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WORK EXPERIENCE OF THE POPULATION — 2021

The number of persons who experienced unemployment at some point during 2021 was 16.1 million, down significantly from 26.4 million in 2020, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported today. Labor market conditions continued to improve in 2021, reflecting the resumption of economic activity that had been curtailed due to the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic and efforts to contain it. The proportion of the civilian noninstitutional population age 16 and over who worked at some time during 2021 was 63.3 percent, little changed from 2020. The proportion who worked at some time during 2021 was 1.6 percentage points below the pre-pandemic rate in 2019.

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 2021 data:

- A total of 166.8 million persons worked at some point during 2021, up by 1.2 million from the prior year. (See table 1.)
- The proportion of workers who worked full time, year round rose from 63.1 percent in 2020 to 69.8 percent in 2021. (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—decreased by 6.2 percentage points to 9.5 percent in 2021. (See table 3.)
- About 2.9 million individuals looked for a job but did not work at all in 2021, essentially unchanged from the prior year. (See table 3.)

Persons with Employment

Overall, 63.3 percent of the population worked in 2021, little different from 63.5 percent in 2020. The proportion of men who worked at some time during 2021 was 68.5 percent, while the proportion for women was 58.4 percent in 2021. Both measures were little changed over the year. (See table 1.)

Among the major race and ethnicity groups, the proportion who worked at some time during 2021 declined by 1.0 percentage point to 61.2 percent for Blacks. The proportions for Whites (63.6 percent), Asians (64.7 percent), and Hispanics (66.1 percent) changed little over the year. (See table 2.)

Among those with work experience in 2021, 81.8 percent usually worked full time, up 0.9 percentage point from a year earlier. The proportion of men who usually worked full time increased by 0.4 percentage point in 2021 to 86.7 percent. The proportion of women working full time increased by 1.4 percentage points to 76.4 percent. Among those who worked at some point in 2021, Asians (83.9 percent) and Blacks (83.7 percent) were more likely to usually work full time than Hispanics (82.1 percent) and Whites (81.6 percent). (See tables 1 and 2.)

Of the total who worked during 2021, 79.1 percent were employed year round (working 50 to 52 weeks, either full or part time), up 8.1 percentage points from 2020. The share of men working year round increased to 81.0 percent in 2021, and the percentage of women working year round rose to 77.1 percent. (See table 1.)

Persons with Unemployment

Overall, 169.7 million persons worked or looked for work at some time in 2021, up by 1.1 million from the prior year. The number who experienced some unemployment decreased by more than one-third (10.3 million) to 16.1 million in 2021. (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) fell considerably, decreasing 6.2 percentage points to 9.5 percent in 2021. This work-experience unemployment rate remains 1.5 percentage points above the pre-pandemic rate in 2019. (See table 3.)

In 2021, the work-experience unemployment rate for men (9.9 percent) was higher than the rate for women (9.0 percent). The rates for both men and women fell significantly from the prior year as the labor market continued to recover from the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. (See table 3.)

The work-experience unemployment rate decreased sharply among all the major race and ethnicity groups in 2021. The rates declined to 8.8 percent for Whites, 13.2 percent for Blacks, 8.6 percent for Asians, and 11.6 percent for Hispanics. Among Whites, Asians, and Hispanics, the rate for men was higher than the rate for women. The rate for Blacks was little different between men and women. (See table 4.)

The number of individuals who both worked and experienced unemployment in 2021 was 13.3 million, decreasing by 10.2 million from the prior year. Among these workers, 51.8 percent looked for work for 15 weeks or more. Additionally, 19.7 percent of those experiencing unemployment had two or more spells of unemployment, an increase of 5.6 percentage points from the prior year. In 2021, men were more likely than women to experience multiple spells of unemployment (21.7 percent and 17.1 percent, respectively). Asians (12.3 percent) were less likely than Whites (20.3 percent), Blacks (19.6 percent), or Hispanics (19.7 percent) to experience two or more spells of unemployment in 2021. (See tables 3 and 4.)

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 2022 refer to the 2021 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
2021 estimates (in thousands)		
Annual average of monthly estimates	152,581	8,623
Annual supplement data	166,846	16,123

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.

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.

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 2022 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 2021?" or "Did you do any temporary, part-time, or seasonal work even for a few days during 2021?"

