

Adjustments to Household Survey Population Estimates in January 2010

Household survey data beginning in January 2010 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, updated vital statistics and other information, and some methodological changes in the population estimation process. Documentation on the Census Bureau's population estimation methodology is available on their website at <http://www.census.gov/popest/topics/methodology/2009-nat-meth.pdf>. Questions about population estimation should be directed to the Census Bureau's Population Division at 1-866-758-1060 or by email at pop@census.gov.

The updated controls resulted in a decrease of 258,000 in the estimated size of the civilian noninstitutional population 16 years and over for December 2009. Official population and labor force estimates for December 2009 and earlier months will not be revised.

A comparison of December 2009 data based on the old and new controls shows that the population adjustments caused decreases in the labor force (-249,000), employment (-243,000), and unemployment (-5,000). The total unemployment rate, however, was not affected. (See table below.)

Employment status of the population for selected labor force groups, not seasonally adjusted, December 2009 (2010 population adjustment effect)

(Numbers in thousands)

Employment status, sex, age, race, and Hispanic or Latino ethnicity	As originally published	Based on updated population controls	Difference ¹
TOTAL			
Civilian noninstitutional population	236,924	236,666	-258
Civilian labor force	152,693	152,444	-249
Participation rate	64.4	64.4	.0
Employed	137,953	137,709	-243
Employment-population ratio	58.2	58.2	.0
Unemployed	14,740	14,735	-5
Unemployment rate	9.7	9.7	.0
Not in labor force	84,231	84,222	-9

See notes at end of table.

**Employment status of the population for selected labor force groups, not seasonally adjusted,
December 2009 (2010 population adjustment effect)—Continued**

(Numbers in thousands)

Employment status, sex, age, race, and Hispanic or Latino ethnicity	As originally published	Based on updated population controls	Difference ¹
Men, 20 years and over			
Civilian noninstitutional population	106,125	105,898	-227
Civilian labor force	78,392	78,189	-203
Participation rate	73.9	73.8	.0
Employed	70,251	70,061	-190
Employment-population ratio	66.2	66.2	.0
Unemployed	8,141	8,129	-13
Unemployment rate	10.4	10.4	.0
Not in labor force	27,733	27,709	-24
Women, 20 years and over			
Civilian noninstitutional population	113,832	113,707	-125
Civilian labor force	68,617	68,545	-72
Participation rate	60.3	60.3	.0
Employed	63,430	63,360	-69
Employment-population ratio	55.7	55.7	.0
Unemployed	5,187	5,185	-2
Unemployment rate	7.6	7.6	.0
Not in labor force	45,215	45,162	-53
Both sexes, 16 to 19 years			
Civilian noninstitutional population	16,967	17,060	93
Civilian labor force	5,684	5,709	25
Participation rate	33.5	33.5	.0
Employed	4,272	4,288	16
Employment-population ratio	25.2	25.1	.0
Unemployed	1,412	1,421	9
Unemployment rate	24.8	24.9	.1
Not in labor force	11,283	11,351	68
WHITE			
Civilian noninstitutional population	191,628	191,355	-274
Civilian labor force	124,344	124,109	-235
Participation rate	64.9	64.9	.0
Employed	113,416	113,194	-222
Employment-population ratio	59.2	59.2	.0
Unemployed	10,928	10,915	-13
Unemployment rate	8.8	8.8	.0
Not in labor force	67,284	67,246	-38
BLACK OR AFRICAN AMERICAN			
Civilian noninstitutional population	28,437	28,494	56
Civilian labor force	17,484	17,515	31
Participation rate	61.5	61.5	.0
Employed	14,759	14,782	22
Employment-population ratio	51.9	51.9	.0
Unemployed	2,725	2,733	9
Unemployment rate	15.6	15.6	.0
Not in labor force	10,953	10,979	25

See notes at end of table.

**Employment status of the population for selected labor force groups, not seasonally adjusted,
December 2009 (2010 population adjustment effect)—Continued**

(Numbers in thousands)

Employment status, sex, age, race, and Hispanic or Latino ethnicity	As published	Based on updated population controls	Difference ¹
ASIAN			
Civilian noninstitutional population	10,904	10,874	-31
Civilian labor force	7,163	7,121	-42
Participation rate	65.7	65.5	-.2
Employed	6,560	6,521	-40
Employment-population ratio	60.2	60.0	-.2
Unemployed	602	601	-2
Unemployment rate	8.4	8.4	.0
Not in labor force	3,741	3,752	11
HISPANIC OR LATINO ETHNICITY			
Civilian noninstitutional population	33,379	33,167	-212
Civilian labor force	22,481	22,312	-169
Participation rate	67.3	67.3	-.1
Employed	19,591	19,430	-160
Employment-population ratio	58.7	58.6	-.1
Unemployed	2,890	2,882	-8
Unemployment rate	12.9	12.9	.1
Not in labor force	10,899	10,855	-43

¹ 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. Persons whose ethnicity is identified as Hispanic or Latino may be of any race.