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Mr. Dennis Stewart  
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Dear Mr. Stewart:

Enclosed is Guam's Department of Public Health & Social Services' FY 2016 Able Bodied Adult without Dependents (ABAWDs) request to exempt certain individuals island-wide from the work provisions of 7 CFR 273.24 for your review and approval. To support this waiver, Guam's unemployment rate is 11% which is over 10%, pursuant to 7 CFR 273.24 (f) (2) (i). We are attaching a copy of the Guam's Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics indicating an 11% unemployment rate over a recent 12 periodic surveys. Guam does not have a recent 12 month average unemployment rate.

Should you have any questions or concerns regarding this matter, please contact Ms. Theresa L. Arcangel, Chief, Division of Public Welfare at (671) 735-7300 or email at [theresa.arcangel@dphss.guam.gov](mailto:theresa.arcangel@dphss.guam.gov).

Sincerely,

JAMES W. GILLAN  
Director

Enclosure



Bureau of Labor Statistics  
Department of Labor  
Government of Guam



## THE UNEMPLOYMENT SITUATION ON GUAM SUMMARY HISTORY: 1974-2014

| Year | Month | Total Civilian Population | CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE |                    |          |            |                   | NOT IN LABOR FORCE |
|------|-------|---------------------------|----------------------|--------------------|----------|------------|-------------------|--------------------|
|      |       |                           | Total                | Participation Rate | Employed | Unemployed | Unemployment Rate | Total              |
| 2014 | DEC   | 121,850                   | 74,870               | 61.4               | 69,110   | 5,760      | 7.7               | 46,710             |
| 2014 | SEP   | 121,280                   | 71,060               | 58.6               | 66,020   | 5,390      | 7.6               | 50,320             |
| 2014 | JUN   | 121,820                   | 70,530               | 57.9               | 64,150   | 6,380      | 9.0               | 51,290             |
| 2014 | MAR   | 121,370                   | 72,070               | 59.4               | 66,720   | 5,350      | 7.4               | 49,300             |
| 2013 | DEC   | 121,570                   | 70,490               | 58.0               | 66,550   | 5,940      | 8.4               | 51,080             |
| 2013 | SEP   | 121,340                   | 71,430               | 58.9               | 64,270   | 7,160      | 10.0              | 49,910             |
| 2013 | JUN   | 120,620                   | 70,420               | 58.4               | 62,110   | 10,310     | 14.6              | 50,200             |
| 2013 | MAR   | 121,120                   | 73,170               | 60.4               | 63,440   | 9,730      | 13.3              | 47,950             |
| 2012 | DEC   | 121,340                   | 72,560               | 59.8               | 64,770   | 7,800      | 10.7              | 48,780             |
| 2012 | SEP   | 121,140                   | 72,980               | 60.2               | 65,010   | 7,970      | 10.9              | 48,160             |
| 2012 | JUN   | 120,910                   | 72,890               | 60.3               | 62,700   | 10,190     | 14.0              | 48,020             |
| 2012 | MAR   | 120,810                   | 68,400               | 56.6               | 60,340   | 8,060      | 11.8              | 52,410             |
| 2011 | MAR   | 119,720                   | 74,950               | 62.6               | 64,970   | 9,970      | 13.3              | 44,770             |
| 2009 | SEP   | 114,000                   | 70,310               | 61.7               | 63,800   | 6,510      | 9.3               | 43,680             |
| 2007 | SEP   | 110,090                   | 63,600               | 57.8               | 58,290   | 5,310      | 8.3               | 46,480             |
| 2006 | SEP   | 106,310                   | 66,450               | 62.5               | 61,520   | 4,890      | 7.4               | 39,900             |
| 2006 | MAR   | 104,830                   | 65,940               | 62.9               | 61,390   | 4,530      | 6.9               | 38,890             |
| 2005 | DEC   | 104,980                   | 64,130               | 61.1               | 59,630   | 4,500      | 7.0               | 40,850             |
| 2004 | MAR   | 99,780                    | 61,520               | 61.7               | 56,810   | 4,710      | 7.7               | 38,260             |
| 2002 | MAR   | 99,500                    | 62,050               | 62.4               | 54,980   | 7,070      | 11.4              | 37,450             |
| 2001 | SEP   | 100,470                   | 64,800               | 64.5               | 56,040   | 8,760      | 13.5              | 35,670             |
| 2001 | MAR   | 104,320                   | 69,560               | 66.7               | 60,520   | 9,040      | 13.0              | 34,760             |
| 2000 | JUL   | 104,480                   | 70,800               | 67.8               | 59,950   | 10,850     | 15.3              | 33,680             |
| 1999 | JUN   | 105,270                   | 72,700               | 69.1               | 61,640   | 11,060     | 15.2              | 32,570             |
| 1999 | MAR   | 105,320                   | 72,460               | 68.8               | 62,350   | 10,110     | 14.0              | 32,860             |
| 1998 | MAR   | 71,930                    | 48,060               | 66.8               | 44,340   | 3,720      | 7.7               | 23,870             |
| 1997 | SEP   | 71,420                    | 49,540               | 69.4               | 44,990   | 4,550      | 9.2               | 21,880             |
| 1997 | JUN   | 71,400                    | 49,820               | 69.8               | 44,830   | 4,990      | 10.0              | 21,580             |