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## Work Experience of The Population - 2014

A total of 159.1 million persons worked at some point during 2014, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported today. The proportion of the civilian noninstitutional population age 16 and over who worked at some time during 2014 was 63.6 percent, little different from 63.5 percent in 2013. The number of persons who experienced some unemployment during 2014 was 17.7 million, down by 3.2 million from 2013.

These data are based on information collected in the Annual Social and Economic Supplement (ASEC) to the Current Population Survey (CPS). The CPS is a monthly survey conducted by the U.S. Census Bureau for the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. The ASEC collects information on employment and unemployment experienced during the prior calendar year. Additional information about the CPS and the ASEC, including concepts and definitions, is provided in the Technical Note.

## Highlights from the 2014 data:

- The proportion of workers who worked full time, year round in 2014 was 67.9 percent, up from 66.9 percent in 2013. (See table 1.)
- The "work-experience unemployment rate"-defined as the number of persons unemployed at some time during the year as a proportion of the number of persons who worked or looked for work during the year-was 10.9 percent in 2014, down from 12.9 percent the prior year. (See table 3.)
- About 3.7 million individuals looked for a job but did not work at all in 2014, down from 4.8 million in 2013. (See table 3.)


## Persons with Employment

Overall, 63.6 percent of the population worked in 2014. The proportion of men who worked at some time during the year was 69.3 percent, and the proportion of women who worked during the year was 58.3 percent. These proportions were little changed from the prior year. (See table 1.)

The proportion of blacks ( 59.8 percent) who worked at some time during 2014 increased from 2013, while the share of whites ( 64.2 percent), Asians ( 63.7 percent), and Hispanics ( 64.6 percent) showed little change. (See table 2.)

Although the proportion having work experience during 2014 was little changed from a year earlier, those who did work were more likely to work full time. Among those with work experience during 2014, 79.6 percent usually worked full time, up from 79.0 percent in 2013. Men continued to be more
likely than women to work full time during the year, 85.7 percent versus 72.7 percent. The proportion of employed women working full time rose over the year, while the proportion of men working full time changed little. (See table 1.)

Of the total who worked during 2014, 78.7 percent were employed year round (working 50 to 52 weeks, either full or part time), up by 0.9 percentage point from 2013. The percentage of men working year round increased by 1.3 percentage points to 81.1 percent in 2014, while the percentage of women employed year round was little changed at 75.9 percent.

## Persons with Unemployment

Overall, 162.8 million persons worked or looked for work at some time in 2014. Of those, 17.7 million experienced some unemployment during the year, down by 3.2 million from 2013. (See table 3.)

The work-experience unemployment rate (those looking for work during the year as a percent of those who worked or looked for work during the year) continued to decline. At 10.9 percent in 2014, the work-experience unemployment rate was 2.0 percentage points lower than in 2013. The work-experience unemployment rates for whites (10.0 percent), blacks (15.6 percent), and Hispanics (13.5 percent) declined from 2013 to 2014, while the rate for Asians ( 9.1 percent) changed little. (See tables 3 and 4.)

Overall, men continued to have higher work-experience unemployment rates in 2014 than women, 11.4 percent versus 10.3 percent. Among whites and blacks, the rates for men were higher than the rates for women. Among Asians and Hispanics, the rates for men and women were little different from each other.

Among those who experienced unemployment in 2014, the median number of weeks spent looking for work was 16.3. The number of persons who looked for a job but did not work at all in 2014 declined by 1.1 million over the year to 3.7 million. Of the 14.0 million individuals who worked during 2014 and also experienced unemployment, 20.5 percent had two or more spells of joblessness, little different than the share in 2013. (See table 3.)

The data presented in this release were collected in the Annual Social and Economic Supplement (ASEC) to the Current Population Survey (CPS). The CPS is a monthly sample survey of about 60,000 eligible households, conducted by the U.S. Census Bureau for the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS). Data from the CPS are used to obtain the monthly estimates of the nation's employment and unemployment levels. The ASEC, conducted in the months of February through April, includes questions about work activity during the prior calendar year. For instance, data collected in 2015 refer to the 2014 calendar year. Because the reference period is a full year, the number of persons with some employment or unemployment greatly exceeds the average levels for any given month, which are based on a 1week reference period, and the corresponding annual average of the monthly estimates. As shown below, for example, the number experiencing any unemployment was about twice the number unemployed in an average month during the year.

