

Adjustments to Household Survey Population Estimates in January 2013

Household survey data beginning in January 2013 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 adjustments incorporated with household survey data for January 2013 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 2012 and earlier months were not revised.

To gauge 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 2012, the updated controls increased the estimated size of the civilian noninstitutional population 16 years and over by 138,000, the civilian labor force by 136,000, employment by 127,000, unemployment by 9,000, and persons not in the labor force by 2,000. 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 2012 (2013 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	244,350	244,488	138
Civilian labor force	154,904	155,040	136
Participation rate	63.4	63.4	.0
Employed	143,060	143,187	127
Employment-population ratio	58.5	58.6	.0
Unemployed	11,844	11,853	9
Unemployment rate	7.6	7.6	.0
Not in labor force	89,445	89,448	2
 Men, 16 years and over			
Civilian noninstitutional population	117,902	117,943	41
Civilian labor force	82,190	82,239	49
Participation rate	69.7	69.7	.0
Employed	75,686	75,733	47
Employment-population ratio	64.2	64.2	.0
Unemployed	6,503	6,506	3
Unemployment rate	7.9	7.9	.0
Not in labor force	35,712	35,704	-9
 Men, 20 years and over			
Civilian noninstitutional population	109,308	109,347	39
Civilian labor force	79,552	79,602	50
Participation rate	72.8	72.8	.0
Employed	73,716	73,762	47
Employment-population ratio	67.4	67.5	.0
Unemployed	5,836	5,839	3
Unemployment rate	7.3	7.3	.0
Not in labor force	29,756	29,746	-11
 Women, 16 years and over			
Civilian noninstitutional population	126,447	126,545	98
Civilian labor force	72,715	72,801	87
Participation rate	57.5	57.5	.0
Employed	67,373	67,454	80
Employment-population ratio	53.3	53.3	.0
Unemployed	5,341	5,348	6
Unemployment rate	7.3	7.3	.0
Not in labor force	53,733	53,744	11

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
Women, 20 years and over			
Civilian noninstitutional population	118,170	118,256	86
Civilian labor force	69,980	70,066	86
Participation rate	59.2	59.2	.0
Employed	65,152	65,232	79
Employment-population ratio	55.1	55.2	.0
Unemployed	4,828	4,834	6
Unemployment rate	6.9	6.9	.0
Not in labor force	48,190	48,190	0
Both sexes, 16 to 19 years			
Civilian noninstitutional population	16,871	16,885	14
Civilian labor force	5,372	5,373	1
Participation rate	31.8	31.8	.0
Employed	4,192	4,193	1
Employment-population ratio	24.8	24.8	.0
Unemployed	1,180	1,180	0
Unemployment rate	22.0	22.0	.0
Not in labor force	11,499	11,512	13
WHITE			
Civilian noninstitutional population	193,849	193,685	-164
Civilian labor force	123,404	123,330	-74
Participation rate	63.7	63.7	.0
Employed	115,213	115,150	-64
Employment-population ratio	59.4	59.5	.0
Unemployed	8,191	8,180	-11
Unemployment rate	6.6	6.6	.0
Not in labor force	70,445	70,355	-90
BLACK OR AFRICAN AMERICAN			
Civilian noninstitutional population	30,093	30,156	63
Civilian labor force	18,350	18,402	52
Participation rate	61.0	61.0	.0
Employed	15,832	15,876	44
Employment-population ratio	52.6	52.6	.0
Unemployed	2,518	2,526	8
Unemployment rate	13.7	13.7	.0
Not in labor force	11,743	11,754	11

See notes at end of table.

Employment status of the population for selected labor force groups, not seasonally adjusted, December 2012 (2013 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
ASIAN			
Civilian noninstitutional population	12,935	13,181	246
Civilian labor force	8,501	8,662	161
Participation rate	65.7	65.7	.0
Employed	7,940	8,089	150
Employment-population ratio	61.4	61.4	.0
Unemployed	561	573	12
Unemployment rate	6.6	6.6	.0
Not in labor force	4,434	4,519	85
HISPANIC OR LATINO ETHNICITY			
Civilian noninstitutional population	37,231	37,013	-218
Civilian labor force	24,487	24,331	-156
Participation rate	65.8	65.7	.0
Employed	22,137	21,998	-139
Employment-population ratio	59.5	59.4	.0
Unemployed	2,350	2,333	-17
Unemployment rate	9.6	9.6	.0
Not in labor force	12,744	12,682	-62

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.