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 2021, 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, 2020-2021

[Numbers in thousands]

Extent of Employment	Total		Men		Women	
	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021
NUMBER OF EMPLOYED						
Civilian noninstitutional population	260,995	263,442	126,259	128,352	134,737	135,089
Total who worked or looked for work	168,591	169,704	88,183	89,428	80,408	80,277
Percent of the population.....	64.6	64.4	69.8	69.7	59.7	59.4
Total who worked during the year ¹	165,666	166,846	86,581	87,980	79,085	78,866
Percent of the population.....	63.5	63.3	68.6	68.5	58.7	58.4
Full time ²	134,019	136,528	74,694	76,236	59,325	60,292
50 to 52 weeks.....	104,526	116,539	58,778	65,645	45,748	50,894
48 to 49 weeks.....	2,679	2,150	1,559	1,265	1,120	884
40 to 47 weeks.....	8,155	5,218	4,155	2,617	4,001	2,601
27 to 39 weeks.....	5,757	4,261	3,148	2,253	2,609	2,008
14 to 26 weeks.....	6,427	4,977	3,493	2,732	2,934	2,245
1 to 13 weeks.....	6,474	3,383	3,561	1,724	2,913	1,659
Part time ³	31,648	30,318	11,887	11,744	19,760	18,574
50 to 52 weeks.....	13,057	15,545	4,778	5,606	8,279	9,938
48 to 49 weeks.....	690	737	251	326	440	410
40 to 47 weeks.....	3,323	2,419	1,142	927	2,182	1,492
27 to 39 weeks.....	3,001	2,540	990	1,049	2,011	1,491
14 to 26 weeks.....	5,311	4,599	2,188	1,869	3,123	2,730
1 to 13 weeks.....	6,265	4,479	2,540	1,967	3,725	2,513
PERCENT DISTRIBUTION						
Total who worked during the year ¹	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Full time ²	80.9	81.8	86.3	86.7	75.0	76.4
50 to 52 weeks.....	63.1	69.8	67.9	74.6	57.8	64.5
48 to 49 weeks.....	1.6	1.3	1.8	1.4	1.4	1.1
40 to 47 weeks.....	4.9	3.1	4.8	3.0	5.1	3.3
27 to 39 weeks.....	3.5	2.6	3.6	2.6	3.3	2.5
14 to 26 weeks.....	3.9	3.0	4.0	3.1	3.7	2.8
1 to 13 weeks.....	3.9	2.0	4.1	2.0	3.7	2.1
Part time ³	19.1	18.2	13.7	13.3	25.0	23.6
50 to 52 weeks.....	7.9	9.3	5.5	6.4	10.5	12.6
48 to 49 weeks.....	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.4	0.6	0.5
40 to 47 weeks.....	2.0	1.4	1.3	1.1	2.8	1.9
27 to 39 weeks.....	1.8	1.5	1.1	1.2	2.5	1.9
14 to 26 weeks.....	3.2	2.8	2.5	2.1	3.9	3.5
1 to 13 weeks.....	3.8	2.7	2.9	2.2	4.7	3.2

¹ Time worked includes paid vacation and sick leave.

² Usually worked 35 hours or more per week.

³ 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. Dash indicates no data or data that do not meet publication criteria (values not shown where base is less than 75,000).

Table 2. Work experience of the population during the year by race, Hispanic or Latino ethnicity, and sex, 2020-2021

[Numbers in thousands]

Extent of employment, race, and Hispanic or Latino ethnicity	Total		Men		Women	
	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021
WHITE						
Civilian noninstitutional population	201,904	203,091	98,877	100,137	103,027	102,954
Total who worked or looked for work	130,192	130,965	69,426	70,463	60,766	60,502
Percent of the population	64.5	64.5	70.2	70.4	59.0	58.8
Total who worked during the year ¹	128,291	129,142	68,343	69,511	59,948	59,631
Percent of the population	63.5	63.6	69.1	69.4	58.2	57.9
Percent who worked during the year ¹	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Full time ²	80.7	81.6	86.5	86.8	74.2	75.5
50 to 52 weeks	63.5	69.9	68.7	75.1	57.5	63.9
27 to 49 weeks	10.1	7.0	10.2	7.0	9.9	6.9
1 to 26 weeks	7.2	4.7	7.5	4.8	6.8	4.6
Part time ³	19.3	18.4	13.5	13.2	25.8	24.5
50 to 52 weeks	8.1	9.6	5.5	6.3	11.0	13.4
27 to 49 weeks	4.3	3.5	2.7	2.6	6.2	4.5
1 to 26 weeks	6.9	5.4	5.3	4.2	8.7	6.6
BLACK OR AFRICAN AMERICAN						
Civilian noninstitutional population	33,526	34,025	15,348	15,687	18,178	18,338
Total who worked or looked for work	21,541	21,427	10,097	10,133	11,445	11,294
Percent of the population	64.3	63.0	65.8	64.6	63.0	61.6
Total who worked during the year ¹	20,862	20,807	9,737	9,856	11,125	10,951
Percent of the population	62.2	61.2	63.4	62.8	61.2	59.7
Percent who worked during the year ¹	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Full time ²	81.9	83.7	84.9	86.0	79.3	81.6
50 to 52 weeks	61.3	69.5	62.5	71.3	60.2	67.9
27 to 49 weeks	10.1	7.6	11.0	7.7	9.3	7.5
1 to 26 weeks	10.6	6.6	11.4	7.0	9.8	6.3
Part time ³	18.1	16.3	15.1	14.0	20.7	18.4
50 to 52 weeks	7.4	8.0	5.7	6.8	8.8	9.1
27 to 49 weeks	3.5	2.9	2.9	2.5	4.0	3.3
1 to 26 weeks	7.2	5.3	6.5	4.7	7.9	5.9
ASIAN						
Civilian noninstitutional population	16,397	16,887	7,652	8,031	8,746	8,856
Total who worked or looked for work	10,762	11,171	5,600	5,802	5,162	5,369
Percent of the population	65.6	66.2	73.2	72.2	59.0	60.6
Total who worked during the year ¹	10,540	10,920	5,498	5,669	5,043	5,250
Percent of the population	64.3	64.7	71.8	70.6	57.7	59.3
Percent who worked during the year ¹	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Full time ²	83.1	83.9	88.8	88.3	76.9	79.2
50 to 52 weeks	65.4	73.4	71.7	78.5	58.5	67.9
27 to 49 weeks	8.9	5.8	8.4	5.4	9.4	6.2
1 to 26 weeks	8.8	4.7	8.6	4.4	9.0	5.0
Part time ³	16.9	16.1	11.2	11.7	23.1	20.8
50 to 52 weeks	6.6	8.6	4.5	5.9	8.8	11.5
27 to 49 weeks	3.9	2.7	2.3	2.2	5.7	3.3
1 to 26 weeks	6.4	4.8	4.4	3.6	8.6	6.0

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 2. Work experience of the population during the year by race, Hispanic or Latino ethnicity, and sex, 2020-2021 -- Continued

[Numbers in thousands]

Extent of employment, race, and Hispanic or Latino ethnicity	Total		Men		Women	
	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021
HISPANIC OR LATINO ETHNICITY						
Civilian noninstitutional population	44,642	45,886	22,205	22,941	22,437	22,944
Total who worked or looked for work	29,993	30,924	16,792	17,422	13,201	13,502
Percent of the population	67.2	67.4	75.6	75.9	58.8	58.8
Total who worked during the year ¹	29,343	30,314	16,469	17,109	12,874	13,204
Percent of the population	65.7	66.1	74.2	74.6	57.4	57.5
Percent who worked during the year ¹	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Full time ²	80.7	82.1	86.0	87.4	73.8	75.2
50 to 52 weeks	58.3	67.7	62.3	72.9	53.1	61.0
27 to 49 weeks	12.8	8.7	14.1	9.1	11.2	8.2
1 to 26 weeks	9.6	5.7	9.6	5.4	9.5	6.0
Part time ³	19.3	17.9	14.0	12.6	26.2	24.8
50 to 52 weeks	7.5	9.3	5.5	6.1	10.2	13.5
27 to 49 weeks	4.4	3.5	2.9	2.7	6.3	4.4
1 to 26 weeks	7.4	5.1	5.6	3.8	9.7	6.8

¹ Time worked includes paid vacation and sick leave.

² Usually worked 35 hours or more per week.

³ 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. Dash indicates no data or data that do not meet publication criteria (values not shown where base is less than 75,000).

Table 3. Extent of unemployment during the year by sex, 2020-2021

[Numbers in thousands]

Extent of unemployment	Total		Men		Women	
	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021
NUMBER OF UNEMPLOYED						
Total who worked or looked for work.....	168,591	169,704	88,183	89,428	80,408	80,277
Percent with unemployment.....	15.7	9.5	15.6	9.9	15.8	9.0
Total with unemployment.....	26,439	16,123	13,746	8,872	12,693	7,251
Did not work but looked for work.....	2,925	2,858	1,602	1,447	1,323	1,411
1 to 14 weeks.....	931	849	470	377	462	472
15 weeks or more.....	1,993	2,010	1,132	1,071	861	939
Worked during the year.....	23,515	13,265	12,144	7,424	11,371	5,840
Year-round workers ¹ with 1 or 2 weeks of unemployment.....	974	389	578	246	397	143
Part-year workers ² with unemployment.....	22,541	12,876	11,567	7,178	10,974	5,697
1 to 4 weeks.....	3,464	2,655	1,858	1,390	1,606	1,265
5 to 10 weeks.....	3,257	1,816	1,630	967	1,627	849
11 to 14 weeks.....	2,914	1,533	1,499	838	1,415	695
15 to 26 weeks.....	4,932	3,372	2,558	2,015	2,374	1,357
27 weeks or more.....	7,974	3,499	4,022	1,969	3,952	1,531
Median weeks of unemployment for all workers.....	18.1	16.0	17.7	16.9	18.5	14.8
With 2 spells or more of unemployment.....	3,308	2,607	1,731	1,610	1,577	997
2 spells.....	1,826	1,269	898	748	928	521
3 spells or more.....	1,482	1,338	833	862	649	476
PERCENT DISTRIBUTION						
Did not work but looked for work.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
1 to 14 weeks.....	31.8	29.7	29.3	26.0	34.9	33.5
15 weeks or more.....	68.2	70.3	70.7	74.0	65.1	66.5
Worked during the year.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Year-round workers ¹ with 1 or 2 weeks of unemployment.....	4.1	2.9	4.8	3.3	3.5	2.5
Part-year workers ² with unemployment.....	95.9	97.1	95.2	96.7	96.5	97.5
1 to 4 weeks.....	14.7	20.0	15.3	18.7	14.1	21.7
5 to 10 weeks.....	13.9	13.7	13.4	13.0	14.3	14.5
11 to 14 weeks.....	12.4	11.6	12.3	11.3	12.4	11.9
15 to 26 weeks.....	21.0	25.4	21.1	27.1	20.9	23.2
27 weeks or more.....	33.9	26.4	33.1	26.5	34.8	26.2
With 2 spells or more of unemployment.....	14.1	19.7	14.3	21.7	13.9	17.1
2 spells.....	7.8	9.6	7.4	10.1	8.2	8.9
3 spells or more.....	6.3	10.1	6.9	11.6	5.7	8.2

¹ Worked 50 or 51 weeks.

² Worked less than 50 weeks.

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Table 4. Extent of unemployment during the year by race, Hispanic or Latino ethnicity, and sex, 2020-2021

[Numbers in thousands]

