round workers <sup>2</sup> with 1 or 2 weeks of unemployment .....	4.0	4.0	4.7	4.6	3.0	3.2
Part-year workers <sup>3</sup> with unemployment .....	96.0	96.0	95.3	95.4	97.0	96.8
1 to 4 weeks .....	17.1	21.5	15.8	18.3	18.7	25.9
5 to 14 weeks .....	32.3	30.6	32.5	32.3	32.1	28.4
15 weeks or more .....	46.6	43.9	46.9	44.8	46.1	42.6
With 2 spells or more of unemployment .....	25.7	24.6	29.1	26.9	21.1	21.4
<b>BLACK OR AFRICAN AMERICAN</b>						
Total who worked or looked for work .....	17,764	17,879	8,133	8,200	9,631	9,678
Percent with unemployment .....	14.8	13.0	16.3	14.5	13.6	11.7
Total with unemployment .....	2,628	2,323	1,322	1,188	1,306	1,136
Did not work but looked for work .....	662	474	303	228	358	246
Worked during the year .....	1,967	1,850	1,019	960	948	889
Median weeks of unemployment for all workers .....	18.6	18.8	17.1	19.4	20.1	18.2
Percent who worked during the year <sup>1</sup> .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Year-round workers <sup>2</sup> with 1 or 2 weeks of unemployment .....	2.3	2.2	3.2	2.5	1.2	1.9
Part-year workers <sup>3</sup> with unemployment .....	97.7	97.8	96.8	97.5	98.8	98.1
1 to 4 weeks .....	10.2	17.1	11.3	15.2	9.0	19.1
5 to 14 weeks .....	30.0	24.1	31.1	25.3	28.7	22.8
15 weeks or more .....	57.5	56.6	54.3	56.9	61.0	56.2
With 2 spells or more of unemployment .....	24.0	23.7	26.0	27.3	21.8	19.9
<b>ASIAN</b>						
Total who worked or looked for work .....	6,850	7,174	3,642	3,797	3,207	3,378
Percent with unemployment .....	7.2	7.3	6.7	7.5	7.7	7.0
Total with unemployment .....	491	521	246	285	246	236
Did not work but looked for work .....	111	78	60	42	51	36
Worked during the year .....	380	443	186	243	194	200
Median weeks of unemployment for all workers .....	15.8	14.0	15.0	14.7	16.4	13.5
Percent who worked during the year <sup>1</sup> .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Year-round workers <sup>2</sup> with 1 or 2 weeks of unemployment .....	1.0	1.1	1.6	1.6	1.9	0.4
Part-year workers <sup>3</sup> with unemployment .....	99.0	98.9	100.0	98.4	98.1	99.6
1 to 4 weeks .....	20.6	19.8	22.0	20.2	19.3	19.3
5 to 14 weeks .....	26.8	32.7	28.1	29.2	25.6	37.1
15 weeks or more .....	51.6	46.4	50.0	49.0	53.2	43.2
With 2 spells or more of unemployment .....	18.5	24.3	18.7	24.9	18.4	23.6

See footnotes at end of table.



**Table 4. Extent of unemployment during the year by race, Hispanic or Latino ethnicity, and sex, 2005-06 — Continued**

(Numbers in thousands)

Extent of unemployment, race, and Hispanic or Latino ethnicity	Total		Men		Women	
	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006
<b>HISPANIC OR LATINO ETHNICITY</b>						
Total who worked or looked for work .....	20,605	21,708	12,296	12,906	8,309	8,802
Percent with unemployment .....	10.0	10.2	10.2	10.7	9.6	9.6
Total with unemployment .....	2,056	2,220	1,256	1,378	799	842
Did not work but looked for work .....	343	261	175	110	168	151
Worked during the year .....	1,712	1,959	1,081	1,267	631	691
Median weeks of unemployment for all workers .....	14.8	14.1	14.6	14.2	15.2	13.9
Percent who worked during the year <sup>1</sup> .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Year-round workers <sup>2</sup> with 1 or 2 weeks of unemployment .....	3.5	3.6	4.2	4.3	2.2	2.4
Part-year workers <sup>3</sup> with unemployment .....	96.5	96.4	95.8	95.7	97.8	97.6
1 to 4 weeks .....	15.9	18.5	14.1	15.9	18.8	23.1
5 to 14 weeks .....	31.5	31.0	33.2	32.6	28.6	27.9
15 weeks or more .....	49.2	46.9	48.5	47.1	50.4	46.5
With 2 spells or more of unemployment .....	30.2	29.4	34.6	32.8	22.5	23.1

<sup>1</sup> Time worked includes paid vacation and sick leave.

<sup>2</sup> Worked 50 or 51 weeks.

<sup>3</sup> Worked less than 50 weeks.

NOTE: Estimates for the above race groups (white, black or African

American, and Asian) do not sum to totals shown in table 3 because data are not presented for all races. Persons whose ethnicity is identified as Hispanic or Latino may be of any race. Also, see Note, table 1.