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## **WORK EXPERIENCE OF THE POPULATION IN 2007**

A total of 157.7 million persons worked at some point during 2007, the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor reported today. The proportion of workers who worked full time, year round in 2007 was 68.4 percent, the same as in 2006. The number of persons who experienced some unemployment increased by 693,000, to 15.1 million.

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 2007 data include:

- The proportion of the civilian noninstitutional population age 16 years and over who worked at some time during 2007 was 67.7 percent, essentially unchanged from 2006.
- The proportion of workers who worked full time, year round in 2007 was 68.4 percent, the same as in the prior year.
- 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 9.5 percent in 2007, up from 9.1 percent in 2006.

### Persons with Employment

The percent of men who worked during 2007 was 74.1 percent, down slightly from 74.4 percent in 2006. The proportion of women who worked at some point during 2007 held at 61.6 percent. (See table 1.)

The proportions of whites (68.3 percent), blacks (63.5 percent), and Asians (67.8 percent) who worked at some time during the year were essentially unchanged in 2007. The proportion of Hispanics who worked at some point during 2007 (68.5 percent) was down from 2006 (69.1 percent). (See table 2.)

Among those with work experience during 2007, 78.2 percent were employed year round (working 50 to 52 weeks, either full or part time), little changed from 2006. The percentage of women working year round rose 0.9 percentage point to 75.7 percent in 2007, and the percentage of men employed year round edged down 0.4 percentage point to 80.5 percent. (See table 1.)

Of those employed at some time during 2007, 80.9 percent usually worked full time, the same share as in 2006. Men were more likely to work full time during the year (87.4 percent) than were women (73.6 percent), but the gap narrowed in 2007. The incidence of men working full time declined by 0.4 percentage point while the incidence of women working full time increased by 0.6 percentage point.

### Persons with Unemployment

About 159.8 million persons worked or looked for work at some time in 2007. Of those, 15.1 million experienced some unemployment during the year, up from 14.4 million in 2006. Men accounted for the majority of the over-the-year increase in unemployment. (See table 3.)

At 9.5 percent in 2007, 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 0.4 percentage point higher than in 2006. The 2007 rate is relatively low by historical standards, but is above the series low of 8.6 percent reached in 2000. The rates for Hispanics (12.3 percent) and whites (9.0 percent) rose in 2007, while the rates for blacks (12.7 percent) and Asians (6.9 percent) were little changed. (See tables 3 and 4.)

Overall, men continued to have higher “work-experience unemployment rates” in 2007 than did women, 10.3 versus 8.6 percent, respectively. Among whites, the rate for men (9.9 percent) was higher than that for women (8.0 percent). This also was the case among blacks (13.9 and 11.6 percent, respectively) and Hispanics (13.0 and 11.3 percent, respectively.) The rates for Asian men (7.0 percent) and women (6.8 percent) were little different.

Among those who experienced unemployment in 2007, the median number of weeks spent looking for work was 13.8, unchanged from the prior year. About 2.1 million individuals looked for a job but did not work at all in 2007, up from 1.9 million in 2006. Of the 13.0 million persons who worked during 2007 and also experienced unemployment, 23.8 percent had 2 or more spells of joblessness, little different than the share in 2006.

## 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 2008 refer to the 2007 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 2007 was about twice the number unemployed in an average month during the year.

	Employed	Unemployed
2007 estimates (in thousands)		
Annual average of monthly estimates	146,047	7,078
Annual supplement data	157,653	15,117

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 2007, which were collected in the 2008 Annual Social and Economic Supplement to the CPS, are not strictly comparable with data for 2006 and earlier years because of the introduction in January 2008 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 decrease the December 2007 employment level by 598,000 and the unemployment level by 40,000. For additional information, see "Adjustments to Household Survey Population Estimates in January 2008," available on the Internet at <http://www.bls.gov/cps/cps08adj.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 "Reliability of estimates from the CPS" available on the Internet at <http://www.bls.gov/cps/documentation.htm#reliability>.

### Concepts and definitions

*Persons who worked.* In the 2008 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 2007?" or "Did you do any temporary, part-time, or seasonal work even for a few days during 2007?"

