

Adjustments to Household Survey Population Estimates in January 2008

Household survey data beginning in January 2008 reflect updated population controls. As part of its annual review of intercensal population estimates, the U.S. Census Bureau determined that a downward adjustment should be made to the household survey population controls. This adjustment stems from revised estimates of net international migration and the institutional population and updated vital statistics information. In addition, this year the Census Bureau introduced some methodological changes and improvements in the population estimation process. Documentation on the Census Bureau's population estimation methodology is available on their website at <http://www.census.gov/popest/topics/methodology/2007-nat-meth.html>. Questions about

population estimation should be directed to the Census Bureau's Population Division at 1-866-758-1060 or by email at pop@census.gov.

The updated controls resulted in a decrease of 745,000 in the estimated size of the civilian noninstitutional population 16 years of age and over for December 2007. Official population and labor force estimates for December 2007 and earlier months will not be revised.

A comparison of December 2007 data based on the old and new controls shows that the population adjustments caused decreases in the labor force (-637,000), employment (-598,000), and unemployment (-40,000). The total unemployment rate, however, was not affected and the impact was negligible on other percentage measures. (See table below.)

Employment status of the population for selected labor force groups, not seasonally adjusted, December 2007 (2008 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	233,156	232,411	-745
Civilian labor force	153,705	153,068	-637
Participation rate	65.9	65.9	-.1
Employed	146,334	145,736	-598
Employment-population ratio	62.8	62.7	-.1
Unemployed	7,371	7,331	-40
Unemployment rate	4.8	4.8	.0
Not in labor force	79,451	79,344	-107
Men, 20 years and over			
Civilian noninstitutional population	104,197	103,760	-437
Civilian labor force	78,893	78,483	-409
Participation rate	75.7	75.6	-.1
Employed	75,296	74,911	-384
Employment-population ratio	72.3	72.2	-.1
Unemployed	3,597	3,572	-25
Unemployment rate	4.6	4.6	.0
Not in labor force	25,305	25,277	-28
Women, 20 years and over			
Civilian noninstitutional population	111,903	111,645	-257
Civilian labor force	68,116	67,908	-208
Participation rate	60.9	60.8	.0
Employed	65,359	65,162	-197
Employment-population ratio	58.4	58.4	.0
Unemployed	2,757	2,746	-11
Unemployment rate	4.0	4.0	.0
Not in labor force	43,787	43,737	-50

See notes at end of table.

**Employment status of the population for selected labor force groups, not seasonally adjusted, December 2007
(2008 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	17,056	17,005	-51
Civilian labor force	6,696	6,676	-20
Participation rate	39.3	39.3	.0
Employed	5,679	5,663	-16
Employment-population ratio	33.3	33.3	.0
Unemployed	1,017	1,013	-4
Unemployment rate	15.2	15.2	.0
Not in labor force	10,359	10,329	-30
WHITE			
Civilian noninstitutional population	189,093	188,657	-436
Civilian labor force	125,334	124,930	-404
Participation rate	66.3	66.2	-.1
Employed	120,004	119,624	-379
Employment-population ratio	63.5	63.4	-.1
Unemployed	5,331	5,306	-25
Unemployment rate	4.3	4.2	.0
Not in labor force	63,759	63,727	-32
BLACK OR AFRICAN AMERICAN			
Civilian noninstitutional population	27,704	27,603	-101
Civilian labor force	17,498	17,414	-83
Participation rate	63.2	63.1	-.1
Employed	15,999	15,924	-75
Employment-population ratio	57.7	57.7	-.1
Unemployed	1,499	1,491	-8
Unemployment rate	8.6	8.6	.0
Not in labor force	10,206	10,189	-17
ASIAN			
Civilian noninstitutional population	10,801	10,625	-176
Civilian labor force	7,225	7,099	-126
Participation rate	66.9	66.8	-.1
Employed	6,958	6,836	-121
Employment-population ratio	64.4	64.3	-.1
Unemployed	267	263	-4
Unemployment rate	3.7	3.7	.0
Not in labor force	3,577	3,526	-51
HISPANIC OR LATINO ETHNICITY			
Civilian noninstitutional population	31,903	31,554	-349
Civilian labor force	21,924	21,653	-270
Participation rate	68.7	68.6	-.1
Employed	20,534	20,282	-252
Employment-population ratio	64.4	64.3	-.1
Unemployed	1,390	1,371	-18
Unemployment rate	6.3	6.3	.0
Not in labor force	9,980	9,901	-79

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.