## Employed Unemployed

2014 estimates (in thousands)
Annual average of
monthly estimates $\quad 146,305 \quad 9,617$
Annual supplement data 159,056 17,708
In addition, estimates from the supplement differ from those obtained in the basic CPS because the questions used to classify workers as either employed or unemployed are different. The supplement also contains fewer questions for categorizing respondents. In regard to unemployment in particular, the supplement has no questions on the type of job search activity or on the respondent's availability to work. Also, individuals can be counted as both employed and unemployed in the work experience supplement data, whereas, for a specific monthly reference week, each person is only counted in one category and employment activity takes precedence over job search activity.

The 2013 data in this news release, collected in the 2014 ASEC, are based on fewer sample responses than in recent years. Approximately three-eighths of the 2014 CPS ASEC sample was used to test redesigned questions on income and health insurance coverage; this portion of the sample was not used to generate the estimates in this news release. The 2014 data in this news release, collected in the 2015 ASEC, are based on the full sample.

The data presented in this release are not strictly comparable with data for earlier years due to the introduction of updated population controls used in the CPS. The population controls are updated each year in January to reflect the latest information about population change. Additional information is available online at www.bls.gov/cps/documentation.htm\#pop.

## Reliability of the estimates

Statistics based on the CPS are subject to both sampling and nonsampling error. When a sample, rather than the entire population, is surveyed, there is a chance that the sample estimates may differ from the true population values they
represent. The component of this difference that occurs because samples differ by chance is known as sampling error, and its variability is measured by the standard error of the estimate. There is about a 90 -percent chance, or level of confidence, that an estimate based on a sample will differ by no more than 1.6 standard errors from the true population value because of sampling error. BLS analyses are generally conducted at the 90-percent level of confidence.

The CPS data also are affected by nonsampling error. Nonsampling error can occur for many reasons, including the failure to sample a segment of the population, inability to obtain information for all respondents in the sample, inability or unwillingness of respondents to provide correct information, and errors made in the collection or processing of the data.

A discussion of the reliability of data from the CPS and information on estimating standard errors is available at www.bls.gov/cps/documentation.htm\#reliability.

## Concepts and definitions

The principal concepts and definitions used in connection with the data in this release are described briefly below.

Persons who worked. In the 2015 supplement, persons are considered to have worked if they responded "yes" to either the question "Did you work at a job or business at any time during 2014?" or "Did you do any temporary, part-time, or seasonal work even for a few days during 2014?"

Unemployed persons. Persons who worked during the year but not in every week are counted as unemployed if they also reported looking for work or being on layoff from a job during the year. Those who reported no work activity during the year are considered unemployed if they responded "yes" to the question "Even though you did not work in 2014, did you spend any time trying to find a job or on layoff?"

Work-experience unemployment rate. The number of persons unemployed at some time during the year as a proportion of the number of persons who worked or looked for work during the year.

Usual full- and part-time employment. These data refer to the number of hours an employed person typically works during most weeks of the year. Workers are classified as full time if they usually worked 35 hours or more in a week; parttime employment refers to workers whose typical workweek was between 1 and 34 hours.

Year-round and part-year employment. Workers are classified as year round if they worked 50 to 52 weeks. Partyear employment refers to workers who worked fewer than 50 weeks.

## Other information

Information in this release will be made available to sensory impaired individuals upon request. Voice phone: (202) 6915200; Federal Relay Service: (800) 877-8339.

