

## **The NYS Department of Labor**

### **Employment Status of the Veteran Population**

Employment status of the veteran population is derived from the Current Population Survey (CPS) and covers the population aged 18 years and above residing in New York State, who are not inmates of institutions (e.g., penal and mental facilities, homes for the aged), and who are not on active duty in the Armed Forces.

#### **Current Population Survey (CPS) Overview**

The Current Population Survey, a monthly household survey conducted by the Bureau of the Census for the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), provides a comprehensive body of information on the employment and unemployment experience of the nation's population, classified by age, sex, race, and a variety of other characteristics. The coverage for the survey is the civilian noninstitutional population 16 years and older.

New York State data are compiled from CPS sample records. Although the number of housing units in the sample has varied over the years, about 3,100 New York housing units are included in the survey each month. These housing units yield about 2,300 households that are interviewed; not all households in the sample answer all survey questions.

Data are collected monthly, using a calendar week (Sunday through Saturday) which includes the 12th day of the month. Data provided in this report are an annual average.

#### **Limitations of Data Use**

Items may not add to totals due to rounding or suppression. Data are not released for estimates of less than 5,000 individuals or rate estimates with a base of less than 35,000. These suppressed estimates are noted by " ". These data are based on public use files and may differ slightly from published Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) estimates of CPS data. There are two sources of differences in the estimates: the public use files have confidentiality protections added and the public use files are not revised with new population controls. In addition, these tables contain estimates not available on the BLS site and are unofficial estimates. CPS data also differ from Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS) data which are based on a statistical model that uses CPS labor force data as an input.

For further information on methodology see <http://www.bls.gov/cps/documentation.htm>