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## **WORK EXPERIENCE OF THE POPULATION — 2016**

A total of 163.6 million persons worked at some point during 2016, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported today. The proportion of the civilian noninstitutional population age 16 and over who worked at some time during 2016 was 64.3 percent, little changed from 2015. The number of persons who experienced some unemployment during 2016 declined by 1.4 million to 15.6 million.

These data are based on information collected in the Annual Social and Economic Supplement (ASEC) to the Current Population Survey (CPS). The CPS is a monthly survey conducted by the U.S. Census Bureau for the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. The ASEC collects information on employment and unemployment experienced during the prior calendar year. Additional information about the CPS and the ASEC, including concepts and definitions, is provided in the Technical Note.

### **Highlights from the 2016 data:**

- The proportion of workers who worked full time, year round in 2016 was 68.8 percent, up 0.8 percentage point from the prior year. (See table 1.)
- The "work-experience unemployment rate"—defined as the number of persons unemployed at some time during the year as a proportion of the number of persons who worked or looked for work during the year—declined by 0.8 percentage point to 9.4 percent in 2016. (See table 3.)
- About 2.6 million individuals looked for a job but did not work at all in 2016, down from 3.2 million in 2015. (See table 3.)

### **Persons with Employment**

Overall, 64.3 percent of the population worked in 2016, little different from 64.2 percent in 2015. The proportions of men and women who worked at some time during 2016 were 70.0 percent and 59.0 percent, respectively. These proportions showed little or no change from the prior year. (See table 1.)

The proportion of Blacks (61.9 percent) who worked at some time during 2016 increased by 1.3 percentage points from 2015, while the shares of Whites (64.6 percent), Asians (64.8 percent), and Hispanics (66.1 percent) showed little change. (See table 2.)

Among those with work experience in 2016, 79.8 percent usually worked full time, little changed from a year earlier. In 2016, men (85.8 percent) continued to be more likely than women (73.1 percent) to work

full time during the year. These proportions were little changed from the prior year. Among those who worked at some point in 2016, Asians (83.0 percent) were more likely to work full time than Whites (79.6 percent), Blacks (80.7 percent), and Hispanics (81.0 percent). (See tables 1 and 2.)

Of the total who worked during 2016, 79.4 percent were employed year round (working 50 to 52 weeks, either full or part time), up from 78.6 percent in 2015. In 2016, the percentages of both men (81.8 percent) and women (76.8 percent) working year round increased from a year earlier. (See table 1.)

### **Persons with Unemployment**

Overall, 166.2 million persons worked or looked for work at some time in 2016, up by 726,000 from the prior year. Of those, 15.6 million experienced some unemployment during 2016, down by 1.4 million from 2015. (See table 3.)

The work-experience unemployment rate (those looking for work during the year as a percent of those who worked or looked for work during the year) continued to decline. At 9.4 percent in 2016, the work-experience unemployment rate was 0.8 percentage point lower than in 2015. The work-experience unemployment rates for Whites (8.8 percent), Blacks (13.1 percent), and Hispanics (11.1 percent) declined from 2015 to 2016, while the rate for Asians (7.3 percent) was unchanged. (See tables 3 and 4.)

In 2016, men continued to have a slightly higher work-experience unemployment rate than women, 9.5 percent versus 9.2 percent. Among Blacks, the rate for men was higher than the rate for women, while among Whites, Asians, and Hispanics, the rates for men and women were little different from each other.

Among those who experienced unemployment in 2016, the median number of weeks spent looking for work was 14.5. The number of persons who looked for a job but did not work at all in 2016 declined by 584,000 over the year to 2.6 million. Of the 13.0 million individuals who both worked and experienced unemployment in 2016, 22.1 percent had two or more spells of unemployment, little different than the share in 2015. (See table 3.)

## Technical Note

The data presented in this release were collected in the Annual Social and Economic Supplement (ASEC) to the Current Population Survey (CPS). The CPS is a monthly sample survey of about 60,000 eligible households, conducted by the U.S. Census Bureau for the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS). Data from the CPS are used to obtain the monthly estimates of the nation's employment and unemployment levels. The ASEC, conducted in the months of February through April, includes questions about work activity during the prior calendar year. For instance, data collected in 2017 refer to the 2016 calendar year. Because the reference period is a full year, the number of persons with some employment or unemployment greatly exceeds the average levels for any given month, which are based on a 1-week reference period, and the corresponding annual average of the monthly estimates. As shown below, for example, the number experiencing any unemployment was about twice the number unemployed in an average month during the year.