Extent of unemployment, race, and Hispanic or Latino ethnicity	Total		Men		Women	
	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021
WHITE						
Total who worked or looked for work	130,192	130,965	69,426	70,463	60,766	60,502
Percent with unemployment.....	14.8	8.8	14.5	9.2	15.1	8.2
Total with unemployment.....	19,241	11,465	10,090	6,509	9,151	4,956
Did not work but looked for work.....	1,901	1,823	1,083	952	818	871
Worked during the year.....	17,340	9,642	9,007	5,557	8,333	4,085
Median weeks of unemployment for all workers.....	16.6	14.9	16.2	15.9	16.9	13.9
Percent who worked during the year ¹	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Year-round workers ² with 1 or 2 weeks of unemployment.....	4.6	3.1	5.2	3.6	4.0	2.5
Part-year workers ³ with unemployment.....	95.4	96.9	94.8	96.4	96.0	97.5
1 to 4 weeks.....	15.5	21.0	15.8	19.8	15.2	22.6
5 to 14 weeks.....	27.4	26.3	27.1	24.8	27.7	28.3
15 weeks or more.....	52.4	49.6	51.8	51.7	53.1	46.6
With 2 spells or more of unemployment.....	14.3	20.3	14.6	21.6	13.9	18.6
BLACK OR AFRICAN AMERICAN						
Total who worked or looked for work	21,541	21,427	10,097	10,133	11,445	11,294
Percent with unemployment.....	19.4	13.2	21.3	14.1	17.8	12.5
Total with unemployment.....	4,187	2,833	2,153	1,425	2,035	1,408
Did not work but looked for work.....	679	620	360	277	320	343
Worked during the year.....	3,508	2,213	1,793	1,148	1,715	1,065
Median weeks of unemployment for all workers.....	23.1	19.7	22.2	19.1	24.1	20.2
Percent who worked during the year ¹	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Year-round workers ² with 1 or 2 weeks of unemployment.....	2.1	1.4	3.0	1.6	1.1	1.2
Part-year workers ³ with unemployment.....	97.9	98.6	97.0	98.4	98.9	98.8
1 to 4 weeks.....	11.3	17.8	12.4	15.2	10.2	20.6
5 to 14 weeks.....	22.2	22.1	21.2	26.0	23.3	18.0
15 weeks or more.....	64.4	58.7	63.4	57.3	65.4	60.2
With 2 spells or more of unemployment.....	14.9	19.6	13.9	23.3	16.0	15.7
ASIAN						
Total who worked or looked for work	10,762	11,171	5,600	5,802	5,162	5,369
Percent with unemployment.....	15.9	8.6	14.4	8.9	17.5	8.1
Total with unemployment.....	1,713	955	808	518	905	437
Did not work but looked for work.....	222	252	102	133	120	119
Worked during the year.....	1,491	704	706	385	785	318
Median weeks of unemployment for all workers.....	20.9	18.7	21.1	19.6	20.7	16.9
Percent who worked during the year ¹	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Year-round workers ² with 1 or 2 weeks of unemployment.....	3.5	5.9	2.4	5.1	4.5	6.8
Part-year workers ³ with unemployment.....	96.5	94.1	97.6	94.9	95.5	93.2
1 to 4 weeks.....	14.3	13.8	15.7	14.6	13.2	12.9
5 to 14 weeks.....	24.4	23.4	24.7	20.1	24.1	27.4
15 weeks or more.....	57.8	56.9	57.3	60.2	58.3	52.8
With 2 spells or more of unemployment.....	8.8	12.3	9.9	13.5	7.8	10.8

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 4. Extent of unemployment during the year by race, Hispanic or Latino ethnicity, and sex, 2020-2021 -- Continued

[Numbers in thousands]

Extent of unemployment, race, and Hispanic or Latino ethnicity	Total		Men		Women	
	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021
HISPANIC OR LATINO ETHNICITY						
Total who worked or looked for work	29,993	30,924	16,792	17,422	13,201	13,502
Percent with unemployment.....	19.6	11.6	19.8	11.9	19.3	11.4
Total with unemployment.....	5,884	3,603	3,331	2,067	2,553	1,536
Did not work but looked for work.....	650	611	323	313	327	298
Worked during the year.....	5,234	2,992	3,009	1,754	2,226	1,238
Median weeks of unemployment for all workers.....	18.8	16.4	18.1	17.5	19.7	14.7
Percent who worked during the year ¹	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Year-round workers ² with 1 or 2 weeks of unemployment.....	4.1	4.1	4.6	5.2	3.6	2.5
Part-year workers ³ with unemployment.....	95.9	95.9	95.4	94.8	96.4	97.5
1 to 4 weeks.....	15.1	20.0	15.6	18.5	14.4	22.2
5 to 14 weeks.....	24.8	23.2	24.9	21.1	24.8	26.1
15 weeks or more.....	56.0	52.7	55.0	55.2	57.3	49.3
With 2 spells or more of unemployment.....	14.1	19.7	15.4	21.7	12.4	16.9

¹ Time worked includes paid vacation and sick leave.

² Worked 50 or 51 weeks.

³ 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. Dash indicates no data or data that do not meet publication criteria (values not shown where base is less than 75,000).