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## **WORK EXPERIENCE OF THE POPULATION — 2017**

A total of 165.2 million persons worked at some point during 2017, 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 2017 was 64.2 percent, little changed from 2016. The number of persons who experienced some unemployment during 2017 declined by 1.1 million to 14.5 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 2017 data:**

- The proportion of workers who worked full time, year round in 2017 was 69.5 percent, up 0.7 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 8.6 percent in 2017. (See table 3.)
- About 2.4 million individuals looked for a job but did not work at all in 2017, down slightly from 2.6 million in 2016. (See table 3.)

### **Persons with Employment**

Overall, 64.2 percent of the population worked in 2017, little different from 64.3 percent in 2016. The proportions of men and women who worked at some time during 2017 were 70.1 percent and 58.8 percent, respectively. These proportions showed little change from the prior year. (See table 1.)

Among the major race and ethnicity groups, the proportions of Whites (64.6 percent), Blacks (61.9 percent), Asians (64.4 percent), and Hispanics (66.1 percent) who worked at some time during 2017 showed little or no change from 2016. (See table 2.)

Among those with work experience in 2017, 80.4 percent usually worked full time, up 0.6 percentage point from a year earlier. The proportion of men who usually worked full time increased 0.8 percentage point over the year to 86.6 percent in 2017. The share of women who usually worked full time was little

changed at 73.5 percent. Among those who worked at some point in 2017, Asians (84.0 percent) were more likely to work full time than Whites (80.0 percent), Blacks (81.8 percent), and Hispanics (81.1 percent). (See tables 1 and 2.)

Of the total who worked during 2017, 80.1 percent were employed year round (working 50 to 52 weeks, either full or part time), up from 79.4 percent in 2016. The share of women working year round increased by 1.2 percentage points to 78.0 percent in 2017, while the percentage of men working year round was little changed at 82.0 percent. (See table 1.)

### **Persons with Unemployment**

Overall, 167.5 million persons worked or looked for work at some time in 2017, up by 1.3 million from the prior year. Of those, 14.5 million experienced some unemployment during 2017, down by 1.1 million from 2016. (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. In 2017, the work-experience unemployment rate declined 0.8 percentage point to 8.6 percent. Since reaching a recent peak of 16.4 percent in 2009, the rate has declined by 7.8 percentage points. (See table 3.)

Among the major race and ethnicity groups, the work-experience unemployment rates for Whites (8.0 percent) and Hispanics (9.9 percent) declined from 2016 to 2017, while the rates for Blacks (12.3 percent) and Asians (7.0 percent) were little changed. (See table 4.)

In 2017, men continued to have a higher work-experience unemployment rate than women, 9.0 percent compared with 8.3 percent. Among Whites, the rate for men was higher than the rate for women, while among Blacks, Asians, and Hispanics, the rates for men and women were little different from each other. (See tables 3 and 4.)

Among those who experienced unemployment in 2017, the median number of weeks spent looking for work was 13.4. The number of persons who looked for a job but did not work at all in 2017 edged down by 208,000 over the year to 2.4 million. Of the 12.1 million individuals who both worked and experienced unemployment in 2017, 20.2 percent had two or more spells of unemployment, down 1.9 percentage points from the share in 2016. (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 2018 refer to the 2017 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
2017 estimates (in thousands)		
Annual average of		
monthly estimates	153,337	6,982
Annual supplement data	165,163	14,461

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 2018 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 2017?" or "Did you do any temporary, part-time, or seasonal work even for a few days during 2017?"