*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 2007, 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, 2006-07**

Extent of employment	Total		Men		Women	
	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007
Numbers (in thousands)						
Civilian noninstitutional population .....	231,033	232,995	111,733	112,695	119,300	120,300
Total who worked or looked for work .....	158,563	159,750	84,100	84,614	74,463	75,136
Percent of the population .....	68.6	68.6	75.3	75.1	62.4	62.5
Total who worked during the year <sup>1</sup> .....	156,658	157,653	83,131	83,538	73,527	74,115
Percent of the population .....	67.8	67.7	74.4	74.1	61.6	61.6
Full time <sup>2</sup> .....	126,677	127,538	72,967	72,994	53,709	54,544
50 to 52 weeks .....	107,105	107,858	62,479	62,287	44,626	45,571
48 to 49 weeks .....	1,945	2,031	1,110	1,203	835	829
40 to 47 weeks .....	5,481	5,235	3,029	2,810	2,452	2,425
27 to 39 weeks .....	4,286	4,623	2,213	2,560	2,073	2,063
14 to 26 weeks .....	4,728	4,704	2,466	2,474	2,262	2,230
1 to 13 weeks .....	3,132	3,087	1,670	1,661	1,462	1,426
Part time <sup>3</sup> .....	29,981	30,115	10,163	10,544	19,818	19,571
50 to 52 weeks .....	15,124	15,472	4,744	4,930	10,381	10,541
48 to 49 weeks .....	793	832	268	296	525	536
40 to 47 weeks .....	2,641	2,580	844	903	1,797	1,678
27 to 39 weeks .....	2,783	2,776	929	961	1,854	1,815
14 to 26 weeks .....	4,283	4,248	1,605	1,709	2,678	2,539
1 to 13 weeks .....	4,356	4,207	1,773	1,745	2,583	2,462
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> .....	80.9	80.9	87.8	87.4	73.0	73.6
50 to 52 weeks .....	68.4	68.4	75.2	74.6	60.7	61.5
48 to 49 weeks .....	1.2	1.3	1.3	1.4	1.1	1.1
40 to 47 weeks .....	3.5	3.3	3.6	3.4	3.3	3.3
27 to 39 weeks .....	2.7	2.9	2.7	3.1	2.8	2.8
14 to 26 weeks .....	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.1	3.0
1 to 13 weeks .....	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	1.9
Part time <sup>3</sup> .....	19.1	19.1	12.2	12.6	27.0	26.4
50 to 52 weeks .....	9.7	9.8	5.7	5.9	14.1	14.2
48 to 49 weeks .....	0.5	0.5	0.3	0.4	0.7	0.7
40 to 47 weeks .....	1.7	1.6	1.0	1.1	2.4	2.3
27 to 39 weeks .....	1.8	1.8	1.1	1.2	2.5	2.4
14 to 26 weeks .....	2.7	2.7	1.9	2.0	3.6	3.4
1 to 13 weeks .....	2.8	2.7	2.1	2.1	3.5	3.3

<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 2007, which were collected in the 2008 Annual Social and Economic Supplement to the Current Population Survey, are not strictly comparable with data for 2006

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 2008" available on the Internet at <http://www.bls.gov/cps/cps08adj.pdf>.

**Table 2. Work experience of the population during the year by race, Hispanic or Latino ethnicity, and sex, 2006-07**

(Numbers in thousands)

