

Adjustments to Household Survey Population Estimates in January 2006

Household survey data beginning in January 2006 reflect updated population controls. As part of its annual review of intercensal population estimates, the U.S. Census Bureau determined that a small 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. The updated controls resulted in a decrease of 67,000 in the estimated size of the civilian noninstitutional population 16 years of age and over

for December 2005. Official population and labor force estimates for December 2005 and earlier months will not be revised.

A comparison of December 2005 data based on the old and new controls shows that the population adjustments caused decreases in the labor force (-130,000), employment (-123,000), and unemployment (-8,000). The total unemployment rate, labor force participation rate, and employment-population ratio, however, were not affected. (See table below.)

Employment status of the population for selected labor force groups, December 2005 (2006 population adjustment effect)

(Numbers in thousands)

Employment status, sex, age, race, and Hispanic or Latino ethnicity	As originally published	Based on updated population controls	Difference ¹
TOTAL			
Civilian noninstitutional population	227,425	227,358	-67
Civilian labor force	149,874	149,744	-130
Participation rate	65.9	65.9	.0
Employed	142,918	142,795	-123
Employment-population ratio	62.8	62.8	.0
Unemployed	6,956	6,949	-8
Unemployment rate	4.6	4.6	.0
Not in labor force	77,550	77,614	63
Men, 20 years and over			
Civilian noninstitutional population	101,489	101,465	-24
Civilian labor force	76,670	76,606	-64
Participation rate	75.5	75.5	.0
Employed	73,315	73,257	-58
Employment-population ratio	72.2	72.2	.0
Unemployed	3,355	3,349	-6
Unemployment rate	4.4	4.4	.0
Not in labor force	24,819	24,859	40
Women, 20 years and over			
Civilian noninstitutional population	109,425	109,397	-28
Civilian labor force	66,376	66,314	-62
Participation rate	60.7	60.6	.0
Employed	63,669	63,610	-60
Employment-population ratio	58.2	58.1	.0
Unemployed	2,707	2,705	-2
Unemployment rate	4.1	4.1	.0
Not in labor force	43,048	43,083	34

See notes at end of table.

Employment status of the population for selected labor force groups, December 2005
(2006 population adjustment effect)—Continued

(Numbers in thousands)

Employment status, sex, age, race, and Hispanic or Latino ethnicity	As originally published	Based on updated population controls	Difference ¹
Both sexes, 16 to 19 years			
Civilian noninstitutional population	16,511	16,496	-15
Civilian labor force	6,828	6,823	-5
Participation rate	41.4	41.4	.0
Employed	5,934	5,929	-5
Employment-population ratio	35.9	35.9	.0
Unemployed	894	895	0
Unemployment rate	13.1	13.1	.0
Not in labor force	9,683	9,672	-10
WHITE			
Civilian noninstitutional population	185,327	185,315	-12
Civilian labor force	122,752	122,663	-89
Participation rate	66.2	66.2	.0
Employed	117,803	117,721	-82
Employment-population ratio	63.6	63.5	.0
Unemployed	4,949	4,941	-7
Unemployment rate	4.0	4.0	.0
Not in labor force	62,575	62,652	77
BLACK OR AFRICAN AMERICAN			
Civilian noninstitutional population	26,744	26,751	7
Civilian labor force	17,001	17,005	3
Participation rate	63.6	63.6	.0
Employed	15,487	15,489	2
Employment-population ratio	57.9	57.9	.0
Unemployed	1,514	1,515	1
Unemployment rate	8.9	8.9	.0
Not in labor force	9,743	9,746	3
ASIAN			
Civilian noninstitutional population	10,036	9,965	-70
Civilian labor force	6,652	6,603	-49
Participation rate	66.3	66.3	.0
Employed	6,400	6,353	-47
Employment-population ratio	63.8	63.8	.0
Unemployed	252	250	-2
Unemployment rate	3.8	3.8	.0
Not in labor force	3,384	3,362	-21
HISPANIC OR LATINO ETHNICITY			
Civilian noninstitutional population	29,645	29,537	-108
Civilian labor force	20,316	20,229	-87
Participation rate	68.5	68.5	.0
Employed	19,084	19,003	-81
Employment-population ratio	64.4	64.3	.0
Unemployed	1,232	1,226	-6
Unemployment rate	6.1	6.1	.0
Not in labor force	9,329	9,308	-21

¹ 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. In addition, persons whose ethnicity is identified as Hispanic or Latino may be of any race and, therefore, are classified by ethnicity as well as by race.