Table 1. Work experience of the population during the year by sex and extent of employment, 2013-14

| Extent of employment | Total |  | Men |  | Women |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2013 | 2014 | 2013 | 2014 | 2013 | 2014 |
|  | Numbers (in thousands) |  |  |  |  |  |
| Civilian noninstitutional population | 247,258 | 250,080 | 119,395 | 120,738 | 127,863 | 129,342 |
| Total who worked or looked for work | 161,813 | 162,757 | 85,032 | 85,602 | 76,781 | 77,156 |
| Percent of the population | 65.4 | 65.1 | 71.2 | 70.9 | 60.0 | 59.7 |
| Total who worked during the year ${ }^{1}$ | 156,987 | 159,056 | 82,590 | 83,640 | 74,397 | 75,416 |
| Percent of the population. | 63.5 | 63.6 | 69.2 | 69.3 | 58.2 | 58.3 |
| Full time ${ }^{2}$ | 124,017 | 126,566 | 70,590 | 71,710 | 53,427 | 54,856 |
| 50 to 52 weeks | 105,043 | 107,947 | 60,031 | 61,802 | 45,012 | 46,146 |
| 48 to 49 weeks. | 1,944 | 1,844 | 1,113 | 1,090 | 831 | 754 |
| 40 to 47 weeks. | 4,903 | 5,242 | 2,580 | 2,754 | 2,324 | 2,488 |
| 27 to 39 weeks | 4,061 | 4,179 | 2,294 | 2,142 | 1,767 | 2,037 |
| 14 to 26 weeks | 4,829 | 4,417 | 2,780 | 2,324 | 2,049 | 2,092 |
| 1 to 13 weeks | 3,238 | 2,936 | 1,793 | 1,598 | 1,445 | 1,339 |
| Part time ${ }^{3}$ | 32,970 | 32,490 | 12,000 | 11,930 | 20,970 | 20,560 |
| 50 to 52 weeks | 17,144 | 17,127 | 5,857 | 6,004 | 11,287 | 11,123 |
| 48 to 49 weeks | 791 | 886 | 259 | 342 | 532 | 544 |
| 40 to 47 weeks | 2,971 | 2,820 | 963 | 894 | 2,008 | 1,926 |
| 27 to 39 weeks | 2,965 | 2,825 | 1,078 | 1,072 | 1,887 | 1,753 |
| 14 to 26 weeks | 4,596 | 4,376 | 1,871 | 1,730 | 2,725 | 2,645 |
| 1 to 13 weeks | 4,502 | 4,458 | 1,972 | 1,889 | 2,530 | 2,569 |
|  | Percent distribution |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total who worked during the year ${ }^{1}$ | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Full time ${ }^{2}$ | 79.0 | 79.6 | 85.5 | 85.7 | 71.8 | 72.7 |
| 50 to 52 weeks | 66.9 | 67.9 | 72.7 | 73.9 | 60.5 | 61.2 |
| 48 to 49 weeks | 1.2 | 1.2 | 1.3 | 1.3 | 1.1 | 1.0 |
| 40 to 47 weeks | 3.1 | 3.3 | 3.1 | 3.3 | 3.1 | 3.3 |
| 27 to 39 weeks | 2.6 | 2.6 | 2.8 | 2.6 | 2.4 | 2.7 |
| 14 to 26 weeks ................................................................................. | 3.1 | 2.8 | 3.4 | 2.8 | 2.8 | 2.8 |
| 1 to 13 weeks ...... | 2.1 | 1.8 | 2.2 | 1.9 | 1.9 | 1.8 |
| Part time ${ }^{3}$ | 21.0 | 20.4 | 14.5 | 14.3 | 28.2 | 27.3 |
| 50 to 52 weeks | 10.9 | 10.8 | 7.1 | 7.2 | 15.2 | 14.7 |
| 48 to 49 weeks | 0.5 | 0.6 | 0.3 | 0.4 | 0.7 | 0.7 |
| 40 to 47 weeks | 1.9 | 1.8 | 1.2 | 1.1 | 2.7 | 2.6 |
| 27 to 39 weeks | 1.9 | 1.8 | 1.3 | 1.3 | 2.5 | 2.3 |
| 14 to 26 weeks | 2.9 | 2.8 | 2.3 | 2.1 | 3.7 | 3.5 |
| 1 to 13 weeks | 2.9 | 2.8 | 2.4 | 2.3 | 3.4 | 3.4 |

${ }^{1}$ Time worked includes paid vacation and sick leave.
${ }^{2}$ Usually worked 35 hours or more per week.
${ }^{3}$ Usually worked 1 to 34 hours per week.

