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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

### Teens Gain Over 1,100,000 Jobs in June

### **LOWEST NUMBER OF EMPLOYED TEENS IN JUNE SINCE 2010**

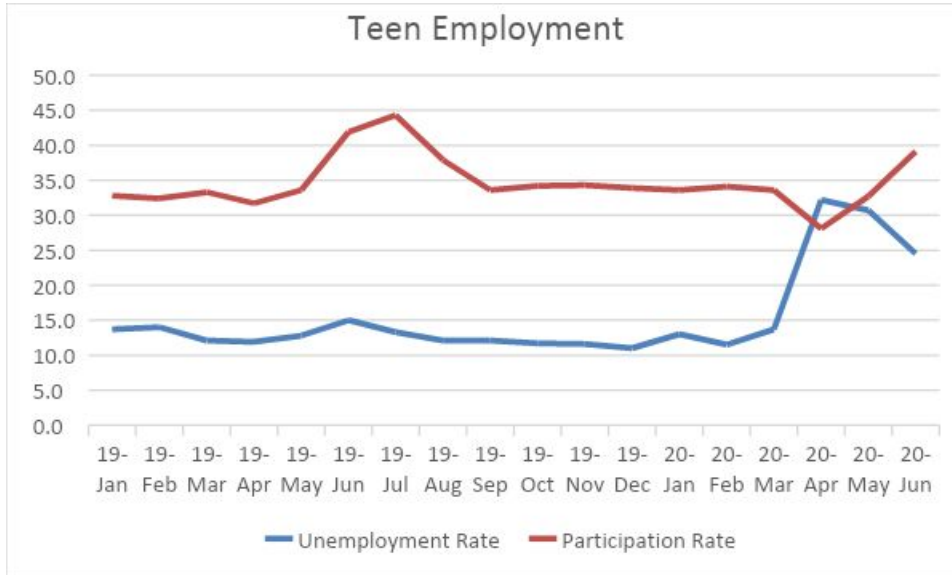
**CHICAGO, July 9, 2020** – The number of jobs added for workers aged 16 to 19 soared in June to 1,129,000, the highest June total in over two decades, according to the latest employment data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS). This after 594,000 jobs were gained in May, according to an analysis of non-seasonally adjusted data from the BLS by global outplacement and executive and business coaching firm Challenger, Gray & Christmas, Inc.

The 1,723,000 jobs added in May and June is a 36% jump from the 1,269,000 jobs added for teens in those two months last year. Teen hiring is on track to reach levels not seen since 1999, when 2,017,000 jobs were added.

“This is great news for teens who want to get back to work. The current data suggests many of the jobs returning to the economy due to reopenings are going to teen workers,” said Andrew Challenger, Senior Vice President of Challenger, Gray & Christmas, Inc.

Despite the huge jump in the number of jobs added, 4,884,000 teens were employed in June, the lowest number of employed teens in the month of June since 2010, when 4,833,000 teens were employed. Last June, 5,941,000 teens were employed, before hitting the peak employment number of 6,409,000 in July. In 1999, 7,900,000 teens were employed in June.

Meanwhile, the unemployment rate for teens was 24.5% in June, according to non-seasonally adjusted data from the BLS. This is up nearly ten points from the 15% unemployment teens experienced in June 2019. In April, the unemployment rate eclipsed the participation rate for teens, the first time this has happened in the series.



**Source: Challenger, Gray & Christmas, Inc. with non-seasonally adjusted data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics**

“The rise in COVID cases the nation is currently experiencing is impacting all workers, not just teens, but it is clear that teens are also slow to get back to work. The new risks that come with these jobs are likely keeping many teens from working, and establishments that primarily employ teens may scale back reopening as cases continue to emerge,” said Challenger.

“We’re not seeing the numbers of employed teens we saw last summer, which was one of the best teen job markets since 2001,” added Challenger.

In fact, 7,600,000 teens were employed in June 2001, reaching 8,900,000 employed teens in July of that year.

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## SUMMER EMPLOYMENT GROWTH AMONG WORKERS AGED 16 TO 19

Year	May	June	July	Summer Jobs Gained	Change from Prior Year
1998	270,000	1,058,000	675,000	2,003,000	
1999	415,000	750,000	852,000	2,017,000	0.70%
2000	111,000	1,087,000	311,000	1,509,000	-25.20%
2001	58,000	1,124,000	560,000	1,742,000	15.40%
2002	161,000	985,000	510,000	1,656,000	-4.90%
2003	152,000	859,000	458,000	1,469,000	-11.30%
2004	168,000	827,000	597,000	1,592,000	8.40%
2005	183,000	1,007,000	546,000	1,736,000	9.00%
2006	230,000	1,033,000	471,000	1,734,000	-0.10%
2007	62,000	1,114,000	459,000	1,635,000	-5.70%
2008	116,000	683,000	355,000	1,154,000	-29.40%
2009	111,000	698,000	354,000	1,163,000	0.80%
2010	6,000	497,000	457,000	960,000	-17.50%
2011	71,000	714,000	302,000	1,087,000	13.20%
2012	157,000	858,000	382,000	1,397,000	28.50%
2013	215,000	779,000	361,000	1,355,000	-3.00%
2014	217,000	661,000	419,000	1,297,000	-4.30%
2015	182,000	609,000	369,000	1,160,000	-10.60%
2016	156,000	691,000	492,000	1,339,000	15.40%
2017	75,000	1,023,000	190,000	1,288,000	-3.80%
2018	130,000	951,000	307,000	1,388,000	7.80%
2019	216,000	1,053,000	468,000	1,737,000	25.10%
2020	594,000	1,129,000		1,723,000	
<b>AVERAGE Since 1998</b>	<b>176,348</b>	<b>877,826</b>	<b>449,773</b>	<b>1,473,545</b>	
<b>AVERAGE Since 2006</b>	<b>169,200</b>	<b>835,677</b>	<b>389,052</b>	<b>1,368,159</b>	

Source: Challenger, Gray & Christmas, Inc., with non-seasonally adjusted data from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics