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The Unemployment Situation on Guam: March 2011

The Unemployment rate in Guam for March 2011 was 13.3 percent, an increase of 4.0 percentage points from the September 2009 figure of 9.3 percent and an increase of 5.0 percentage points from the September 2007 figure of 8.3 percent.

The total number of persons unemployed in March 2011 was 9,970, an increase of 3,460 from the most recent previous survey of September 2009, in which 6,510 were unemployed.

While the unemployment rate went up reflecting an increased number of persons unemployed, the number of persons employed over the latest period shows an increase from 63,800 to 64,970. Guam's population covered by the survey, 16 years of age and over, has been steadily growing. It increased from an estimated 114,000 in September 2009 to 119,720 in March 2011. The increased civilian population and labor force has resulted in a combination of increased numbers of people in the Employed, Unemployed and Not in Labor Force categories. The number of persons not in the labor force increased by 1,090 from 43,680 in September 2009 to 44,770 in March 2011. For the March 2011 survey period, 9,320 persons in the Not in Labor Force category indicated they wanted a job but did not look for work for a variety of reasons.

Comparisons of the September 2009 to March 2011 periods show that the unemployment rate generally increased between 2.0 to 10.0 percent for nearly all categories, except for Veterans, which showed a decrease from 9.0 percent to 7.3 percent.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Data on labor force, employment, and unemployment are derived from the sample survey of households conducted by the Bureau of Labor Statistics in its Current Labor Force Statistics program. These periodic surveys of the population are conducted with a scientifically selected sample of households designed to represent the civilian non-institutional population. Respondents are interviewed to obtain information about the employment status of each member of the household 16 years of age and over. The inquiry relates to activity or status during the calendar week, Sunday through Saturday, which includes the 12th of the month. This is known as the survey week. Actual field interviewing is conducted in the following weeks.

Inmates of institutions, members of the Armed Forces, civilian living in military installations and housings, persons under 16 years of age, and nonimmigrant aliens are not covered in the periodic enumerations and are excluded from this report. Included in this report are citizens of the Federated States of Micronesia, and the Republic of Marshall Islands, who are authorized by the Compact of Free Association to accept employment in the United States and also, citizens of the Republic of Palau which are authorized to accept employment through the Covenant with the U.S. in October 1994.

Employed persons comprise (a) all those within the scope of the survey who, during the survey week did any work at all as paid employees, in their own business, profession, or farm or who worked 15 hours or more as unpaid workers in an enterprise operated by a member of the family, and (b) all those were not working but who had jobs or business from which they were absent because of illness, bad weather, vacation, labor-management dispute, or personal reasons, whether or not they were paid by their employers for the time off, and whether or not they were seeking other jobs.

Each employed person is counted only once. For those who hold more than one job, the job which they worked the greatest number of hours during the reference period is the one counted.

Excluded are persons whose only activity consisted of work around the house (such as, own home housework, and painting or repairing own home) or volunteer work for religious, charitable, and similar organizations.

Unemployed persons comprise of all persons within the scope of the survey, who did not work during the survey week, who made specific efforts to find a job within the past 4 weeks, and who were available for work during the survey week (except for temporary illness). Also included as unemployed are those who did not work at all, were available for work, and (a) were waiting to be called back to a job from which they were laid off; or (b) were waiting to report to a new wage or salary job within 30 days.

The **civilian labor force** comprises the total of all civilians as employed or unemployed in accordance with the criteria described above.

Not in the labor force includes all civilians within the scope of the survey 16 years and over who are not classified as employed or unemployed. Persons doing only incidental unpaid family work (less than 15 hours) are also classified as not in the labor force.

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TABLE 1. HIGHLIGHTS OF THE EMPLOYMENT SITUATION ON GUAM: MARCH 2011

SELECTED CATEGORIES	Sep 2006	Sep 2007	Sep 2009	Mar 2011
Total Civilian Population				
16 years of age and over	106,310	110,090	114,000	119,720
Civilian Labor Force	66,450	63,600	70,310	74,950
Total Employed	61,520	58,290	63,800	64,970
Adult women	26,670	24,240	27,530	29,010
Adult men	32,090	31,760	34,220	34,110
Teenagers	2,760	2,300	2,060	1,860
Household Heads	25,500	25,030	28,870	26,860
Full-time workers	53,550	51,400	55,280	54,450
Part-time workers	7,920	6,890	8,530	10,520
U.S. Citizens	45,370	43,960	48,960	51,470
Immigrant aliens	16,150	14,340	14,850	13,500
Veterans	3,510	4,200	4,150	4,150
Total Unemployed	4,890	5,310	6,510	9,970
Not in the Labor Force	39,900	46,490	43,680	44,770

