

# Adjustments to Household Survey Population Estimates in January 2004

Household survey data beginning in January 2004 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 for 2000 through 2003. The updated controls resulted in a decrease of 560,000 in the estimated size of the civilian noninstitutional population

16 years of age and over for December 2003. Official population and labor force estimates for December 2003 and earlier months will not be revised.

A comparison of December 2003 data based on the old and new controls shows that the population decrease caused declines in the labor force (-437,000), employment (-409,000), and unemployment (-27,000). The total unemployment rate, labor force participation rate, and employment-population ratio, however, were not affected. (See table below.)

## Employment status of the population for selected labor force groups, December 2003 (2004 population adjustment effect)

(Numbers in thousands)

| Employment status, sex, age, race,<br>and Hispanic or Latino ethnicity | As<br>originally<br>published | Based<br>on<br>updated<br>population<br>controls | Difference <sup>1</sup> |
|--|-------------------------------|--|-------------------------|
| <b>TOTAL</b>   |                               |  |                         |
| Civilian noninstitutional population .....                             | 222,509                       | 221,949  | -560                    |
| Civilian labor force .....   | 146,501                       | 146,065  | -437                    |
| Participation rate .....   | 65.8                          | 65.8   | .0                      |
| Employed .....   | 138,556                       | 138,147  | -409                    |
| Employment-population ratio .....                                      | 62.3                          | 62.2   | .0                      |
| Unemployed .....   | 7,945                         | 7,918  | -27                     |
| Unemployment rate .....  | 5.4                           | 5.4  | .0                      |
| Not in labor force .....   | 76,007                        | 75,884   | -123                    |
| <b>Men, 20 years and over</b>  |                               |  |                         |
| Civilian noninstitutional population .....                             | 98,927                        | 98,757   | -170                    |
| Civilian labor force .....   | 74,984                        | 74,817   | -166                    |
| Participation rate .....   | 75.8                          | 75.8   | .0                      |
| Employed .....   | 71,024                        | 70,869   | -155                    |
| Employment-population ratio .....                                      | 71.8                          | 71.8   | .0                      |
| Unemployed .....   | 3,960                         | 3,948  | -12                     |
| Unemployment rate .....  | 5.3                           | 5.3  | .0                      |
| Not in labor force .....   | 23,943                        | 23,940   | -4                      |
| <b>Women, 20 years and over</b>  |                               |  |                         |
| Civilian noninstitutional population .....                             | 107,404                       | 107,041  | -363                    |
| Civilian labor force .....   | 64,855                        | 64,593   | -261                    |
| Participation rate .....   | 60.4                          | 60.3   | .0                      |
| Employed .....   | 61,823                        | 61,577   | -246                    |
| Employment-population ratio .....                                      | 57.6                          | 57.5   | .0                      |
| Unemployed .....   | 3,031                         | 3,017  | -15                     |
| Unemployment rate .....  | 4.7                           | 4.7  | .0                      |
| Not in labor force .....   | 42,550                        | 42,448   | -102                    |

See notes at end of table.

**Employment status of the population for selected labor force groups, December 2003  
(2004 population adjustment effect)—Continued**

(Numbers in thousands)

| Employment status, sex, age, race,<br>and Hispanic or Latino ethnicity | As<br>originally<br>published | Based<br>on<br>updated<br>population<br>controls | Difference <sup>1</sup> |
|--|-------------------------------|--|-------------------------|
| <b>Both sexes, 16 to 19 years</b>                                      |                               |  |                         |
| Civilian noninstitutional population .....                             | 16,178                        | 16,151   | -27                     |
| Civilian labor force .....   | 6,663                         | 6,654  | -9                      |
| Participation rate .....   | 41.2                          | 41.2   | .0                      |
| Employed .....   | 5,709                         | 5,701  | -8                      |
| Employment-population ratio .....                                      | 35.3                          | 35.3   | .0                      |
| Unemployed .....   | 954                           | 953  | -1                      |
| Unemployment rate .....  | 14.3                          | 14.3   | .0                      |
| Not in labor force .....   | 9,515                         | 9,497  | -18                     |
| <b>WHITE</b>   |                               |  |                         |
| Civilian noninstitutional population .....                             | 182,185                       | 181,740  | -445                    |
| Civilian labor force .....   | 120,453                       | 120,093  | -360                    |
| Participation rate .....   | 66.1                          | 66.1   | .0                      |
| Employed .....   | 114,702                       | 114,363  | -339                    |
| Employment-population ratio .....                                      | 63.0                          | 62.9   | .0                      |
| Unemployed .....   | 5,751                         | 5,730  | -22                     |
| Unemployment rate .....  | 4.8                           | 4.8  | .0                      |
| Not in labor force .....   | 61,732                        | 61,647   | -85                     |
| <b>BLACK OR AFRICAN AMERICAN</b>                                       |                               |  |                         |
| Civilian noninstitutional population .....                             | 25,894                        | 25,835   | -60                     |
| Civilian labor force .....   | 16,422                        | 16,389   | -33                     |
| Participation rate .....   | 63.4                          | 63.4   | .0                      |
| Employed .....   | 14,828                        | 14,799   | -29                     |
| Employment-population ratio .....                                      | 57.3                          | 57.3   | .0                      |
| Unemployed .....   | 1,594                         | 1,590  | -4                      |
| Unemployment rate .....  | 9.7                           | 9.7  | .0                      |
| Not in labor force .....   | 9,472                         | 9,446  | -26                     |
| <b>ASIAN</b>   |                               |  |                         |
| Civilian noninstitutional population .....                             | 9,372                         | 9,328  | -44                     |
| Civilian labor force .....   | 6,272                         | 6,233  | -39                     |
| Participation rate .....   | 66.9                          | 66.8   | -.1                     |
| Employed .....   | 5,938                         | 5,900  | -37                     |
| Employment-population ratio .....                                      | 63.4                          | 63.3   | -.1                     |
| Unemployed .....   | 334                           | 332  | -2                      |
| Unemployment rate .....  | 5.3                           | 5.3  | .0                      |
| Not in labor force .....   | 3,101                         | 3,096  | -5                      |
| <b>HISPANIC OR LATINO ETHNICITY</b>                                    |                               |  |                         |
| Civilian noninstitutional population .....                             | 28,116                        | 27,533   | -583                    |
| Civilian labor force .....   | 19,031                        | 18,585   | -446                    |
| Participation rate .....   | 67.7                          | 67.5   | -.2                     |
| Employed .....   | 17,785                        | 17,364   | -421                    |
| Employment-population ratio .....                                      | 63.3                          | 63.1   | -.2                     |
| Unemployed .....   | 1,246                         | 1,221  | -25                     |
| Unemployment rate .....  | 6.5                           | 6.6  | .0                      |
| Not in labor force .....   | 9,085                         | 8,947  | -138                    |

<sup>1</sup> 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. In addition, persons whose ethnicity is identified as Hispanic or Latino may be of any race and, therefore, are classified by ethnicity as well as by race.