*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 2017, 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, 2016-2017**

[Numbers in thousands]

Extent of Employment	Total		Men		Women	
	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017
<b>NUMBER OF EMPLOYED</b>						
Civilian noninstitutional population .....	254,413	257,097	122,944	124,331	131,469	132,766
Total who worked or looked for work .....	166,221	167,538	87,368	88,360	78,853	79,177
Percent of the population.....	65.3	65.2	71.1	71.1	60.0	59.6
Total who worked during the year <sup>1</sup> .....	163,638	165,163	86,063	87,147	77,574	78,016
Percent of the population.....	64.3	64.2	70.0	70.1	59.0	58.8
Full time <sup>2</sup> .....	130,560	132,784	73,881	75,471	56,679	57,312
50 to 52 weeks.....	112,554	114,845	64,299	65,625	48,255	49,221
48 to 49 weeks.....	1,948	2,180	1,157	1,231	791	949
40 to 47 weeks.....	5,057	4,899	2,501	2,581	2,556	2,318
27 to 39 weeks.....	3,821	3,946	2,049	2,227	1,772	1,718
14 to 26 weeks.....	4,248	4,127	2,293	2,220	1,955	1,907
1 to 13 weeks.....	2,932	2,787	1,582	1,587	1,350	1,200
Part time <sup>3</sup> .....	33,078	32,379	12,182	11,675	20,896	20,703
50 to 52 weeks.....	17,438	17,457	6,120	5,841	11,318	11,616
48 to 49 weeks.....	893	806	298	304	595	502
40 to 47 weeks.....	2,779	2,871	931	977	1,848	1,894
27 to 39 weeks.....	2,938	2,560	1,110	890	1,828	1,670
14 to 26 weeks.....	4,507	4,395	1,772	1,806	2,735	2,590
1 to 13 weeks.....	4,523	4,289	1,952	1,857	2,570	2,432
<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> .....	79.8	80.4	85.8	86.6	73.1	73.5
50 to 52 weeks.....	68.8	69.5	74.7	75.3	62.2	63.1
48 to 49 weeks.....	1.2	1.3	1.3	1.4	1.0	1.2
40 to 47 weeks.....	3.1	3.0	2.9	3.0	3.3	3.0
27 to 39 weeks.....	2.3	2.4	2.4	2.6	2.3	2.2
14 to 26 weeks.....	2.6	2.5	2.7	2.5	2.5	2.4
1 to 13 weeks.....	1.8	1.7	1.8	1.8	1.7	1.5
Part time <sup>3</sup> .....	20.2	19.6	14.2	13.4	26.9	26.5
50 to 52 weeks.....	10.7	10.6	7.1	6.7	14.6	14.9
48 to 49 weeks.....	0.5	0.5	0.3	0.3	0.8	0.6
40 to 47 weeks.....	1.7	1.7	1.1	1.1	2.4	2.4
27 to 39 weeks.....	1.8	1.6	1.3	1.0	2.4	2.1
14 to 26 weeks.....	2.8	2.7	2.1	2.1	3.5	3.3
1 to 13 weeks.....	2.8	2.6	2.3	2.1	3.3	3.1

<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: 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, 2016-2017**

[Numbers in thousands]