UNEMPLOYMENT RATES%	Sep 2006	Sep 2007	Sep 2009	Mar 2011
All Workers	7.4	8.3	9.3	13.3
Adult women	6.4	7.8	9.1	14.8
Adult men	5.6	6.3	7.9	10.0
Teenagers	29.8	32.6	28.6	38.6
Household Heads	5.1	5.1	5.7	8.7
Full-time workers	7.4	8.1	9.2	13.4
Part-time workers	6.8	10.3	9.5	12.9
U.S. Citizens	7.8	8.0	8.1	12.4
Immigrants Aliens	6.2	9.5	12.7	16.4
Veterans	3.0	3.6	9.0	7.3

TABLE 2. EMPLOYMENT SITUATION AND JOB DESIRE OF PERSONS OUTSIDE THE CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE AND REASON NOT SEEKING WORK: MARCH 2011

CATEGORIES	Sep 2006	Sep 2007	Sep 2009	Mar 2011
Not in Labor Force	39,900	46,490	43,220	44,770
Did not want a job during survey period	35,060	37,620	37,000	35,450
Want job during survey period but did not look for work	4,840	8,870	3,220	9,320
Reasons for not looking for work:				
Believe no job available	210	240	150	550
Cannot find work	580	2,850	960	1,380
School attendance	900	3,490	2,260	2,620
Family Responsibility	960	1,660	960	2,080
Cannot arrange child care	430	1,430	480	1,060
Others	1,010	1,270	1,890	2,840

NOTES: Sum of details may not equal totals due to rounding. For coverage of survey and definitions, refer to EXPLANATORY NOTE.

Table 3. Employment Status of Civilian Noninstitutional Population 16 Years & Over by Age and Sex: March 2011

	Total Civilian Population	Civilian Labor Force						Not in Labor Force	
		Total	%	Employed	%	Unemployed	%	Total	%
BOTH SEXES									
Total 16 years & above	119,720	74,950	62.6%	64,970	86.7%	9,970	13.3%	44,770	37.4%
16 -17 years	6,950	690	9.9%	360	52.2%	330	47.8%	6,260	90.1%
18 - 19 years	5,860	2,330	39.8%	1,490	63.9%	840	36.1%	3,530	60.2%
20 - 24 years	10,880	7,900	72.6%	5,860	74.2%	2,040	25.8%	2,990	27.5%
25 - 34 years	21,480	16,160	75.2%	13,500	83.5%	2,660	16.5%	5,310	24.7%
35 - 44 years	22,970	18,380	80.0%	16,380	89.1%	2,000	10.9%	4,590	20.0%
45 - 59 years	30,250	22,310	73.8%	20,780	93.1%	1,530	6.9%	7,940	26.2%
60 years & above	21,330	7,170	33.6%	6,590	91.9%	580	8.1%	14,160	66.4%

FEMALES									
Total 16 years & above	62,860	35,530	56.5%	29,960	84.3%	5,570	15.7%	27,340	43.5%
16 -17 years	3,200	400	12.5%	220	55.0%	180	45.0%	2,800	87.5%
18 - 19 years	2,950	1,090	36.9%	730	67.0%	360	33.0%	1,860	63.1%
20 - 24 years	5,900	3,900	66.1%	2,880	73.8%	1,020	26.2%	2,000	33.9%
25 - 34 years	11,430	7,720	67.5%	6,120	79.3%	1,600	20.7%	3,710	32.5%
35 - 44 years	11,900	8,700	73.1%	7,540	86.7%	1,170	13.4%	3,200	26.9%
45 - 59 years	15,980	10,850	67.9%	9,900	91.2%	950	8.8%	5,130	32.1%
60 years & above	11,500	2,880	25.0%	2,580	89.6%	290	10.1%	8,630	75.0%

MALES									
Total 16 years & above	56,860	39,420	69.3%	35,020	88.8%	4,400	11.2%	17,440	30.7%
16 -17 years	3,750	290	7.7%	150	51.7%	150	51.7%	3,460	92.3%
18 - 19 years	2,910	1,240	42.6%	760	61.3%	470	37.9%	1,670	57.4%
20 - 24 years	4,990	4,000	80.2%	2,990	74.8%	1020	25.5%	980	19.6%
25 - 34 years	10,050	8,450	84.1%	7,390	87.5%	1060	12.5%	1,600	15.9%
35 - 44 years	11,070	9,680	87.4%	8,850	91.4%	840	8.7%	1,380	12.5%
45 - 59 years	14,270	11,470	80.4%	10,880	94.9%	580	5.1%	2,800	19.6%
60 years & above	9,830	4,300	43.7%	4,000	93.0%	290	6.7%	5,530	56.3%

Values are rounded to the nearest tens.

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