Extent of employment, race, and Hispanic or Latino ethnicity	Total		Men		Women	
	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007
<b>WHITE</b>						
Civilian noninstitutional population .....	187,721	189,045	91,792	92,469	95,929	96,576
Total who worked or looked for work .....	129,766	130,472	70,160	70,392	59,606	60,080
Percent of the population .....	69.1	69.0	76.4	76.1	62.1	62.2
Total who worked during the year <sup>1</sup> .....	128,503	129,078	69,504	69,659	58,999	59,419
Percent of the population .....	68.5	68.3	75.7	75.3	61.5	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> .....	80.4	80.5	87.9	87.5	71.7	72.3
50 to 52 weeks .....	68.1	68.1	75.4	74.7	59.4	60.3
27 to 49 weeks .....	7.6	7.6	7.7	7.9	7.5	7.2
1 to 26 weeks .....	4.8	4.8	4.7	4.8	4.8	4.8
Part time <sup>3</sup> .....	19.6	19.5	12.1	12.5	28.3	27.7
50 to 52 weeks .....	10.0	10.1	5.7	5.9	15.0	15.0
27 to 49 weeks .....	4.1	4.1	2.5	2.7	6.1	5.8
1 to 26 weeks .....	5.5	5.3	4.0	4.0	7.3	6.9
<b>BLACK OR AFRICAN AMERICAN</b>						
Civilian noninstitutional population .....	27,345	27,709	12,291	12,448	15,055	15,261
Total who worked or looked for work .....	17,879	18,112	8,200	8,347	9,678	9,765
Percent of the population .....	65.4	65.4	66.7	67.1	64.3	64.0
Total who worked during the year <sup>1</sup> .....	17,405	17,602	7,973	8,104	9,432	9,499
Percent of the population .....	63.6	63.5	64.9	65.1	62.7	62.2
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> .....	83.5	83.6	87.1	87.0	80.4	80.7
50 to 52 weeks .....	70.5	69.9	73.0	72.4	68.3	67.8
27 to 49 weeks .....	6.7	7.6	7.4	8.1	6.2	7.1
1 to 26 weeks .....	6.3	6.1	6.7	6.4	6.0	5.7
Part time <sup>3</sup> .....	16.5	16.4	12.9	13.0	19.6	19.3
50 to 52 weeks .....	7.6	7.9	5.6	5.6	9.3	9.9
27 to 49 weeks .....	3.2	2.9	2.6	1.9	3.7	3.7
1 to 26 weeks .....	5.7	5.6	4.6	5.5	6.6	5.8
<b>ASIAN</b>						
Civilian noninstitutional population .....	10,518	10,571	4,999	4,992	5,519	5,580
Total who worked or looked for work .....	7,174	7,291	3,797	3,810	3,378	3,480
Percent of the population .....	68.2	69.0	76.0	76.3	61.2	62.4
Total who worked during the year <sup>1</sup> .....	7,096	7,171	3,754	3,745	3,342	3,427
Percent of the population .....	67.5	67.8	75.1	75.0	60.5	61.4
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> .....	83.3	83.7	88.7	89.1	77.4	77.8
50 to 52 weeks .....	72.7	74.3	79.1	80.5	65.6	67.5
27 to 49 weeks .....	5.7	5.6	4.9	5.3	6.6	5.9
1 to 26 weeks .....	4.9	3.8	4.6	3.4	5.2	4.4
Part time <sup>3</sup> .....	16.7	16.3	11.3	10.9	22.6	22.2
50 to 52 weeks .....	9.4	9.1	5.9	5.9	13.3	12.6
27 to 49 weeks .....	3.0	2.9	2.0	1.9	4.1	4.1
1 to 26 weeks .....	4.3	4.2	3.4	3.0	5.3	5.5

See footnotes at end of table.

**Table 2. Work experience of the population during the year by race, Hispanic or Latino ethnicity, and sex, 2006-07 — Continued**

(Numbers in thousands)

Extent of employment, race, and Hispanic or Latino ethnicity	Total		Men		Women	
	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007
<b>HISPANIC OR LATINO ETHNICITY</b>						
Civilian noninstitutional population .....	31,054	31,820	15,979	16,355	15,075	15,465
Total who worked or looked for work .....	21,708	22,092	12,906	13,113	8,802	8,978
Percent of the population .....	69.9	69.4	80.8	80.2	58.4	58.1
Total who worked during the year <sup>1</sup> .....	21,447	21,791	12,795	12,978	8,651	8,814
Percent of the population .....	69.1	68.5	80.1	79.3	57.4	57.0
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> .....	85.2	84.1	91.4	90.0	75.9	75.5
50 to 52 weeks .....	70.9	69.4	77.0	74.8	61.9	61.5
27 to 49 weeks .....	8.5	9.4	9.1	10.3	7.6	8.1
1 to 26 weeks .....	5.8	5.3	5.3	4.9	6.4	6.0
Part time <sup>3</sup> .....	14.8	15.9	8.6	10.0	24.1	24.5
50 to 52 weeks .....	7.5	8.3	4.0	5.0	12.7	13.3
27 to 49 weeks .....	2.9	3.1	1.9	2.3	4.3	4.2
1 to 26 weeks .....	4.4	4.5	2.6	2.8	7.1	6.9

