

Legion Family,

As with the first Friday of each month, the BLS employment statistics were released this past Friday. Attached is the monthly 'cheat sheet' for your use and information. Also included is the 2nd quarter 2016 statistic report. The national unemployment rate for June 2016 increased from 4.7% to 4.9% and the Veteran unemployment numbers for June 2016 increased from 3.4% to 4.2%.

- [BLS Employment Data - June 2016.pdf](#)
- [BLS Employment Data - 2nd Quarter 2016.pdf](#)

Please Remember:

- If you would like to research, find, access, and, in time, manage your VA benefits and personal information please visit and/or register at <https://www.ebenefits.va.gov/ebenefits-portal/ebenefits.portal>.
- If you are looking for a job or an employer committed to hiring Veterans, please register on the Veterans Employment Center™ (VEC) at: <https://www.vets.gov/employment/>
- If you are seeking employment in the federal government, particularly the VA, the VA for Vets high-tech tools and resources can help. Visit online at <http://vaforvets.va.gov/> or call 1-855-824-8387.

For Contact information about your VA education benefits:

You can send a secure email that will usually be answered within 48 hours. You can also search for answers to frequently asked questions and register to be notified of any updates to the information. This contact method is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and can also be utilized worldwide.

You can call 1-888-GIBILL-1 (1-888-442-4551). This line only accepts calls from 7:00 AM - 6:00 PM central time Monday – Friday.

For God and Country,

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