

Adjustments to Household Survey Population Estimates in January 2011

Household survey data beginning in January 2011 reflect updated population controls. Official population and labor force estimates for December 2010 and earlier months will not be revised.

The population control adjustments introduced with household survey data for January 2011 were applied to the population base determined by Census 2000. The results from Census 2010 will not be incorporated into the household survey population controls until the release of data for January 2012.

Adjustments to the household survey population controls result from the U.S. Census Bureau's annual review of the intercensal population estimates. For January 2011, the Census Bureau determined that a downward adjustment should be made to the civilian noninstitutional population estimate used for the household survey. This determination was based on revised estimates of net international migration, updated vital statistics and other information, and some methodological changes in the population estimation process.

To gauge the impact of the updated population controls, the Bureau of Labor Statistics uses special tabulations of December data that incorporate the new controls. When applied to December 2010, the updated controls resulted in a decrease of 347,000 in the estimated size of the civilian noninstitutional population 16 years and over. A comparison of December 2010 labor force data based on the old and new controls shows that the population adjustments caused decreases in the labor force (504,000), employment (472,000), and unemployment (32,000), while the estimated number of persons not in the labor force was increased (157,000). The total unemployment rate was not affected. (See the table on the following pages for the population control effects on labor force series for the major demographic groups.)

Information about the Census Bureau's population estimation methodology is available on their website at <http://www.census.gov/popest/national/national.html>; see the document titled *Methodology*. 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.

Employment status of the population for selected labor force groups, not seasonally adjusted, December 2010 (2011 population adjustment effect)

(Numbers in thousands)

Employment status, sex, age, race, and Hispanic or Latino ethnicity	As published	Based on updated population controls	Difference ¹
TOTAL			
Civilian noninstitutional population	238,889	238,542	-347
Civilian labor force	153,156	152,652	-504
Participation rate	64.1	64.0	-.1
Employed	139,159	138,687	-472
Employment-population ratio	58.3	58.1	-.1
Unemployed	13,997	13,965	-32
Unemployment rate	9.1	9.1	.0
Not in labor force	85,733	85,890	157
Men, 20 years and over			
Civilian noninstitutional population	107,216	107,106	-110
Civilian labor force	78,780	78,439	-341
Participation rate	73.5	73.2	-.2
Employed	71,235	70,924	-311
Employment-population ratio	66.4	66.2	-.2
Unemployed	7,545	7,515	-30
Unemployment rate	9.6	9.6	.0
Not in labor force	28,436	28,667	231
Women, 20 years and over			
Civilian noninstitutional population	114,894	114,552	-342
Civilian labor force	68,999	68,801	-198
Participation rate	60.1	60.1	.0
Employed	63,809	63,624	-184
Employment-population ratio	55.5	55.5	.0
Unemployed	5,190	5,176	-14
Unemployment rate	7.5	7.5	.0
Not in labor force	45,895	45,751	-144
Both sexes, 16 to 19 years			
Civilian noninstitutional population	16,780	16,884	104
Civilian labor force	5,378	5,412	35
Participation rate	32.0	32.1	.0
Employed	4,116	4,139	23
Employment-population ratio	24.5	24.5	.0
Unemployed	1,262	1,274	12
Unemployment rate	23.5	23.5	.1
Not in labor force	11,402	11,472	70

See notes at end of table.

**Employment status of the population for selected labor force groups, not seasonally adjusted,
December 2010 (2011 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
WHITE			
Civilian noninstitutional population	192,749	192,420	-328
Civilian labor force	124,309	123,827	-482
Participation rate	64.5	64.4	-.1
Employed	114,035	113,585	-450
Employment-population ratio	59.2	59.0	-.1
Unemployed	10,274	10,243	-32
Unemployment rate	8.3	8.3	.0
Not in labor force	68,439	68,593	153
BLACK OR AFRICAN AMERICAN			
Civilian noninstitutional population	28,896	28,915	19
Civilian labor force	17,835	17,843	7
Participation rate	61.7	61.7	.0
Employed	15,120	15,126	6
Employment-population ratio	52.3	52.3	.0
Unemployed	2,715	2,717	2
Unemployment rate	15.2	15.2	.0
Not in labor force	11,061	11,073	11
ASIAN			
Civilian noninstitutional population	11,387	11,363	-24
Civilian labor force	7,355	7,331	-24
Participation rate	64.6	64.5	-.1
Employed	6,829	6,807	-23
Employment-population ratio	60.0	59.9	-.1
Unemployed	526	524	-2
Unemployment rate	7.2	7.2	.0
Not in labor force	4,032	4,033	1
HISPANIC OR LATINO ETHNICITY			
Civilian noninstitutional population	34,188	33,919	-269
Civilian labor force	22,929	22,693	-236
Participation rate	67.1	66.9	-.2
Employed	19,957	19,737	-220
Employment-population ratio	58.4	58.2	-.2
Unemployed	2,972	2,956	-16
Unemployment rate	13.0	13.0	.1
Not in labor force	11,259	11,226	-33

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.