

## Adjustments to Household Survey Population Estimates in January 2009

Household survey data beginning in January 2009 reflect updated population controls. As part of its annual review of intercensal population estimates, the U.S. Census Bureau determined that a downward adjustment should be made to the household survey population controls. This adjustment stems from revised estimates of net international migration and updated vital statistics information. In addition, this year the Census Bureau introduced some methodological changes in the population estimation process. Documentation on the Census Bureau's population estimation methodology is available on their website at <http://www.census.gov/popest/topics/methodology/2008-nat-meth.html>. Questions about population estimation should be directed to the Census Bureau's Population Division at 1-866-758-1060 or by email at [pop@census.gov](mailto:pop@census.gov).

The updated controls resulted in a decrease of 483,000 in the estimated size of the civilian noninstitutional population 16 years and over for December 2008. Official population and labor force estimates for December 2008 and earlier months will not be revised.

A comparison of December 2008 data based on the old and new controls shows that the population adjustments caused decreases in the labor force (-449,000), employment (-407,000), unemployment (-42,000), and the labor force participation rate (-0.1). The total unemployment rate, however, was not affected. (See table below.)

### Employment status of the population for selected labor force groups, not seasonally adjusted, December 2008 (2009 population adjustment effect)

(Numbers in thousands)

Employment status, sex, age, race, and Hispanic or Latino ethnicity	As published	Based on updated population controls	Difference <sup>1</sup>
<b>TOTAL</b>			
Civilian noninstitutional population .....	235,035	234,552	-483
Civilian labor force .....	154,349	153,900	-449
Participation rate .....	65.7	65.6	-.1
Employed .....	143,350	142,943	-407
Employment-population ratio .....	61.0	60.9	.0
Unemployed .....	10,999	10,957	-42
Unemployment rate .....	7.1	7.1	.0
Not in labor force .....	80,686	80,652	-34

See notes at end of table.

**Employment status of the population for selected labor force groups, not seasonally adjusted,  
December 2008 (2009 population adjustment effect)—Continued**

(Numbers in thousands)

Employment status, sex, age, race, and Hispanic or Latino ethnicity	As published	Based on updated population controls	Difference <sup>1</sup>
<b>Men, 20 years and over</b>			
Civilian noninstitutional population .....	105,083	104,806	-277
Civilian labor force .....	79,071	78,790	-281
Participation rate .....	75.2	75.2	-.1
Employed .....	73,088	72,833	-255
Employment-population ratio .....	69.6	69.5	-.1
Unemployed .....	5,984	5,957	-27
Unemployment rate .....	7.6	7.6	.0
Not in labor force .....	26,012	26,016	4
<b>Women, 20 years and over</b>			
Civilian noninstitutional population .....	112,825	112,654	-172
Civilian labor force .....	69,042	68,888	-154
Participation rate .....	61.2	61.2	.0
Employed .....	65,204	65,062	-142
Employment-population ratio .....	57.8	57.8	.0
Unemployed .....	3,838	3,825	-12
Unemployment rate .....	5.6	5.6	.0
Not in labor force .....	43,784	43,766	-18
<b>Both sexes, 16 to 19 years</b>			
Civilian noninstitutional population .....	17,126	17,092	-34
Civilian labor force .....	6,235	6,222	-13
Participation rate .....	36.4	36.4	.0
Employed .....	5,058	5,048	-10
Employment-population ratio .....	29.5	29.5	.0
Unemployed .....	1,177	1,174	-3
Unemployment rate .....	18.9	18.9	.0
Not in labor force .....	10,891	10,870	-21
<b>WHITE</b>			
Civilian noninstitutional population .....	190,351	190,109	-242
Civilian labor force .....	125,588	125,321	-267
Participation rate .....	66.0	65.9	-.1
Employed .....	117,409	117,170	-239
Employment-population ratio .....	61.7	61.6	.0
Unemployed .....	8,179	8,150	-28
Unemployment rate .....	6.5	6.5	.0
Not in labor force .....	64,763	64,789	25
<b>BLACK OR AFRICAN AMERICAN</b>			
Civilian noninstitutional population .....	28,059	28,016	-43
Civilian labor force .....	17,720	17,682	-38
Participation rate .....	63.2	63.1	.0
Employed .....	15,649	15,616	-33
Employment-population ratio .....	55.8	55.7	.0
Unemployed .....	2,071	2,066	-5
Unemployment rate .....	11.7	11.7	.0
Not in labor force .....	10,339	10,334	-4

See notes at end of table.

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December 2008 (2009 population adjustment effect)—Continued**

(Numbers in thousands)

Employment status, sex, age, race, and Hispanic or Latino ethnicity	As published	Based on updated population controls	Difference <sup>1</sup>
<b>ASIAN</b>			
Civilian noninstitutional population .....	10,873	10,703	-170
Civilian labor force .....	7,223	7,101	-121
Participation rate .....	66.4	66.3	-.1
Employed .....	6,857	6,742	-116
Employment-population ratio .....	63.1	63.0	-.1
Unemployed .....	365	360	-6
Unemployment rate .....	5.1	5.1	.0
Not in labor force .....	3,651	3,602	-49
<b>HISPANIC OR LATINO ETHNICITY</b>			
Civilian noninstitutional population .....	32,649	32,330	-319
Civilian labor force .....	22,221	21,957	-264
Participation rate .....	68.1	67.9	-.1
Employed .....	20,129	19,891	-238
Employment-population ratio .....	61.7	61.5	-.1
Unemployed .....	2,093	2,066	-27
Unemployment rate .....	9.4	9.4	.0
Not in labor force .....	10,428	10,373	-55

<sup>1</sup> Differences are calculated from unrounded estimates.

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.