

Adjustments to Household Survey Population Estimates in January 2015

Household survey data beginning in January 2015 reflect updated population estimates, also referred to as population controls. Population estimates for the household survey are developed by the U.S. Census Bureau. Each year, the Census Bureau updates the estimates to reflect new information and assumptions about the growth of the population since the previous decennial census. The population adjustments incorporated with household survey data for January 2015 result from adjustments for net international migration, updated birth and death statistics and other information, and some methodological changes in the population estimation process. In accordance with usual practice, official population and labor force estimates for December 2014 and earlier months were not revised.

To show the impact on the labor force data, the Bureau of Labor Statistics uses special tabulations of December data that incorporate the new population controls. When applied to December 2014, the updated controls increased the estimated size of the civilian noninstitutional population 16 years and over by 528,000, the civilian labor force by 348,000, employment by 324,000, unemployment by 24,000, and the number of persons not in the labor force by 179,000. The total unemployment rate, the labor force participation rate, and the employment-population ratio were not affected. See the table on the following pages for the population control effects on labor force series for key demographic groups.

Information about the Census Bureau's population estimation methodology is available on their website at <http://www.census.gov/popest/methodology/>.

Employment status of the population for selected labor force groups, not seasonally adjusted, December 2014 (2015 population adjustment effect)

(Numbers in thousands)

Employment status, age, sex, race, and Hispanic or Latino ethnicity	As published	Based on updated population controls	Difference ¹
TOTAL			
Civilian noninstitutional population	249,027	249,555	528
Civilian labor force	155,521	155,870	348
Participation rate	62.5	62.5	.0
Employed	147,190	147,514	324
Employment-population ratio	59.1	59.1	.0
Unemployed	8,331	8,356	24
Unemployment rate	5.4	5.4	.0
Not in labor force	93,506	93,685	179
Men, 16 years and over			
Civilian noninstitutional population	120,301	120,474	173
Civilian labor force	82,800	82,931	131
Participation rate	68.8	68.8	.0
Employed	78,052	78,172	120
Employment-population ratio	64.9	64.9	.0
Unemployed	4,748	4,758	10
Unemployment rate	5.7	5.7	.0
Not in labor force	37,501	37,544	42
Men, 20 years and over			
Civilian noninstitutional population	111,875	112,028	154
Civilian labor force	80,068	80,196	128
Participation rate	71.6	71.6	.0
Employed	75,801	75,919	118
Employment-population ratio	67.8	67.8	.0
Unemployed	4,267	4,277	10
Unemployment rate	5.3	5.3	.0
Not in labor force	31,807	31,833	26
Women, 16 years and over			
Civilian noninstitutional population	128,726	129,080	354
Civilian labor force	72,721	72,939	218
Participation rate	56.5	56.5	.0
Employed	69,138	69,342	204
Employment-population ratio	53.7	53.7	.0
Unemployed	3,584	3,597	14
Unemployment rate	4.9	4.9	.0
Not in labor force	56,005	56,141	137

See notes at end of table.

**Employment status of the population for selected labor force groups,
not seasonally adjusted, December 2014 (2015 population adjustment effect)—Continued**

(Numbers in thousands)

Employment status, age, sex, race, and Hispanic or Latino ethnicity	As published	Based on updated population controls	Difference ¹
Women, 20 years and over			
Civilian noninstitutional population	120,557	120,883	326
Civilian labor force	70,058	70,268	210
Participation rate	58.1	58.1	.0
Employed	66,797	66,993	197
Employment-population ratio	55.4	55.4	.0
Unemployed	3,262	3,275	13
Unemployment rate	4.7	4.7	.0
Not in labor force	50,499	50,615	116
Both sexes, 16 to 19 years			
Civilian noninstitutional population	16,595	16,643	48
Civilian labor force	5,395	5,406	11
Participation rate	32.5	32.5	.0
Employed	4,592	4,601	9
Employment-population ratio	27.7	27.6	.0
Unemployed	803	804	2
Unemployment rate	14.9	14.9	.0
Not in labor force	11,201	11,238	37
WHITE			
Civilian noninstitutional population	196,091	196,230	139
Civilian labor force	122,650	122,752	101
Participation rate	62.5	62.6	.0
Employed	117,068	117,162	94
Employment-population ratio	59.7	59.7	.0
Unemployed	5,582	5,590	7
Unemployment rate	4.6	4.6	.0
Not in labor force	73,441	73,478	38
BLACK OR AFRICAN AMERICAN			
Civilian noninstitutional population	31,040	31,154	114
Civilian labor force	18,933	19,014	81
Participation rate	61.0	61.0	.0
Employed	17,009	17,081	72
Employment-population ratio	54.8	54.8	.0
Unemployed	1,924	1,933	9
Unemployment rate	10.2	10.2	.0
Not in labor force	12,107	12,140	33

See notes at end of table.

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(Numbers in thousands)

Employment status, age, sex, race, and Hispanic or Latino ethnicity	As published	Based on updated population controls	Difference ¹
ASIAN			
Civilian noninstitutional population	13,886	14,129	243
Civilian labor force	8,796	8,940	144
Participation rate	63.3	63.3	-.1
Employed	8,424	8,562	138
Employment-population ratio	60.7	60.6	-.1
Unemployed	372	379	7
Unemployment rate	4.2	4.2	.0
Not in labor force	5,090	5,189	99
HISPANIC OR LATINO ETHNICITY			
Civilian noninstitutional population	38,839	39,082	243
Civilian labor force	25,630	25,771	141
Participation rate	66.0	65.9	.0
Employed	23,995	24,129	133
Employment-population ratio	61.8	61.7	.0
Unemployed	1,635	1,642	7
Unemployment rate	6.4	6.4	.0
Not in labor force	13,209	13,311	102

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. Persons whose ethnicity is identified as Hispanic or Latino may be of any race.