Extent of employment, race, and Hispanic or Latino ethnicity	Total		Men		Women	
	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017
<b>WHITE</b>						
Civilian noninstitutional population .....	198,597	200,003	97,043	97,879	101,554	102,123
Total who worked or looked for work .....	130,021	130,598	69,608	70,199	60,413	60,399
Percent of the population .....	65.5	65.3	71.7	71.7	59.5	59.1
Total who worked during the year <sup>1</sup> .....	128,370	129,141	68,796	69,456	59,574	59,685
Percent of the population .....	64.6	64.6	70.9	71.0	58.7	58.4
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	80.0	86.1	86.7	72.0	72.2
50 to 52 weeks .....	68.7	69.4	75.1	75.6	61.2	62.2
27 to 49 weeks .....	6.7	6.6	6.7	6.9	6.8	6.3
1 to 26 weeks .....	4.1	4.0	4.2	4.2	4.0	3.8
Part time <sup>3</sup> .....	20.4	20.0	13.9	13.3	28.0	27.8
50 to 52 weeks .....	10.9	10.8	7.0	6.6	15.3	15.7
27 to 49 weeks .....	4.2	3.9	2.8	2.6	5.9	5.4
1 to 26 weeks .....	5.4	5.2	4.1	4.1	6.8	6.6
<b>BLACK OR AFRICAN AMERICAN</b>						
Civilian noninstitutional population .....	32,126	32,636	14,652	14,904	17,475	17,733
Total who worked or looked for work .....	20,534	20,877	9,573	9,775	10,962	11,102
Percent of the population .....	63.9	64.0	65.3	65.6	62.7	62.6
Total who worked during the year <sup>1</sup> .....	19,897	20,215	9,255	9,439	10,643	10,776
Percent of the population .....	61.9	61.9	63.2	63.3	60.9	60.8
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> .....	80.7	81.8	84.4	85.6	77.6	78.5
50 to 52 weeks .....	68.9	69.9	71.7	73.0	66.5	67.2
27 to 49 weeks .....	6.2	7.1	6.4	7.5	6.0	6.7
1 to 26 weeks .....	5.6	4.8	6.2	5.1	5.1	4.6
Part time <sup>3</sup> .....	19.3	18.2	15.6	14.4	22.4	21.5
50 to 52 weeks .....	9.9	9.5	7.8	7.3	11.8	11.5
27 to 49 weeks .....	3.3	3.3	2.7	2.3	3.8	4.2
1 to 26 weeks .....	6.0	5.4	5.0	4.8	6.8	5.9
<b>ASIAN</b>						
Civilian noninstitutional population .....	15,399	15,938	7,253	7,509	8,146	8,429
Total who worked or looked for work .....	10,135	10,382	5,343	5,511	4,792	4,871
Percent of the population .....	65.8	65.1	73.7	73.4	58.8	57.8
Total who worked during the year <sup>1</sup> .....	9,982	10,259	5,263	5,454	4,719	4,805
Percent of the population .....	64.8	64.4	72.6	72.6	57.9	57.0
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> .....	83.0	84.0	88.4	89.8	77.0	77.4
50 to 52 weeks .....	73.6	73.6	79.5	79.6	67.1	66.8
27 to 49 weeks .....	5.3	6.3	5.1	6.1	5.4	6.5
1 to 26 weeks .....	4.1	4.1	3.8	4.1	4.4	4.2
Part time <sup>3</sup> .....	17.0	16.0	11.6	10.2	23.0	22.6
50 to 52 weeks .....	9.3	9.2	6.1	5.9	12.9	13.1
27 to 49 weeks .....	3.1	2.9	1.9	1.5	4.4	4.5
1 to 26 weeks .....	4.6	3.9	3.6	2.9	5.7	5.0

See footnotes at end of table.

**Table 2. Work experience of the population during the year by race, Hispanic or Latino ethnicity, and sex, 2016-2017 -- Continued**

[Numbers in thousands]

Extent of employment, race, and Hispanic or Latino ethnicity	Total		Men		Women	
	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017
<b>HISPANIC OR LATINO ETHNICITY</b>						
Civilian noninstitutional population .....	41,081	42,417	20,435	21,130	20,645	21,287
Total who worked or looked for work .....	27,623	28,480	15,472	16,040	12,151	12,440
Percent of the population .....	67.2	67.1	75.7	75.9	58.9	58.4
Total who worked during the year <sup>1</sup> .....	27,145	28,039	15,236	15,819	11,909	12,221
Percent of the population .....	66.1	66.1	74.6	74.9	57.7	57.4
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> .....	81.0	81.1	87.5	87.4	72.6	72.9
50 to 52 weeks .....	69.1	69.0	75.4	74.6	61.0	61.7
27 to 49 weeks .....	7.2	7.4	7.9	8.1	6.3	6.6
1 to 26 weeks .....	4.7	4.7	4.2	4.7	5.3	4.6
Part time <sup>3</sup> .....	19.0	18.9	12.5	12.6	27.4	27.1
50 to 52 weeks .....	10.4	10.7	6.8	7.0	15.2	15.6
27 to 49 weeks .....	3.4	3.2	2.1	2.0	5.1	4.8
1 to 26 weeks .....	5.2	5.0	3.7	3.6	7.1	6.7

