

# The Employment Situation in the US – May 2018

The total nonfarm payroll employment in the United States increased by 223,000 in May 2018. Coincidentally, the unemployment rate in the United States edged down further to 3.8%, as reported by the US Bureau of Labor Statistics. There has been a steady uptick in employment in several industries. These industries include retail trade, health care, and construction.

Over the years, the unemployment rate in the country edged down by 0.5% which resulted in the number of unemployed persons declining by 772,000. The total number of unemployed persons has declined to 6.1 million.



Among the major working groups, the unemployment rate for adult men was 3.5%. African-Americans were reported to be at 5.9% and Asians to be at 2.1%. The jobless rates for adult women were reported to be at 3.3%, teenagers at 12.8%. Whites and Hispanics were reported to be at 3.5% and 4.9% respectively.

When it comes to the number of long-term unemployed ( people jobless for 27 weeks or more), there was little to no change at 1.2 million in May. the long-term unemployed accounted for 19.4% of the total unemployed. Over the past year, the number of long-term unemployed declined by 476,000.

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## WHAT TO EXPECT WHEN APPLYING FOR A 2020 CENSUS JOB

- Application process will be **online** and in English only
- There will be a paper option for rare circumstances where online is not possible
- An online assessment is part of the application process and will be in both English and Spanish
- Must be a U.S. Citizen
- Must have an email address – you can create a free gmail account or any other account of your choice
- There is a time delay between application submittal and actual hiring – it can take up to 3 months between job posting and start date
- A background check with fingerprints is required once selected for employment
- All Census positions will require employees to use some type of computer/phone/technology to do their work. The Census provides these devices
- Office management jobs will be on a different website from that of office clerks, enumerators, recruiting assistants, and field supervisors. Currently, the website for all 2020 Census jobs is:  
<http://census.gov/about/regions/denver/jobs/all.html>
- First field jobs for recruiting assistants will open in early September 2018
- CCC/Partners should identify areas of good internet connectivity where applicants can go to apply for jobs