NOTE: Data refer to persons 16 years and over. Updated population controls are introduced annually with the release of January data.

Table 2. Work experience of the population during the year by race, Hispanic or Latino ethnicity, and sex, 2013-14
(Numbers in thousands)

| Extent of employment, race, and Hispanic or Latino ethnicity | Total |  | Men |  | Women |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2013 | 2014 | 2013 | 2014 | 2013 | 2014 |
| WHITE |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Civilian noninstitutional population ........................................................... | 195,128 | 196,434 | 95,321 | 95,899 | 99,807 | 100,535 |
| Total who worked or looked for work | 128,796 | 128,576 | 68,872 | 68,986 | 59,924 | 59,590 |
| Percent of the population | 66.0 | 65.5 | 72.3 | 71.9 | 60.0 | 59.3 |
| Total who worked during the year ${ }^{1}$ | 125,535 | 126,174 | 67,212 | 67,703 | 58,323 | 58,471 |
| Percent of the population ................................................................. | 64.3 | 64.2 | 70.5 | 70.6 | 58.4 | 58.2 |
| Percent who worked during the year ${ }^{1}$ | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Full time ${ }^{2}$................................... | 78.8 | 79.4 | 85.8 | 86.0 | 70.8 | 71.7 |
| 50 to 52 weeks | 66.9 | 67.8 | 73.3 | 74.3 | 59.5 | 60.3 |
| 27 to 49 weeks | 7.1 | 7.1 | 7.3 | 7.2 | 6.8 | 7.0 |
| 1 to 26 weeks | 4.9 | 4.4 | 5.2 | 4.5 | 4.5 | 4.4 |
| Part time ${ }^{3}$ | 21.2 | 20.6 | 14.2 | 14.0 | 29.2 | 28.3 |
| 50 to 52 weeks | 11.0 | 10.9 | 6.9 | 7.0 | 15.8 | 15.4 |
| 27 to 49 weeks | 4.5 | 4.3 | 2.8 | 2.8 | 6.3 | 6.0 |
| 1 to 26 weeks | 5.7 | 5.5 | 4.5 | 4.2 | 7.1 | 6.9 |
| BLACK OR AFRICAN AMERICAN |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Civilian noninstitutional population | 30,719 | 31,257 | 13,935 | 14,203 | 16,784 | 17,054 |
| Total who worked or looked for work | 19,166 | 19,575 | 8,867 | 9,081 | 10,300 | 10,494 |
| Percent of the population.. | 62.4 | 62.6 | 63.6 | 63.9 | 61.4 | 61.5 |
| Total who worked during the year ${ }^{1}$ | 18,062 | 18,680 | 8,307 | 8,618 | 9,755 | 10,062 |
| Percent of the population ................................................................ | 58.8 | 59.8 | 59.6 | 60.7 | 58.1 | 59.0 |
| Percent who worked during the year ${ }^{1}$ | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Full time ${ }^{2}$ | 79.8 | 80.3 | 83.1 | 83.1 | 77.0 | 77.9 |
| 50 to 52 weeks | 66.8 | 67.6 | 68.4 | 70.1 | 65.4 | 65.4 |
| 27 to 49 weeks | 6.8 | 7.0 | 7.3 | 6.8 | 6.3 | 7.1 |
| 1 to 26 weeks | 6.3 | 5.8 | 7.3 | 6.2 | 5.3 | 5.4 |
| Part time ${ }^{3}$. | 20.2 | 19.7 | 16.9 | 16.9 | 23.0 | 22.1 |
| 50 to 52 weeks | 10.1 | 10.3 | 8.2 | 8.9 | 11.7 | 11.6 |
| 27 to 49 weeks | 3.3 | 3.4 | 2.5 | 2.8 | 4.0 | 3.9 |
| 1 to 26 weeks | 6.7 | 6.0 | 6.1 | 5.2 | 7.3 | 6.6 |
| ASIAN |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Civilian noninstitutional population | 13,812 | 14,425 | 6,523 | 6,803 | 7,290 | 7,622 |
| Total who worked or looked for work ..................................................... | 9,043 | 9,406 | 4,832 | 4,933 | 4,211 | 4,473 |
| Percent of the population ................................................................. | 65.5 | 65.2 | 74.1 | 72.5 | 57.8 | 58.7 |
| Total who worked during the year ${ }^{1}$ | 8,754 | 9,195 | 4,690 | 4,821 | 4,064 | 4,375 |
| Percent of the population ................................................................ | 63.4 | 63.7 | 71.9 | 70.9 | 55.7 | 57.4 |
| Percent who worked during the year ${ }^{1}$................................................... | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Full time ${ }^{2}$..................................................................................... | 81.0 | 82.3 | 86.7 | 88.4 | 74.4 | 75.6 |
| 50 to 52 weeks .......................................................................... | 70.2 | 72.2 | 75.0 | 78.4 | 64.7 | 65.4 |
| 27 to 49 weeks | 5.1 | 6.1 | 5.3 | 5.9 | 5.0 | 6.3 |
| 1 to 26 weeks | 5.6 | 4.0 | 6.4 | 4.1 | 4.7 | 3.9 |
| Part time ${ }^{3}$..................................................................................... | 19.0 | 17.7 | 13.3 | 11.6 | 25.6 | 24.4 |
| 50 to 52 weeks | 10.8 | 9.6 | 7.4 | 6.4 | 14.7 | 13.2 |
| 27 to 49 weeks | 4.0 | 3.4 | 2.3 | 2.2 | 6.0 | 4.8 |
| 1 to 26 weeks ........................................................................... | 4.2 | 4.7 | 3.6 | 3.1 | 4.9 | 6.5 |