	Employed	Unemployed
2016 estimates (in thousands)		
Annual average of		
monthly estimates	151,436	7,751
Annual supplement data	163,638	15,570

In addition, estimates from the supplement differ from those obtained in the basic CPS because the questions used to classify workers as either employed or unemployed are different. More important, perhaps, is that the supplement contains fewer questions for categorizing respondents. In regard to unemployment in particular, the supplement has no questions on the type of job search activity or on the respondent's availability to work. Also, individuals can be counted as both employed and unemployed in the work experience supplement data, whereas, for a specific monthly reference week, each person is only counted in one category and employment activity takes precedence over job search activity.

The data presented in this release are not strictly comparable with data for earlier years due to the introduction of updated population controls used in the CPS. The population controls are updated each year in January to reflect the latest information about population change. Additional information is available at [www.bls.gov/cps/documentation.htm#pop](http://www.bls.gov/cps/documentation.htm#pop).

### Reliability of the estimates

Statistics based on the CPS are subject to both sampling and nonsampling error. When a sample, rather than the entire population, is surveyed, there is a chance that the sample estimates may differ from the true population values they represent. The component of this difference that occurs because samples differ by chance is known as *sampling error*, and its variability is measured by the standard error of the estimate. There is about a 90-percent chance, or level of confidence, that an estimate based on a sample will differ by no more than 1.6 standard errors from the true population

value because of sampling error. BLS analyses are generally conducted at the 90-percent level of confidence.

The CPS data also are affected by *nonsampling error*. Nonsampling error can occur for many reasons, including the failure to sample a segment of the population, inability to obtain information for all respondents in the sample, inability or unwillingness of respondents to provide correct information, and errors made in the collection or processing of the data.

A full discussion of the reliability of data from the CPS and information on estimating standard errors is available at [www.bls.gov/cps/documentation.htm#reliability](http://www.bls.gov/cps/documentation.htm#reliability).

### Concepts and definitions

The principle concepts and definitions used in connection with the data in this release are described briefly below.

*Persons who worked.* In the 2017 supplement, persons are considered to have worked if they responded "yes" to either the question "Did you work at a job or business at any time during 2016?" or "Did you do any temporary, part-time, or seasonal work even for a few days during 2016?"

*Unemployed persons.* Persons who worked during the year but not in every week are counted as unemployed if they also reported looking for work or being on layoff from a job during the year. Those who reported no work activity during the year are considered unemployed if they responded "yes" to the question "Even though you did not work in 2016, did you spend any time trying to find a job or on layoff?"

*Work-experience unemployment rate.* The number of persons unemployed at some time during the year as a proportion of the number of persons who worked or looked for work during the year.

*Labor force participants.* Persons who either worked or were unemployed during the year.

*Usual full- and part-time employment.* These data refer to the number of hours a worker typically works during most weeks of the year. Workers are classified as full time if they usually worked 35 hours or more in a week; part-time employment refers to workers whose typical workweek was between 1 and 34 hours.

*Year-round and part-year employment.* Workers are classified as year round if they worked 50 to 52 weeks. Part-year employment refers to workers who worked fewer than 50 weeks.

### Other information

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**Table 1. Work experience of the population during the year by sex and extent of employment, 2015-16**

[Numbers in thousands]

Extent of Employment	Total		Men		Women	
	2015	2016	2015	2016	2015	2016
<b>NUMBER OF EMPLOYED</b>						
Civilian noninstitutional population .....	252,766	254,413	122,110	122,944	130,656	131,469
Total who worked or looked for work .....	165,495	166,221	87,149	87,368	78,347	78,853
Percent of the population.....	65.5	65.3	71.4	71.1	60.0	60.0
Total who worked during the year <sup>1</sup> .....	162,329	163,638	85,518	86,063	76,811	77,574
Percent of the population.....	64.2	64.3	70.0	70.0	58.8	59.0
Full time <sup>2</sup> .....	129,254	130,560	73,181	73,881	56,074	56,679
50 to 52 weeks.....	110,308	112,554	63,173	64,299	47,135	48,255
48 to 49 weeks.....	2,200	1,948	1,374	1,157	826	791
40 to 47 weeks.....	5,509	5,057	2,648	2,501	2,860	2,556
27 to 39 weeks.....	3,861	3,821	1,992	2,049	1,869	1,772
14 to 26 weeks.....	4,468	4,248	2,482	2,293	1,985	1,955
1 to 13 weeks.....	2,909	2,932	1,510	1,582	1,399	1,350
Part time <sup>3</sup> .....	33,075	33,078	12,338	12,182	20,737	20,896
50 to 52 weeks.....	17,280	17,438	6,028	6,120	11,252	11,318
48 to 49 weeks.....	882	893	298	298	584	595
40 to 47 weeks.....	2,809	2,779	1,059	931	1,750	1,848
27 to 39 weeks.....	2,775	2,938	1,054	1,110	1,720	1,828
14 to 26 weeks.....	4,567	4,507	1,773	1,772	2,794	2,735
1 to 13 weeks.....	4,762	4,523	2,126	1,952	2,637	2,570
<b>PERCENT DISTRIBUTION</b>						
Total who worked during the year <sup>1</sup> .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Full time <sup>2</sup> .....	79.6	79.8	85.6	85.8	73.0	73.1
50 to 52 weeks.....	68.0	68.8	73.9	74.7	61.4	62.2
48 to 49 weeks.....	1.4	1.2	1.6	1.3	1.1	1.0
40 to 47 weeks.....	3.4	3.1	3.1	2.9	3.7	3.3
27 to 39 weeks.....	2.4	2.3	2.3	2.4	2.4	2.3
14 to 26 weeks.....	2.8	2.6	2.9	2.7	2.6	2.5
1 to 13 weeks.....	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.7
Part time <sup>3</sup> .....	20.4	20.2	14.4	14.2	27.0	26.9
50 to 52 weeks.....	10.6	10.7	7.0	7.1	14.6	14.6
48 to 49 weeks.....	0.5	0.5	0.3	0.3	0.8	0.8
40 to 47 weeks.....	1.7	1.7	1.2	1.1	2.3	2.4
27 to 39 weeks.....	1.7	1.8	1.2	1.3	2.2	2.4
14 to 26 weeks.....	2.8	2.8	2.1	2.1	3.6	3.5
1 to 13 weeks.....	2.9	2.8	2.5	2.3	3.4	3.3

<sup>1</sup> Time worked includes paid vacation and sick leave.

<sup>2</sup> Usually worked 35 hours or more per week.

<sup>3</sup> Usually worked 1 to 34 hours per week.

NOTE: Data refer to persons 16 years and over. Updated population controls are introduced annually with the release of January data.

**Table 2. Work experience of the population during the year by race, Hispanic or Latino ethnicity, and sex, 2015-16**

[Numbers in thousands]

Extent of employment, race, and Hispanic or Latino ethnicity	Total		Men		Women	
	2015	2016	2015	2016	2015	2016
<b>WHITE</b>						
Civilian noninstitutional population .....	197,883	198,597	96,722	97,043	101,161	101,554
Total who worked or looked for work .....	130,378	130,021	69,916	69,608	60,462	60,413
Percent of the population .....	65.9	65.5	72.3	71.7	59.8	59.5
Total who worked during the year <sup>1</sup> .....	128,343	128,370	68,847	68,796	59,496	59,574
Percent of the population .....	64.9	64.6	71.2	70.9	58.8	58.7
Percent who worked during the year <sup>1</sup> .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Full time <sup>2</sup> .....	79.5	79.6	85.9	86.1	72.0	72.0
50 to 52 weeks .....	67.8	68.7	74.2	75.1	60.4	61.2
27 to 49 weeks .....	7.2	6.7	7.1	6.7	7.3	6.8
1 to 26 weeks .....	4.4	4.1	4.5	4.2	4.3	4.0
Part time <sup>3</sup> .....	20.5	20.4	14.1	13.9	28.0	28.0
50 to 52 weeks .....	10.8	10.9	6.8	7.0	15.4	15.3
27 to 49 weeks .....	4.1	4.2	2.8	2.8	5.5	5.9
1 to 26 weeks .....	5.7	5.4	4.4	4.1	7.1	6.8
<b>BLACK OR AFRICAN AMERICAN</b>						
Civilian noninstitutional population .....	31,750	32,126	14,455	14,652	17,295	17,475
Total who worked or looked for work .....	20,034	20,534	9,397	9,573	10,636	10,962
Percent of the population .....	63.1	63.9	65.0	65.3	61.5	62.7
Total who worked during the year <sup>1</sup> .....	19,229	19,897	8,972	9,255	10,258	10,643
Percent of the population .....	60.6	61.9	62.1	63.2	59.3	60.9
Percent who worked during the year <sup>1</sup> .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Full time <sup>2</sup> .....	79.6	80.7	82.5	84.4	77.0	77.6
50 to 52 weeks .....	67.5	68.9	70.3	71.7	65.1	66.5
27 to 49 weeks .....	6.9	6.2	6.7	6.4	7.0	6.0
1 to 26 weeks .....	5.2	5.6	5.5	6.2	4.9	5.1
Part time <sup>3</sup> .....	20.4	19.3	17.5	15.6	23.0	22.4
50 to 52 weeks .....	10.2	9.9	8.6	7.8	11.5	11.8
27 to 49 weeks .....	3.8	3.3	3.1	2.7	4.3	3.8
1 to 26 weeks .....	6.5	6.0	5.7	5.0	7.2	6.8
<b>ASIAN</b>						
Civilian noninstitutional population .....	14,840	15,399	6,961	7,253	7,879	8,146
Total who worked or looked for work .....	9,658	10,135	5,100	5,343	4,558	4,792
Percent of the population .....	65.1	65.8	73.3	73.7	57.9	58.8
Total who worked during the year <sup>1</sup> .....	9,495	9,982	5,035	5,263	4,460	4,719
Percent of the population .....	64.0	64.8	72.3	72.6	56.6	57.9
Percent who worked during the year <sup>1</sup> .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Full time <sup>2</sup> .....	83.2	83.0	88.4	88.4	77.3	77.0
50 to 52 weeks .....	73.4	73.6	79.6	79.5	66.4	67.1
27 to 49 weeks .....	5.5	5.3	4.8	5.1	6.4	5.4
1 to 26 weeks .....	4.2	4.1	4.0	3.8	4.5	4.4
Part time <sup>3</sup> .....	16.8	17.0	11.6	11.6	22.7	23.0
50 to 52 weeks .....	9.7	9.3	6.5	6.1	13.2	12.9
27 to 49 weeks .....	2.9	3.1	1.8	1.9	4.1	4.4
1 to 26 weeks .....	4.3	4.6	3.3	3.6	5.5	5.7

See footnotes at end of table.

**Table 2. Work experience of the population during the year by race, Hispanic or Latino ethnicity, and sex, 2015-16**  
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[Numbers in thousands]

Extent of employment, race, and Hispanic or Latino ethnicity	Total		Men		Women	
	2015	2016	2015	2016	2015	2016
<b>HISPANIC OR LATINO ETHNICITY</b>						
Civilian noninstitutional population .....	40,382	41,081	20,112	20,435	20,270	20,645
Total who worked or looked for work .....	26,976	27,623	15,255	15,472	11,721	12,151
Percent of the population .....	66.8	67.2	75.8	75.7	57.8	58.9
Total who worked during the year <sup>1</sup> .....	26,459	27,145	15,011	15,236	11,448	11,909
Percent of the population .....	65.5	66.1	74.6	74.6	56.5	57.7
Percent who worked during the year <sup>1</sup> .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Full time <sup>2</sup> .....	80.5	81.0	87.0	87.5	72.0	72.6
50 to 52 weeks .....	67.5	69.1	73.7	75.4	59.4	61.0
27 to 49 weeks .....	8.1	7.2	8.7	7.9	7.4	6.3
1 to 26 weeks .....	4.9	4.7	4.6	4.2	5.2	5.3
Part time <sup>3</sup> .....	19.5	19.0	13.0	12.5	28.0	27.4
50 to 52 weeks .....	10.8	10.4	6.6	6.8	16.4	15.2
27 to 49 weeks .....	3.3	3.4	2.4	2.1	4.6	5.1
1 to 26 weeks .....	5.3	5.2	4.0	3.7	7.1	7.1

<sup>1</sup> Time worked includes paid vacation and sick leave.

<sup>2</sup> Usually worked 35 hours or more per week.

<sup>3</sup> Usually worked 1 to 34 hours per week.

NOTE: Estimates for the above race groups (White, Black or African American, and Asian) do not sum to totals shown in table 1 because data are not presented for all races. Persons whose ethnicity is identified as Hispanic or Latino may be of any race. Updated population controls are introduced annually with the release of January data.

**Table 3. Extent of unemployment during the year by sex, 2015-16**

[Numbers in thousands]

Extent of unemployment	Total		Men		Women	
	2015	2016	2015	2016	2015	2016
<b>NUMBER OF UNEMPLOYED</b>						
Total who worked or looked for work.....	165,495	166,221	87,149	87,368	78,347	78,853
Percent with unemployment.....	10.2	9.4	10.4	9.5	10.0	9.2
Total with unemployment.....	16,925	15,570	9,063	8,300	7,862	7,270
Did not work but looked for work.....	3,167	2,583	1,630	1,304	1,536	1,278
1 to 14 weeks.....	1,112	961	487	450	625	511
15 weeks or more.....	2,054	1,622	1,143	855	911	767
Worked during the year.....	13,759	12,987	7,433	6,995	6,326	5,992
Year-round workers <sup>1</sup> with 1 or 2 weeks of unemployment.....	392	480	245	280	147	199
Part-year workers <sup>2</sup> with unemployment.....	13,366	12,507	7,188	6,715	6,179	5,792
1 to 4 weeks.....	2,618	2,553	1,367	1,259	1,251	1,294
5 to 10 weeks.....	2,102	2,083	1,159	1,073	943	1,010
11 to 14 weeks.....	1,916	1,559	993	844	923	715
15 to 26 weeks.....	3,572	3,286	2,000	1,892	1,571	1,394
27 weeks or more.....	3,159	3,027	1,668	1,647	1,491	1,380
Median weeks of unemployment for all workers.....	14.7	14.5	14.8	15.3	14.6	13.8
With 2 spells or more of unemployment.....	2,971	2,871	1,762	1,634	1,209	1,237
2 spells.....	1,376	1,441	767	787	609	655
3 spells or more.....	1,595	1,430	995	847	600	583
<b>PERCENT DISTRIBUTION</b>						
Did not work but looked for work.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
1 to 14 weeks.....	35.1	37.2	29.9	34.5	40.7	40.0
15 weeks or more.....	64.9	62.8	70.1	65.5	59.3	60.0
Worked during the year.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Year-round workers <sup>1</sup> with 1 or 2 weeks of unemployment.....	2.9	3.7	3.3	4.0	2.3	3.3
Part-year workers <sup>2</sup> with unemployment.....	97.1	96.3	96.7	96.0	97.7	96.7
1 to 4 weeks.....	19.0	19.7	18.4	18.0	19.8	21.6
5 to 10 weeks.....	15.3	16.0	15.6	15.3	14.9	16.9
11 to 14 weeks.....	13.9	12.0	13.4	12.1	14.6	11.9
15 to 26 weeks.....	26.0	25.3	26.9	27.0	24.8	23.3
27 weeks or more.....	23.0	23.3	22.4	23.5	23.6	23.0
With 2 spells or more of unemployment.....	21.6	22.1	23.7	23.4	19.1	20.7
2 spells.....	10.0	11.1	10.3	11.2	9.6	10.9
3 spells or more.....	11.6	11.0	13.4	12.1	9.5	9.7

<sup>1</sup> Worked 50 or 51 weeks.

<sup>2</sup> Worked less than 50 weeks.

NOTE: Updated population controls are introduced annually with the release of January data.

**Table 4. Extent of unemployment during the year by race, Hispanic or Latino ethnicity, and sex, 2015-16**

[Numbers in thousands]

