

Appendix table 3-8
Unemployment rate, by occupation: 1983–2004
 (Percent)

Year	All workers	All S&E occupations	S&E technicians	Computer programmers
1983.....	9.9	3.0	6.1	3.1
1984.....	7.4	2.1	3.6	1.4
1985.....	7.0	1.8	3.8	2.0
1986.....	6.9	2.2	3.8	2.4
1987.....	6.2	2.2	3.4	3.1
1988.....	5.5	1.8	2.9	3.0
1989.....	5.2	1.5	3.3	1.5
1990.....	5.7	1.9	4.3	3.1
1991.....	7.2	2.6	4.6	3.5
1992.....	7.9	3.2	5.5	2.9
1993.....	7.2	3.5	5.7	2.8
1994.....	6.2	3.0	4.4	2.5
1995.....	5.6	2.3	3.8	1.5
1996.....	5.4	1.8	3.8	1.2
1997.....	4.9	1.5	2.0	1.9
1998.....	4.4	1.6	2.9	1.6
1999.....	4.1	1.4	2.4	2.6
2000.....	3.9	1.6	3.0	1.7
2001.....	4.8	2.4	3.2	5.1
2002.....	5.8	3.9	5.4	6.5
2003.....	6.0	4.6	6.1	4.9
2004.....	5.5	3.0	3.0	6.7

SOURCE: National Bureau of Economic Research, Merged Outgoing Rotation Group Files from U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Current Population Survey.