

Adjustments to Household Survey Population Estimates in January 2019

Household survey data beginning in January 2019 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 2019 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 2018 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 2018 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 2018. 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 2018 (2019 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.....	258,888	258,088	-800
Civilian labor force.....	162,510	162,004	-506
Participation rate.....	62.8	62.8	0.0
Employed.....	156,481	155,993	-488
Employment-population ratio.....	60.4	60.4	0.0
Unemployed.....	6,029	6,011	-18
Unemployment rate.....	3.7	3.7	0.0
Not in labor force.....	96,378	96,084	-294
Men, 16 years and over			
Civilian noninstitutional population.....	125,227	124,815	-412
Civilian labor force.....	85,857	85,576	-281
Participation rate.....	68.6	68.6	0.0
Employed.....	82,440	82,170	-270
Employment-population ratio.....	65.8	65.8	0.0
Unemployed.....	3,417	3,406	-11
Unemployment rate.....	4.0	4.0	0.0
Not in labor force.....	39,370	39,239	-131
Men, 20 years and over			
Civilian noninstitutional population.....	116,739	116,357	-382
Civilian labor force.....	83,101	82,829	-272
Participation rate.....	71.2	71.2	0.0
Employed.....	80,036	79,773	-263
Employment-population ratio.....	68.6	68.6	0.0
Unemployed.....	3,066	3,055	-11
Unemployment rate.....	3.7	3.7	0.0
Not in labor force.....	33,638	33,528	-110
Women, 16 years and over			
Civilian noninstitutional population.....	133,662	133,273	-389
Civilian labor force.....	76,654	76,428	-226
Participation rate.....	57.3	57.3	0.0
Employed.....	74,041	73,824	-217
Employment-population ratio.....	55.4	55.4	0.0
Unemployed.....	2,612	2,604	-8
Unemployment rate.....	3.4	3.4	0.0
Not in labor force.....	57,008	56,844	-164

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.....	125,393	125,019	-374
Civilian labor force.....	73,768	73,546	-222
Participation rate.....	58.8	58.8	0.0
Employed.....	71,422	71,208	-214
Employment-population ratio.....	57.0	57.0	0.0
Unemployed.....	2,345	2,338	-7
Unemployment rate.....	3.2	3.2	0.0
Not in labor force.....	51,625	51,474	-151
Both sexes, 16 to 19 years			
Civilian noninstitutional population.....	16,756	16,712	-44
Civilian labor force.....	5,641	5,630	-11
Participation rate.....	33.7	33.7	0.0
Employed.....	5,023	5,012	-11
Employment-population ratio.....	30.0	30.0	0.0
Unemployed.....	619	617	-2
Unemployment rate.....	11.0	11.0	0.0
Not in labor force.....	11,115	11,082	-33
WHITE			
Civilian noninstitutional population.....	200,774	200,319	-455
Civilian labor force.....	126,072	125,769	-303
Participation rate.....	62.8	62.8	0.0
Employed.....	121,900	121,608	-292
Employment-population ratio.....	60.7	60.7	0.0
Unemployed.....	4,173	4,161	-12
Unemployment rate.....	3.3	3.3	0.0
Not in labor force.....	74,702	74,549	-153
BLACK OR AFRICAN AMERICAN			
Civilian noninstitutional population.....	32,956	32,837	-119
Civilian labor force.....	20,325	20,258	-67
Participation rate.....	61.7	61.7	0.0
Employed.....	19,067	19,005	-62
Employment-population ratio.....	57.9	57.9	0.0
Unemployed.....	1,257	1,253	-4
Unemployment rate.....	6.2	6.2	0.0
Not in labor force.....	12,632	12,579	-53

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.....	16,138	15,914	-224
Civilian labor force.....	10,250	10,116	-134
Participation rate.....	63.5	63.6	0.1
Employed.....	9,928	9,797	-131
Employment-population ratio.....	61.5	61.6	0.1
Unemployed.....	322	318	-4
Unemployment rate.....	3.1	3.1	0.0
Not in labor force.....	5,888	5,798	-90
HISPANIC OR LATINO ETHNICITY			
Civilian noninstitutional population.....	43,234	42,959	-275
Civilian labor force.....	28,913	28,730	-183
Participation rate.....	66.9	66.9	0.0
Employed.....	27,659	27,483	-176
Employment-population ratio.....	64.0	64.0	0.0
Unemployed.....	1,255	1,247	-8
Unemployment rate.....	4.3	4.3	0.0
Not in labor force.....	14,321	14,230	-91

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.