[^0]Table 2. Work experience of the population during the year by race, Hispanic or Latino ethnicity, and sex, 2013-14 Continued
(Numbers in thousands)

| Extent of employment, race, and Hispanic or Latino ethnicity | Total |  | Men |  | Women |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2013 | 2014 | 2013 | 2014 | 2013 | 2014 |
| HISPANIC OR LATINO ETHNICITY |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Civilian noninstitutional population ........................................................... | 38,125 | 39,322 | 19,104 | 19,601 | 19,021 | 19,722 |
| Total who worked or looked for work | 25,395 | 26,110 | 14,412 | 14,895 | 10,983 | 11,216 |
| Percent of the population. | 66.6 | 66.4 | 75.4 | 76.0 | 57.7 | 56.9 |
| Total who worked during the year ${ }^{1}$ | 24,544 | 25,413 | 13,999 | 14,527 | 10,545 | 10,886 |
| Percent of the population ..... | 64.4 | 64.6 | 73.3 | 74.1 | 55.4 | 55.2 |
| Percent who worked during the year ${ }^{1}$................................................. | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Full time ${ }^{2}$................. | 79.6 | 80.6 | 85.5 | 86.3 | 71.9 | 72.9 |
| 50 to 52 weeks | 65.7 | 67.5 | 71.1 | 73.0 | 58.5 | 60.1 |
| 27 to 49 weeks | 8.2 | 8.1 | 9.1 | 8.6 | 7.0 | 7.5 |
| 1 to 26 weeks | 5.7 | 5.0 | 5.3 | 4.7 | 6.3 | 5.3 |
| Part time ${ }^{3}$ | 20.4 | 19.4 | 14.5 | 13.7 | 28.1 | 27.1 |
| 50 to 52 weeks | 11.0 | 10.8 | 7.5 | 7.4 | 15.6 | 15.5 |
| 27 to 49 weeks | 3.9 | 3.5 | 2.7 | 2.6 | 5.5 | 4.7 |
| 1 to 26 weeks ............................................................................... | 5.5 | 5.1 | 4.4 | 3.7 | 7.0 | 6.8 |

${ }^{1}$ Time worked includes paid vacation and sick leave.
${ }^{2}$ Usually worked 35 hours or more per week.
${ }^{3}$ Usually worked 1 to 34 hours per week.
NOTE: Estimates for the above race groups (white, black or African

American, and Asian) do not sum to totals shown in table 1 because data are not presented for all races. Persons whose ethnicity is identified as Hispanic or Latino may be of any race. Updated population controls are introduced annually with the release of January data.

