

Adjustments to Household Survey Population Estimates in January 2020

Household survey data beginning in January 2020 reflect updated population estimates, also referred to as population controls. These are independent estimates of population used to weight the household survey sample results to reflect the civilian noninstitutional population age 16 and older. (Additional information about household survey population controls is available on the [Current Population Survey technical documentation page](#).)

The U.S. Census Bureau develops the population estimates for the household survey. Each year, the Census Bureau adjusts the estimates to include the latest information about population change and to incorporate any improvements in the estimation methodology.

The population adjustments incorporated with household survey data for January 2020 reflect updated birth and death statistics, new estimates of net international migration, and methodological improvements to the estimation process.

For additional information, see the Census Bureau's [Vintage 2019 Methodology and Release Notes documentation](#). Questions about the population estimates and the methodology used to develop them should be directed to the [Census Bureau](#).

Following usual Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) practice, official household survey estimates for December 2019 and earlier months were not revised.

To evaluate the impact of population control adjustments on key labor force data, BLS produces special tabulations of December data that incorporate the new population controls. The difference between the special tabulations and the official December estimates (not seasonally adjusted) shows the effect of the adjustment. The adjustment effect may be either positive or negative.

See the accompanying table for the latest population control adjustment effects to the major labor force series, based on not seasonally data for December 2019. A supplemental table ([XLSX](#)) that includes population control adjustment effects for additional series also is available.

Employment status of the population for selected labor force groups, not seasonally adjusted, December 2019 (2020 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.....	260,181	259,370	-811
Civilian labor force.....	164,007	163,483	-524
Participation rate.....	63.0	63.0	0.0
Employed.....	158,504	157,997	-507
Employment-population ratio.....	60.9	60.9	0.0
Unemployed.....	5,503	5,486	-17
Unemployment rate.....	3.4	3.4	0.0
Not in labor force.....	96,174	95,887	-287
Men, 16 years and over			
Civilian noninstitutional population.....	125,852	125,449	-403
Civilian labor force.....	86,500	86,211	-289
Participation rate.....	68.7	68.7	0.0
Employed.....	83,467	83,188	-279
Employment-population ratio.....	66.3	66.3	0.0
Unemployed.....	3,033	3,023	-10
Unemployment rate.....	3.5	3.5	0.0
Not in labor force.....	39,352	39,237	-115
Men, 20 years and over			
Civilian noninstitutional population.....	117,413	117,042	-371
Civilian labor force.....	83,628	83,349	-279
Participation rate.....	71.2	71.2	0.0
Employed.....	80,940	80,670	-270
Employment-population ratio.....	68.9	68.9	0.0
Unemployed.....	2,688	2,680	-8
Unemployment rate.....	3.2	3.2	0.0
Not in labor force.....	33,785	33,692	-93
Women, 16 years and over			
Civilian noninstitutional population.....	134,329	133,921	-408
Civilian labor force.....	77,507	77,272	-235
Participation rate.....	57.7	57.7	0.0
Employed.....	75,036	74,809	-227
Employment-population ratio.....	55.9	55.9	0.0
Unemployed.....	2,471	2,462	-9
Unemployment rate.....	3.2	3.2	0.0
Not in labor force.....	56,822	56,650	-172

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
Women, 20 years and over			
Civilian noninstitutional population.....	126,082	125,700	-382
Civilian labor force.....	74,730	74,501	-229
Participation rate.....	59.3	59.3	0.0
Employed.....	72,534	72,312	-222
Employment-population ratio.....	57.5	57.5	0.0
Unemployed.....	2,196	2,188	-8
Unemployment rate.....	2.9	2.9	0.0
Not in labor force.....	51,352	51,199	-153
Both sexes, 16 to 19 years			
Civilian noninstitutional population.....	16,686	16,629	-57
Civilian labor force.....	5,649	5,633	-16
Participation rate.....	33.9	33.9	0.0
Employed.....	5,029	5,015	-14
Employment-population ratio.....	30.1	30.2	0.1
Unemployed.....	619	618	-1
Unemployment rate.....	11.0	11.0	0.0
Not in labor force.....	11,038	10,996	-42
WHITE			
Civilian noninstitutional population.....	201,326	200,865	-461
Civilian labor force.....	126,758	126,461	-297
Participation rate.....	63.0	63.0	0.0
Employed.....	122,919	122,632	-287
Employment-population ratio.....	61.1	61.1	0.0
Unemployed.....	3,839	3,829	-10
Unemployment rate.....	3.0	3.0	0.0
Not in labor force.....	74,568	74,404	-164
BLACK OR AFRICAN AMERICAN			
Civilian noninstitutional population.....	33,215	33,156	-59
Civilian labor force.....	20,855	20,814	-41
Participation rate.....	62.8	62.8	0.0
Employed.....	19,692	19,653	-39
Employment-population ratio.....	59.3	59.3	0.0
Unemployed.....	1,163	1,161	-2
Unemployment rate.....	5.6	5.6	0.0
Not in labor force.....	12,360	12,342	-18

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
ASIAN			
Civilian noninstitutional population.....	16,482	16,209	-273
Civilian labor force.....	10,443	10,272	-171
Participation rate.....	63.4	63.4	0.0
Employed.....	10,189	10,022	-167
Employment-population ratio.....	61.8	61.8	0.0
Unemployed.....	254	250	-4
Unemployment rate.....	2.4	2.4	0.0
Not in labor force.....	6,040	5,938	-102
HISPANIC OR LATINO ETHNICITY			
Civilian noninstitutional population.....	43,986	43,663	-323
Civilian labor force.....	29,493	29,274	-219
Participation rate.....	67.1	67.0	-0.1
Employed.....	28,275	28,065	-210
Employment-population ratio.....	64.3	64.3	0.0
Unemployed.....	1,218	1,209	-9
Unemployment rate.....	4.1	4.1	0.0
Not in labor force.....	14,493	14,389	-104

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.