

Adjustments to Household Survey Population Estimates in January 2016

Household survey data beginning in January 2016 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 and reviews the estimation methodology. The population adjustments incorporated with household survey data for January 2016 result from updated birth and death statistics and adjustments for net international migration. In accordance with usual practice, official population and labor force estimates for December 2015 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 2015, the updated controls increased the estimated size of the civilian noninstitutional population 16 years and over by 265,000, the civilian labor force by 218,000, employment by 206,000, unemployment by 12,000, and the number of persons not in the labor force by 47,000. The total unemployment rate, the labor force participation rate, and the employment-population ratio were not affected. See the accompanying table for the population control effects on labor force series for key demographic groups.

For information about the Census Bureau's population estimation methodology, see "Vintage 2015 Population Estimates Methodology" on their website at <http://www.census.gov/popest/methodology/>. Questions about the population estimates and the methodology used to develop them may be directed to the Census Bureau using the contact information found at the link above.

Employment status of the population for selected labor force groups, not seasonally adjusted, December 2015 (2016 population adjustment effect)

(Numbers in thousands)

Employment status, age, sex, race, and Hispanic or Latino ethnicity	As published	Based on updated population controls	Difference
TOTAL			
Civilian noninstitutional population.....	251,936	252,201	265
Civilian labor force.....	157,245	157,463	218
Participation rate.....	62.4	62.4	0.0
Employed.....	149,703	149,909	206
Employment-population ratio.....	59.4	59.4	0.0
Unemployed.....	7,542	7,554	12
Unemployment rate.....	4.8	4.8	0.0
Not in labor force.....	94,691	94,738	47
Men, 16 years and over			
Civilian noninstitutional population.....	121,671	121,828	157
Civilian labor force.....	83,439	83,577	138
Participation rate.....	68.6	68.6	0.0
Employed.....	79,158	79,289	131
Employment-population ratio.....	65.1	65.1	0.0
Unemployed.....	4,280	4,288	8
Unemployment rate.....	5.1	5.1	0.0
Not in labor force.....	38,233	38,251	18
Men, 20 years and over			
Civilian noninstitutional population.....	113,241	113,388	147
Civilian labor force.....	80,663	80,798	135
Participation rate.....	71.2	71.3	0.1
Employed.....	76,827	76,954	127
Employment-population ratio.....	67.8	67.9	0.1
Unemployed.....	3,836	3,844	8
Unemployment rate.....	4.8	4.8	0.0
Not in labor force.....	32,578	32,589	11
Women, 16 years and over			
Civilian noninstitutional population.....	130,265	130,373	108
Civilian labor force.....	73,807	73,886	79
Participation rate.....	56.7	56.7	0.0
Employed.....	70,544	70,620	76
Employment-population ratio.....	54.2	54.2	0.0
Unemployed.....	3,262	3,266	4
Unemployment rate.....	4.4	4.4	0.0
Not in labor force.....	56,458	56,486	28

See notes at end of table.

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Women, 20 years and over			
Civilian noninstitutional population.....	122,071	122,168	97
Civilian labor force.....	71,055	71,132	77
Participation rate.....	58.2	58.2	0.0
Employed.....	68,131	68,204	73
Employment-population ratio.....	55.8	55.8	0.0
Unemployed.....	2,924	2,927	3
Unemployment rate.....	4.1	4.1	0.0
Not in labor force.....	51,016	51,036	20
Both sexes, 16 to 19 years			
Civilian noninstitutional population.....	16,624	16,645	21
Civilian labor force.....	5,527	5,533	6
Participation rate.....	33.2	33.2	0.0
Employed.....	4,745	4,750	5
Employment-population ratio.....	28.5	28.5	0.0
Unemployed.....	782	783	1
Unemployment rate.....	14.2	14.2	0.0
Not in labor force.....	11,096	11,112	16
WHITE			
Civilian noninstitutional population.....	197,471	197,544	73
Civilian labor force.....	123,401	123,487	86
Participation rate.....	62.5	62.5	0.0
Employed.....	118,157	118,239	82
Employment-population ratio.....	59.8	59.9	0.1
Unemployed.....	5,244	5,248	4
Unemployment rate.....	4.2	4.2	0.0
Not in labor force.....	74,070	74,057	-13
BLACK OR AFRICAN AMERICAN			
Civilian noninstitutional population.....	31,594	31,641	47
Civilian labor force.....	19,359	19,397	38
Participation rate.....	61.3	61.3	0.0
Employed.....	17,795	17,829	34
Employment-population ratio.....	56.3	56.4	0.1
Unemployed.....	1,565	1,568	3
Unemployment rate.....	8.1	8.1	0.0
Not in labor force.....	12,235	12,243	8

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ASIAN			
Civilian noninstitutional population.....	14,553	14,678	125
Civilian labor force.....	9,185	9,265	80
Participation rate.....	63.1	63.1	0.0
Employed.....	8,821	8,897	76
Employment-population ratio.....	60.6	60.6	0.0
Unemployed.....	365	368	3
Unemployment rate.....	4.0	4.0	0.0
Not in labor force.....	5,367	5,413	46
HISPANIC OR LATINO ETHNICITY			
Civilian noninstitutional population.....	40,090	40,126	36
Civilian labor force.....	26,210	26,235	25
Participation rate.....	65.4	65.4	0.0
Employed.....	24,591	24,616	25
Employment-population ratio.....	61.3	61.3	0.0
Unemployed.....	1,619	1,619	0
Unemployment rate.....	6.2	6.2	0.0
Not in labor force.....	13,881	13,891	10

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.