Table 3. Extent of unemployment during the year by sex, 2013-14

| Extent of unemployment | Total |  | Men |  | Women |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2013 | 2014 | 2013 | 2014 | 2013 | 2014 |
|  | Numbers (in thousands) |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total who worked or looked for work | 161,813 | 162,757 | 85,032 | 85,602 | 76,781 | 77,156 |
| Percent with unemployment .................................................................. | 12.9 | 10.9 | 13.5 | 11.4 | 12.2 | 10.3 |
| Total with unemployment | 20,880 | 17,708 | 11,521 | 9,784 | 9,359 | 7,924 |
| Did not work but looked for work | 4,825 | 3,701 | 2,442 | 1,962 | 2,384 | 1,740 |
| 1 to 14 weeks ...... | 1,301 | 1,199 | 550 | 550 | 750 | 649 |
| 15 weeks or more | 3,525 | 2,502 | 1,892 | 1,412 | 1,633 | 1,090 |
| Worked during the year | 16,055 | 14,006 | 9,079 | 7,822 | 6,976 | 6,185 |
| Year-round workers ${ }^{1}$ with 1 or 2 weeks of unemployment | 462 | 392 | 259 | 286 | 203 | 106 |
| Part-year workers ${ }^{2}$ with unemployment | 15,593 | 13,614 | 8,820 | 7,536 | 6,773 | 6,079 |
| 1 to 4 weeks ............. | 2,384 | 2,365 | 1,224 | 1,227 | 1,160 | 1,138 |
| 5 to 10 weeks | 2,167 | 1,999 | 1,229 | 1,168 | 938 | 831 |
| 11 to 14 weeks | 2,032 | 1,889 | 1,126 | 1,095 | 907 | 794 |
| 15 to 26 weeks | 4,485 | 3,855 | 2,605 | 2,124 | 1,881 | 1,731 |
| 27 weeks or more | 4,524 | 3,507 | 2,636 | 1,924 | 1,888 | 1,584 |
| Median weeks of unemployment for all workers .................................. | 17.9 | 16.3 | 18.7 | 15.9 | 16.9 | 16.8 |
| With 2 spells or more of unemployment ............................................. | 3,319 | 2,872 | 2,064 | 1,787 | 1,254 | 1,084 |
| 2 spells ..... | 1,606 | 1,472 | 948 | 934 | 658 | 539 |
| 3 spells or more | 1,713 | 1,399 | 1,117 | 854 | 596 | 546 |
|  | Percent distribution |  |  |  |  |  |
| Did not work but looked for work | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| 1 to 14 weeks | 27.0 | 32.4 | 22.5 | 28.0 | 31.5 | 37.3 |
| 15 weeks or more | 73.0 | 67.6 | 77.5 | 72.0 | 68.5 | 62.7 |
| Worked during the year | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Year-round workers ${ }^{1}$ with 1 or 2 weeks of unemployment | 2.9 | 2.8 | 2.9 | 3.7 | 27.9 | 1.7 |
| Part-year workers ${ }^{2}$ with unemployment ........... | 97.1 | 97.2 | 97.1 | 96.3 | 97.1 | 98.3 |
| 1 to 4 weeks | 14.9 | 16.9 | 13.5 | 15.7 | 16.6 | 18.4 |
| 5 to 10 weeks | 13.5 | 14.3 | 13.5 | 14.9 | 13.4 | 13.4 |
| 11 to 14 weeks | 12.7 | 13.5 | 12.4 | 14.0 | 13.0 | 12.8 |
| 15 to 26 weeks | 27.9 | 27.5 | 28.7 | 27.1 | 27.0 | 28.0 |
| 27 weeks or more | 28.2 | 25.0 | 29.0 | 24.6 | 27.1 | 25.6 |
| With 2 spells or more of unemployment | 20.7 | 20.5 | 22.7 | 22.9 | 18.0 | 17.5 |
| 2 spells ........................................ | 10.0 | 10.5 | 10.4 | 11.9 | 9.4 | 8.7 |
| 3 spells or more ........................................... | 10.7 | 10.0 | 12.3 | 10.9 | 8.5 | 8.8 |