<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, 2006-07**

Extent of unemployment	Total		Men		Women	
	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007
Numbers (in thousands)						
Total who worked or looked for work .....	158,563	159,750	84,100	84,614	74,463	75,136
Percent with unemployment .....	9.1	9.5	9.6	10.3	8.5	8.6
Total with unemployment .....	14,424	15,117	8,097	8,685	6,326	6,432
Did not work but looked for work .....	1,905	2,097	969	1,076	936	1,021
1 to 14 weeks .....	797	918	349	390	448	527
15 weeks or more .....	1,108	1,179	620	686	488	494
Worked during the year .....	12,519	13,020	7,128	7,609	5,391	5,411
Year-round workers <sup>1</sup> with 1 or 2 weeks of unemployment .....	449	500	295	365	154	135
Part-year workers <sup>2</sup> with unemployment .....	12,069	12,520	6,833	7,244	5,236	5,276
1 to 4 weeks .....	2,596	2,591	1,278	1,365	1,317	1,226
5 to 10 weeks .....	2,098	2,090	1,262	1,214	836	876
11 to 14 weeks .....	1,613	1,888	959	1,163	655	725
15 to 26 weeks .....	3,170	3,373	1,863	2,058	1,307	1,316
27 weeks or more .....	2,592	2,577	1,472	1,443	1,120	1,134
Median weeks of unemployment for all workers .....	13.8	13.8	14.0	14.0	13.4	13.6
With 2 spells or more of unemployment .....	3,068	3,098	1,929	1,982	1,139	1,116
2 spells .....	1,559	1,420	940	840	619	580
3 spells or more .....	1,508	1,678	988	1,143	520	536
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 .....	41.8	43.8	36.0	36.3	47.8	51.7
15 weeks or more .....	58.2	56.2	64.0	63.7	52.2	48.3
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 .....	3.6	3.8	4.1	4.8	2.9	2.5
Part-year workers <sup>2</sup> with unemployment .....	96.4	96.2	95.9	95.2	97.1	97.5
1 to 4 weeks .....	20.7	19.9	17.9	17.9	24.4	22.6
5 to 10 weeks .....	16.8	16.1	17.7	16.0	15.5	16.2
11 to 14 weeks .....	12.9	14.5	13.4	15.3	12.1	13.4
15 to 26 weeks .....	25.3	25.9	26.1	27.0	24.3	24.3
27 weeks or more .....	20.7	19.8	20.6	19.0	20.8	21.0
With 2 spells or more of unemployment .....	24.5	23.8	27.1	26.1	21.1	20.6
2 spells .....	12.5	10.9	13.2	11.0	11.5	10.7
3 spells or more .....	12.0	12.9	13.9	15.0	9.6	9.9

<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, 2006-07**

(Numbers in thousands)

