

**Region, Division, and State Unemployment Rates with Confidence Intervals, Their Relationships to the U.S. Rate, and Over-the-Month Rate Changes with Significance Indicators, September 2008, Seasonally Adjusted**

Area	Unemployment Rate	90% Confidence Interval	Higher/Lower than National Rate at 90% Confidence	Over-the-Month Rate Change	
				Difference	Significant at 90% Confidence
<b>Regions</b>					
Northeast	5.7	5.4 - 6.0	L	-0.1	NO
Midwest	6.5	6.2 - 6.8		-0.2	NO
South	5.9	5.7 - 6.1		0.2	NO
West	6.6	6.3 - 6.9	H	0.0	NO
<b>Divisions</b>					
New England	5.7	5.2 - 6.1		0.0	NO
Middle Atlantic	5.7	5.4 - 6.1		-0.2	NO
East North Central	7.0	6.6 - 7.4	H	-0.2	NO
West North Central	5.2	4.9 - 5.6	L	-0.2	NO
South Atlantic	6.1	5.8 - 6.4		0.0	NO
East South Central	6.7	6.1 - 7.3		0.3	NO
West South Central	5.1	4.7 - 5.4	L	0.2	NO
Mountain	5.2	4.9 - 5.6	L	0.0	NO
Pacific	7.2	6.9 - 7.6	H	0.0	NO
<b>States</b>					
Alabama	5.3	4.3 - 6.4		0.4	NO
Alaska	6.8	6.0 - 7.7		-0.1	NO
Arizona	5.9	5.1 - 6.7		0.3	NO
Arkansas	4.9	4.2 - 5.7	L	0.1	NO
California	7.7	7.3 - 8.1	H	0.0	NO
Colorado	5.2	4.6 - 5.8	L	-0.2	NO
Connecticut	6.1	5.4 - 6.8		-0.4	NO
Delaware	4.8	4.2 - 5.5	L	0.0	NO
District of Columbia	7.0	6.1 - 7.8		0.1	NO
Florida	6.6	6.1 - 7.0		0.0	NO
Georgia	6.5	5.9 - 7.1		0.2	NO
Hawaii	4.5	3.9 - 5.1	L	0.3	YES
Idaho	5.0	4.2 - 5.8	L	0.4	YES
Illinois	6.9	6.2 - 7.6	H	-0.4	NO
Indiana	6.2	5.4 - 7.0		-0.2	NO
Iowa	4.2	3.7 - 4.8	L	-0.3	YES
Kansas	4.8	4.3 - 5.4	L	0.1	NO
Kentucky	7.1	6.2 - 8.0	H	0.3	NO

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<b>States -- continued</b>					
Louisiana	5.2	4.1 - 6.3		0.5	NO
Maine	5.6	4.9 - 6.2		0.1	NO
Maryland	4.6	4.2 - 5.0	L	0.1	NO
Massachusetts	5.3	4.6 - 6.1	L	0.1	NO
Michigan	8.7	7.8 - 9.6	H	-0.2	NO
Minnesota	5.9	5.3 - 6.5		-0.3	NO
Mississippi	7.8	6.6 - 8.9	H	0.1	NO
Missouri	6.4	5.6 - 7.3		-0.3	NO
Montana	4.6	3.9 - 5.4	L	0.2	YES
Nebraska	3.5	3.1 - 4.0	L	0.0	NO
Nevada	7.3	6.7 - 7.8	H	0.2	YES
New Hampshire	4.1	3.6 - 4.7	L	-0.1	NO
New Jersey	5.8	5.2 - 6.4		-0.1	NO
New Mexico	4.0	3.2 - 4.8	L	-0.6	YES
New York	5.8	5.4 - 6.3		0.0	NO
North Carolina	7.0	6.4 - 7.5	H	0.1	NO
North Dakota	3.6	3.1 - 4.1	L	0.0	NO
Ohio	7.2	6.5 - 7.9	H	-0.2	NO
Oklahoma	3.8	3.1 - 4.5	L	-0.2	NO
Oregon	6.4	5.7 - 7.2		-0.1	NO
Pennsylvania	5.7	5.1 - 6.3		-0.1	NO
Rhode Island	8.8	7.9 - 9.7	H	0.2	NO
South Carolina	7.3	6.3 - 8.2	H	-0.3	NO
South Dakota	3.2	2.8 - 3.6	L	-0.1	NO
Tennessee	7.2	6.4 - 8.0	H	0.6	YES
Texas	5.1	4.7 - 5.5	L	0.1	YES
Utah	3.5	2.9 - 4.0	L	-0.2	NO
Vermont	5.2	4.6 - 5.8	L	0.3	NO
Virginia	4.3	3.8 - 4.8	L	-0.3	YES
Washington	5.8	5.2 - 6.4		-0.2	NO
West Virginia	4.5	3.6 - 5.4	L	0.4	NO
Wisconsin	5.0	4.4 - 5.5	L	-0.1	NO
Wyoming	3.3	2.7 - 3.9	L	-0.6	YES

NOTE: Rates shown are a percentage of the labor force. Data refer to place of residence.