Extent of unemployment, race, and Hispanic or Latino ethnicity	Total		Men		Women	
	2015	2016	2015	2016	2015	2016
<b>WHITE</b>						
Total who worked or looked for work .....	130,378	130,021	69,916	69,608	60,462	60,413
Percent with unemployment.....	9.5	8.8	9.7	8.8	9.3	8.7
Total with unemployment.....	12,409	11,379	6,764	6,148	5,645	5,231
Did not work but looked for work.....	2,035	1,651	1,069	811	966	839
Worked during the year.....	10,374	9,729	5,694	5,337	4,680	4,392
Median weeks of unemployment for all workers.....	14.1	13.9	14.3	14.6	13.9	13.1
Percent who worked during the year <sup>1</sup> .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Year-round workers <sup>2</sup> with 1 or 2 weeks of unemployment.....	3.0	3.8	3.6	4.2	2.4	3.2
Part-year workers <sup>3</sup> with unemployment.....	97.0	96.2	96.4	95.8	97.6	96.8
1 to 4 weeks.....	19.9	20.7	18.8	18.7	21.2	23.0
5 to 14 weeks.....	30.2	28.9	30.1	28.4	30.4	29.6
15 weeks or more.....	46.8	46.7	47.5	48.7	46.0	44.2
With 2 spells or more of unemployment.....	21.4	22.5	23.2	23.2	19.1	21.5
<b>BLACK OR AFRICAN AMERICAN</b>						
Total who worked or looked for work .....	20,034	20,534	9,397	9,573	10,636	10,962
Percent with unemployment.....	15.0	13.1	16.2	14.2	13.8	12.2
Total with unemployment.....	2,995	2,694	1,523	1,360	1,473	1,334
Did not work but looked for work.....	804	637	426	318	379	319
Worked during the year.....	2,191	2,057	1,097	1,041	1,094	1,015
Median weeks of unemployment for all workers.....	19.5	19.0	20.3	20.2	18.9	17.6
Percent who worked during the year <sup>1</sup> .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Year-round workers <sup>2</sup> with 1 or 2 weeks of unemployment.....	2.2	3.7	2.6	3.0	1.8	4.5
Part-year workers <sup>3</sup> with unemployment.....	97.8	96.3	97.4	97.0	98.2	95.5
1 to 4 weeks.....	14.8	13.8	16.2	13.1	13.4	14.6
5 to 14 weeks.....	24.8	24.9	22.4	23.5	27.2	26.2
15 weeks or more.....	58.2	57.6	58.8	60.4	57.6	54.7
With 2 spells or more of unemployment.....	22.0	22.5	25.0	27.4	19.1	17.5
<b>ASIAN</b>						
Total who worked or looked for work .....	9,658	10,135	5,100	5,343	4,558	4,792
Percent with unemployment.....	7.3	7.3	6.5	6.9	8.3	7.7
Total with unemployment.....	709	741	330	371	379	370
Did not work but looked for work.....	163	153	65	79	99	73
Worked during the year.....	545	588	265	292	280	296
Median weeks of unemployment for all workers.....	14.6	14.1	14.1	13.5	15.1	14.9
Percent who worked during the year <sup>1</sup> .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Year-round workers <sup>2</sup> with 1 or 2 weeks of unemployment.....	2.6	3.2	2.2	3.0	2.9	3.3
Part-year workers <sup>3</sup> with unemployment.....	97.4	96.8	97.8	97.0	97.1	96.7
1 to 4 weeks.....	21.5	22.4	21.5	22.8	21.4	21.9
5 to 14 weeks.....	27.2	27.3	28.9	29.6	25.5	25.1
15 weeks or more.....	48.8	47.1	47.4	44.6	50.2	49.7
With 2 spells or more of unemployment.....	18.3	15.0	19.5	14.9	17.2	15.1

See footnotes at end of table.



**Table 4. Extent of unemployment during the year by race, Hispanic or Latino ethnicity, and sex, 2015-16 — Continued**

[Numbers in thousands]

Extent of unemployment, race, and Hispanic or Latino ethnicity	Total		Men		Women	
	2015	2016	2015	2016	2015	2016
<b>HISPANIC OR LATINO ETHNICITY</b>						
Total who worked or looked for work .....	26,976	27,623	15,255	15,472	11,721	12,151
Percent with unemployment.....	12.1	11.1	11.8	11.1	12.4	11.0
Total with unemployment.....	3,257	3,057	1,799	1,724	1,458	1,334
Did not work but looked for work.....	517	478	244	236	273	243
Worked during the year.....	2,740	2,579	1,555	1,488	1,185	1,091
Median weeks of unemployment for all workers.....	16.0	14.8	15.6	14.6	16.7	15.0
Percent who worked during the year <sup>1</sup> .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Year-round workers <sup>2</sup> with 1 or 2 weeks of unemployment.....	2.7	3.6	3.3	4.5	2.0	2.3
Part-year workers <sup>3</sup> with unemployment.....	97.3	96.4	96.7	95.5	98.0	97.7
1 to 4 weeks.....	18.0	21.3	16.8	20.2	19.6	22.9
5 to 14 weeks.....	26.9	25.8	28.4	26.5	24.8	24.8
15 weeks or more.....	52.4	49.4	51.4	48.8	53.6	50.0
With 2 spells or more of unemployment.....	23.8	22.1	26.5	23.7	20.3	19.9

<sup>1</sup> Time worked includes paid vacation and sick leave.

<sup>2</sup> Worked 50 or 51 weeks.

<sup>3</sup> Worked less than 50 weeks.

NOTE: Estimates for the above race groups (White, Black or African American, and Asian) do not sum to totals shown in table 3 because data are not presented for all races. Persons whose ethnicity is identified as Hispanic or Latino may be of any race. Updated population controls are introduced annually with the release of January data.