Extent of unemployment, race, and Hispanic or Latino ethnicity	Total		Men		Women	
	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007
<b>WHITE</b>						
Total who worked or looked for work .....	129,766	130,472	70,160	70,392	59,606	60,080
Percent with unemployment .....	8.5	9.0	9.0	9.9	7.9	8.0
Total with unemployment .....	11,042	11,782	6,308	6,951	4,734	4,831
Did not work but looked for work .....	1,263	1,394	656	733	607	661
Worked during the year .....	9,779	10,388	5,652	6,218	4,127	4,170
Median weeks of unemployment for all workers .....	13.1	13.4	13.5	13.6	12.5	13.0
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	4.3	4.6	5.3	3.2	2.8
Part-year workers <sup>3</sup> with unemployment .....	96.0	95.7	95.4	94.7	96.8	97.2
1 to 4 weeks .....	21.5	20.7	18.3	18.7	25.9	23.6
5 to 14 weeks .....	30.6	30.8	32.3	31.2	28.4	30.1
15 weeks or more .....	43.9	44.2	44.8	44.8	42.6	43.5
With 2 spells or more of unemployment .....	24.6	24.3	26.9	26.5	21.4	20.9
<b>BLACK OR AFRICAN AMERICAN</b>						
Total who worked or looked for work .....	17,879	18,112	8,200	8,347	9,678	9,765
Percent with unemployment .....	13.0	12.7	14.5	13.9	11.7	11.6
Total with unemployment .....	2,323	2,293	1,188	1,163	1,136	1,130
Did not work but looked for work .....	474	510	228	244	246	266
Worked during the year .....	1,850	1,783	960	919	889	864
Median weeks of unemployment for all workers .....	18.8	17.4	19.4	17.1	18.2	17.7
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 .....	2.2	1.3	2.5	0.8	1.9	1.8
Part-year workers <sup>3</sup> with unemployment .....	97.8	98.7	97.5	99.2	98.1	98.2
1 to 4 weeks .....	17.1	15.2	15.2	14.6	19.1	16.0
5 to 14 weeks .....	24.1	28.5	25.3	30.0	22.8	26.8
15 weeks or more .....	56.6	55.0	56.9	54.5	56.2	55.4
With 2 spells or more of unemployment .....	23.7	21.4	27.3	22.9	19.9	19.9
<b>ASIAN</b>						
Total who worked or looked for work .....	7,174	7,291	3,797	3,810	3,378	3,480
Percent with unemployment .....	7.3	6.9	7.5	7.0	7.0	6.8
Total with unemployment .....	521	500	285	265	236	235
Did not work but looked for work .....	78	119	42	66	36	54
Worked during the year .....	443	381	243	200	200	181
Median weeks of unemployment for all workers .....	14.0	13.5	14.7	15.4	13.5	12.1
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 .....	1.1	4.6	1.6	7.8	0.4	1.2
Part-year workers <sup>3</sup> with unemployment .....	98.9	95.4	98.4	92.2	99.6	98.8
1 to 4 weeks .....	19.8	18.2	20.2	9.8	19.3	27.5
5 to 14 weeks .....	32.7	31.7	29.2	30.9	37.1	32.5
15 weeks or more .....	46.4	45.5	49.0	51.5	43.2	38.9
With 2 spells or more of unemployment .....	24.3	15.9	24.9	12.9	23.6	19.1

See footnotes at end of table.



**Table 4. Extent of unemployment during the year by race, Hispanic or Latino ethnicity, and sex, 2006-07 — Continued**

(Numbers in thousands)

Extent of unemployment, race, and Hispanic or Latino ethnicity	Total		Men		Women	
	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007
<b>HISPANIC OR LATINO ETHNICITY</b>						
Total who worked or looked for work .....	21,708	22,092	12,906	13,113	8,802	8,978
Percent with unemployment .....	10.2	12.3	10.7	13.0	9.6	11.3
Total with unemployment .....	2,220	2,720	1,378	1,708	842	1,012
Did not work but looked for work .....	261	300	110	136	151	165
Worked during the year .....	1,959	2,420	1,267	1,572	691	848
Median weeks of unemployment for all workers .....	14.1	14.2	14.2	13.9	13.9	14.6
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 .....	3.6	2.6	4.3	2.5	2.4	2.8
Part-year workers <sup>3</sup> with unemployment .....	96.4	97.4	95.7	97.5	97.6	97.2
1 to 4 weeks .....	18.5	21.1	15.9	20.4	23.1	22.4
5 to 14 weeks .....	31.0	29.9	32.6	31.9	27.9	26.3
15 weeks or more .....	46.9	46.4	47.1	45.3	46.5	48.5
With 2 spells or more of unemployment .....	29.4	27.8	32.8	30.8	23.1	22.1

<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.