[^1]Table 4. Extent of unemployment during the year by race, Hispanic or Latino ethnicity, and sex, 2013-14
(Numbers in thousands)

| Extent of unemployment, race, and Hispanic or Latino ethnicity | Total |  | Men |  | Women |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2013 | 2014 | 2013 | 2014 | 2013 | 2014 |
| WHITE |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total who worked or looked for work | 128,796 | 128,576 | 68,872 | 68,986 | 59,924 | 59,590 |
| Percent with unemployment | 12.1 | 10.0 | 12.7 | 10.5 | 11.5 | 9.5 |
| Total with unemployment | 15,579 | 12,920 | 8,715 | 7,246 | 6,864 | 5,675 |
| Did not work but looked for work | 3,261 | 2,402 | 1,660 | 1,283 | 1,601 | 1,119 |
| Worked during the year | 12,318 | 10,518 | 7,055 | 5,962 | 5,263 | 4,556 |
| Median weeks of unemployment for all workers | 17.3 | 15.3 | 17.9 | 14.9 | 16.3 | 15.8 |
| Percent who worked during the year ${ }^{1}$ | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Year-round workers ${ }^{2}$ with 1 or 2 weeks of unemployment .. | 3.1 | 3.1 | 3.1 | 4.0 | 3.0 | 2.0 |
| Part-year workers ${ }^{3}$ with unemployment ....... | 96.9 | 96.9 | 96.9 | 96.0 | 97.0 | 98.0 |
| 1 to 4 weeks | 15.5 | 17.6 | 13.6 | 16.4 | 18.0 | 19.1 |
| 5 to 14 weeks | 26.6 | 28.7 | 26.8 | 29.9 | 26.3 | 27.2 |
| 15 weeks or more | 54.9 | 50.6 | 56.5 | 49.8 | 52.7 | 51.7 |
| With 2 spells or more of unemployment | 21.2 | 21.6 | 23.3 | 23.6 | 18.3 | 18.9 |
| BLACK OR AFRICAN AMERICAN |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total who worked or looked for work | 19,166 | 19,575 | 8,867 | 9,081 | 10,300 | 10,494 |
| Percent with unemployment | 18.7 | 15.6 | 21.0 | 17.5 | 16.7 | 13.9 |
| Total with unemployment | 3,579 | 3,052 | 1,858 | 1,589 | 1,721 | 1,463 |
| Did not work but looked for work | 1,104 | 895 | 560 | 463 | 544 | 433 |
| Worked during the year | 2,475 | 2,156 | 1,298 | 1,126 | 1,176 | 1,031 |
| Median weeks of unemployment for all workers. | 21.5 | 21.6 | 22.7 | 20.7 | 20.4 | 22.8 |
| Percent who worked during the year ${ }^{1}$ | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Year-round workers ${ }^{2}$ with 1 or 2 weeks of unemployment | 2.2 | 2.3 | 2.6 | 3.5 | 1.7 | 1.0 |
| Part-year workers ${ }^{3}$ with unemployment ................. | 97.8 | 97.7 | 97.4 | 96.5 | 98.3 | 99.0 |
| 1 to 4 weeks ....... | 10.8 | 12.7 | 11.4 | 12.1 | 10.3 | 13.4 |
| 5 to 14 weeks | 23.9 | 22.2 | 21.6 | 23.1 | 26.4 | 21.2 |
| 15 weeks or more | 63.1 | 62.8 | 64.4 | 61.4 | 61.6 | 64.4 |
| With 2 spells or more of unemployment | 18.9 | 18.0 | 21.6 | 20.6 | 15.9 | 15.3 |
| ASIAN |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total who worked or looked for work | 9,043 | 9,406 | 4,832 | 4,933 | 4,211 | 4,473 |
| Percent with unemployment .............. | 9.9 | 9.1 | 10.1 | 9.4 | 9.8 | 8.7 |
| Total with unemployment | 898 | 852 | 486 | 462 | 412 | 390 |
| Did not work but looked for work | 289 | 210 | 142 | 112 | 147 | 98 |
| Worked during the year | 609 | 642 | 345 | 350 | 264 | 292 |
| Median weeks of unemployment for all workers .................. | 17.6 | 16.8 | 19.5 | 15.2 | 14.8 | 18.9 |
| Percent who worked during the year ${ }^{1}$ | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Year-round workers ${ }^{2}$ with 1 or 2 weeks of unemployment .... | 2.5 | 1.6 | 1.5 | 2.5 | 3.7 | 0.6 |
| Part-year workers ${ }^{3}$ with unemployment ...... | 97.5 | 98.4 | 98.5 | 97.5 | 96.3 | 99.4 |
| 1 to 4 weeks | 18.7 | 18.5 | 16.9 | 16.8 | 21.1 | 20.5 |
| 5 to 14 weeks | 24.0 | 25.8 | 22.6 | 30.2 | 25.7 | 20.6 |
| 15 weeks or more ........................... | 54.9 | 54.1 | 59.0 | 50.6 | 49.4 | 58.3 |
| With 2 spells or more of unemployment ....................... | 16.5 | 13.2 | 18.2 | 13.9 | 14.2 | 12.4 |

