

Preliminary 2012 Data on Employment Status by State and Demographic Group

This table presents preliminary data on employment status by demographic group for States from the Current Population Survey (CPS). It is being made available prior to the more involved work on producing a final table using the standard procedure. This table will differ from the final table in a number of ways, but it is expected that the data—particularly for labor force participation rates, employment-population ratios, and unemployment rates—will be little changed.

Differences between the preliminary and final tables are as follows:

- These preliminary data were developed from quarterly tabulations containing data rounded to the hundreds. The final data will be based on monthly data to the unit. The level (that is, number-of-person) estimates presented will be rounded to the thousands in both cases. The rounding error resulting from having averaged quarterly data is very small. Summation of level estimates for each population group included results in differences of no more than one thousand persons relative to the corresponding national totals.
- The underlying quarterly data for this preliminary table were tabulated on the initial population controls, that is, estimates of population available during the reference year and not end-of-year revisions. While the final table will reflect revised population estimates, the data in this preliminary table are consistent with the published CPS national totals. Differences in employment or unemployment levels between these preliminary data and the final data generally will be less than one percent.
- Data for Asians, marital status groups, and detailed age break-outs by race and ethnicity are not included in this preliminary table because they were not part of the quarterly tabulations.
- This preliminary table does not contain unemployment rate error ranges.
- The 2011 unemployment minimum bases were used to determine which State-demographic groups were of sufficient reliability for publication in this preliminary table. The final table will reflect the use of actual minimum bases calculated from the 2012 CPS sample. See appendix B of the *Geographic Profile of Employment and Unemployment* bulletin at www.bls.gov/opub/gp/gpapndb.htm for more information on the minimum base standard for statistical reliability.

General information on the uses and limitations of State and local area data from the CPS can be found at www.bls.gov/gps/notescps.htm. Questions can be addressed to the Division of Local Area Unemployment Statistics by e-mail at gpinfo@bls.gov or by telephone at (202) 691-6392.