<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, 2016-2017**

[Numbers in thousands]

Extent of unemployment	Total		Men		Women	
	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017
<b>NUMBER OF UNEMPLOYED</b>						
Total who worked or looked for work.....	166,221	167,538	87,368	88,360	78,853	79,177
Percent with unemployment.....	9.4	8.6	9.5	9.0	9.2	8.3
Total with unemployment.....	15,570	14,461	8,300	7,921	7,270	6,540
Did not work but looked for work.....	2,583	2,375	1,304	1,213	1,278	1,162
1 to 14 weeks.....	961	978	450	437	511	542
15 weeks or more.....	1,622	1,397	855	777	767	620
Worked during the year.....	12,987	12,086	6,995	6,708	5,992	5,379
Year-round workers <sup>1</sup> with 1 or 2 weeks of unemployment.....	480	426	280	265	199	160
Part-year workers <sup>2</sup> with unemployment.....	12,507	11,661	6,715	6,442	5,792	5,218
1 to 4 weeks.....	2,553	2,771	1,259	1,414	1,294	1,358
5 to 10 weeks.....	2,083	1,901	1,073	1,071	1,010	830
11 to 14 weeks.....	1,559	1,582	844	902	715	680
15 to 26 weeks.....	3,286	2,846	1,892	1,566	1,394	1,280
27 weeks or more.....	3,027	2,559	1,647	1,489	1,380	1,070
Median weeks of unemployment for all workers.....	14.5	13.4	15.3	13.7	13.8	13.0
With 2 spells or more of unemployment.....	2,871	2,438	1,634	1,482	1,237	956
2 spells.....	1,441	1,123	787	625	655	498
3 spells or more.....	1,430	1,315	847	857	583	458
<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.....	37.2	41.2	34.5	36.0	40.0	46.6
15 weeks or more.....	62.8	58.8	65.5	64.0	60.0	53.4
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.....	3.7	3.5	4.0	4.0	3.3	3.0
Part-year workers <sup>2</sup> with unemployment.....	96.3	96.5	96.0	96.0	96.7	97.0
1 to 4 weeks.....	19.7	22.9	18.0	21.1	21.6	25.2
5 to 10 weeks.....	16.0	15.7	15.3	16.0	16.9	15.4
11 to 14 weeks.....	12.0	13.1	12.1	13.5	11.9	12.6
15 to 26 weeks.....	25.3	23.5	27.0	23.4	23.3	23.8
27 weeks or more.....	23.3	21.2	23.5	22.2	23.0	19.9
With 2 spells or more of unemployment.....	22.1	20.2	23.4	22.1	20.7	17.8
2 spells.....	11.1	9.3	11.2	9.3	10.9	9.3
3 spells or more.....	11.0	10.9	12.1	12.8	9.7	8.5

<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, 2016-2017**

[Numbers in thousands]