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 4. Extent of unemployment during the year by race, Hispanic or Latino ethnicity, and sex, 2013-14 — Continued
(Numbers in thousands)

| Extent of unemployment, race, and Hispanic or Latino ethnicity | Total |  | Men |  | Women |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2013 | 2014 | 2013 | 2014 | 2013 | 2014 |
| HISPANIC OR LATINO ETHNICITY |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total who worked or looked for work | 25,395 | 26,110 | 14,412 | 14,895 | 10,983 | 11,216 |
| Percent with unemployment ............................................................... | 15.7 | 13.5 | 16.3 | 13.8 | 14.9 | 13.1 |
| Total with unemployment | 3,988 | 3,531 | 2,354 | 2,059 | 1,634 | 1,472 |
| Did not work but looked for work | 851 | 697 | 413 | 367 | 438 | 330 |
| Worked during the year .................................................................. | 3,137 | 2,834 | 1,941 | 1,692 | 1,196 | 1,143 |
| Median weeks of unemployment for all workers ................................ | 18.7 | 15.9 | 18.3 | 15.8 | 19.4 | 16.2 |
| Percent who worked during the year ${ }^{1}$ | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Year-round workers ${ }^{2}$ with 1 or 2 weeks of unemployment ................ | 2.2 | 2.8 | 2.3 | 3.8 | 1.9 | 1.4 |
| Part-year workers ${ }^{3}$ with unemployment ......................................... | 97.8 | 97.2 | 97.7 | 96.2 | 98.1 | 98.6 |
| 1 to 4 weeks ..................................................................... | 14.3 | 16.8 | 13.3 | 16.5 | 16.1 | 17.2 |
| 5 to 14 weeks ....................................................................... | 24.2 | 28.7 | 25.8 | 28.4 | 21.6 | 29.1 |
| 15 weeks or more .................................................................... | 59.3 | 51.7 | 58.6 | 51.4 | 60.4 | 52.2 |
| With 2 spells or more of unemployment .................................... | 22.8 | 22.5 | 22.2 | 25.8 | 23.7 | 17.7 |

1 Time worked includes paid vacation and sick leave.
${ }^{2}$ Worked 50 or 51 weeks.
${ }^{3}$ Worked less than 50 weeks.
NOTE: Estimates for the above race groups (white, black or African

American, and Asian) do not sum to totals shown in table 3 because data are not presented for all races. Persons whose ethnicity is identified as Hispanic or Latino may be of any race. Updated population controls are introduced annually with the release of January data.


[^0]:    See footnotes at end of table.

[^1]:    ${ }^{1}$ Worked 50 or 51 weeks.
    ${ }^{2}$ Worked less than 50 weeks.
    NOTE: Updated population controls are introduced annually with the release of January data.