Extent of unemployment, race, and Hispanic or Latino ethnicity	Total		Men		Women	
	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017
<b>WHITE</b>						
Total who worked or looked for work .....	130,021	130,598	69,608	70,199	60,413	60,399
Percent with unemployment.....	8.8	8.0	8.8	8.5	8.7	7.5
Total with unemployment.....	11,379	10,469	6,148	5,952	5,231	4,517
Did not work but looked for work.....	1,651	1,457	811	743	839	714
Worked during the year.....	9,729	9,012	5,337	5,209	4,392	3,803
Median weeks of unemployment for all workers.....	13.9	12.6	14.6	13.0	13.1	11.9
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.....	3.8	3.9	4.2	4.4	3.2	3.1
Part-year workers <sup>3</sup> with unemployment.....	96.2	96.1	95.8	95.6	96.8	96.9
1 to 4 weeks.....	20.7	24.1	18.7	21.6	23.0	27.5
5 to 14 weeks.....	28.9	30.1	28.4	30.7	29.6	29.2
15 weeks or more.....	46.7	42.0	48.7	43.3	44.2	40.2
With 2 spells or more of unemployment.....	22.5	20.3	23.2	22.4	21.5	17.4
<b>BLACK OR AFRICAN AMERICAN</b>						
Total who worked or looked for work .....	20,534	20,877	9,573	9,775	10,962	11,102
Percent with unemployment.....	13.1	12.3	14.2	12.6	12.2	12.0
Total with unemployment.....	2,694	2,569	1,360	1,232	1,334	1,337
Did not work but looked for work.....	637	662	318	336	319	326
Worked during the year.....	2,057	1,907	1,041	896	1,015	1,012
Median weeks of unemployment for all workers.....	19.0	16.9	20.2	16.6	17.6	17.3
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.....	3.7	2.5	3.0	2.8	4.5	2.2
Part-year workers <sup>3</sup> with unemployment.....	96.3	97.5	97.0	97.2	95.5	97.8
1 to 4 weeks.....	13.8	15.9	13.1	16.6	14.6	15.4
5 to 14 weeks.....	24.9	27.1	23.5	26.4	26.2	27.8
15 weeks or more.....	57.6	54.4	60.4	54.2	54.7	54.6
With 2 spells or more of unemployment.....	22.5	20.1	27.4	19.1	17.5	21.0
<b>ASIAN</b>						
Total who worked or looked for work .....	10,135	10,382	5,343	5,511	4,792	4,871
Percent with unemployment.....	7.3	7.0	6.9	6.5	7.7	7.5
Total with unemployment.....	741	725	371	359	370	366
Did not work but looked for work.....	153	123	79	57	73	66
Worked during the year.....	588	602	292	302	296	300
Median weeks of unemployment for all workers.....	14.1	13.9	13.5	13.8	14.9	14.0
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.....	3.2	2.8	3.0	1.9	3.3	3.6
Part-year workers <sup>3</sup> with unemployment.....	96.8	97.2	97.0	98.1	96.7	96.4
1 to 4 weeks.....	22.4	26.6	22.8	24.6	21.9	28.7
5 to 14 weeks.....	27.3	24.7	29.6	28.7	25.1	20.6
15 weeks or more.....	47.1	45.9	44.6	44.8	49.7	47.0
With 2 spells or more of unemployment.....	15.0	17.7	14.9	21.3	15.1	14.0

See footnotes at end of table.



**Table 4. Extent of unemployment during the year by race, Hispanic or Latino ethnicity, and sex, 2016-2017 -- Continued**

[Numbers in thousands]

Extent of unemployment, race, and Hispanic or Latino ethnicity	Total		Men		Women	
	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017
<b>HISPANIC OR LATINO ETHNICITY</b>						
Total who worked or looked for work .....	27,623	28,480	15,472	16,040	12,151	12,440
Percent with unemployment.....	11.1	9.9	11.1	10.1	11.0	9.6
Total with unemployment.....	3,057	2,813	1,724	1,616	1,334	1,196
Did not work but looked for work.....	478	441	236	222	243	219
Worked during the year.....	2,579	2,372	1,488	1,395	1,091	977
Median weeks of unemployment for all workers.....	14.8	13.3	14.6	13.7	15.0	12.7
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.....	3.6	3.3	4.5	2.9	2.3	3.9
Part-year workers <sup>3</sup> with unemployment.....	96.4	96.7	95.5	97.1	97.7	96.1
1 to 4 weeks.....	21.3	22.7	20.2	21.0	22.9	25.1
5 to 14 weeks.....	25.8	29.4	26.5	30.6	24.8	27.6
15 weeks or more.....	49.4	44.6	48.8	45.5	50.0	43.3
With 2 spells or more of unemployment.....	22.1	23.3	23.7	27.3	19.9	17.6

<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.