

Table 56. Unemployment rates for selected demographic groups, annual averages, 1948-2000

(Percent)

Year	Total, all workers	Men			Women			White	Black	Married men, spouse present	Women who maintain families
		Total	16 to 19 years	20 years and over	Total	16 to 19 years	20 years and over				
1948	3.8	3.6	9.8	3.2	4.1	8.3	3.6	-	-	-	-
1949	5.9	5.9	14.3	5.4	6.0	12.3	5.3	-	-	-	-
1950	5.3	5.1	12.7	4.7	5.7	11.4	5.1	-	-	-	-
1951	3.3	2.8	8.1	2.5	4.4	8.3	4.0	-	-	-	-
1952	3.0	2.8	8.9	2.4	3.6	8.0	3.2	-	-	-	-
1953 <sup>1</sup>	2.9	2.8	7.9	2.5	3.3	7.2	2.9	-	-	-	-
1954	5.5	5.3	13.5	4.9	6.0	11.4	5.5	5.0	-	-	-
1955	4.4	4.2	11.6	3.8	4.9	10.2	4.4	3.9	-	2.6	-
1956	4.1	3.8	11.1	3.4	4.8	11.2	4.2	3.6	-	2.3	-
1957	4.3	4.1	12.4	3.6	4.7	10.6	4.1	3.8	-	2.8	-
1958	6.8	6.8	17.1	6.2	6.8	14.3	6.1	6.1	-	5.1	-
1959	5.5	5.2	15.3	4.7	5.9	13.5	5.2	4.8	-	3.6	-
1960 <sup>1</sup>	5.5	5.4	15.3	4.7	5.9	13.9	5.1	5.0	-	3.7	-
1961	6.7	6.4	17.1	5.7	7.2	16.3	6.3	6.0	-	4.6	-
1962 <sup>1</sup>	5.5	5.2	14.7	4.6	6.2	14.6	5.4	4.9	-	3.6	-
1963	5.7	5.2	17.2	4.5	6.5	17.2	5.4	5.0	-	3.4	-
1964	5.2	4.6	15.8	3.9	6.2	16.6	5.2	4.6	-	2.8	-
1965	4.5	4.0	14.1	3.2	5.5	15.7	4.5	4.1	-	2.4	-
1966	3.8	3.2	11.7	2.5	4.8	14.1	3.8	3.4	-	1.9	-
1967	3.8	3.1	12.3	2.3	5.2	13.5	4.2	3.4	-	1.8	4.9
1968	3.6	2.9	11.6	2.2	4.8	14.0	3.8	3.2	-	1.6	4.4
1969	3.5	2.8	11.4	2.1	4.7	13.3	3.7	3.1	-	1.5	4.4
1970	4.9	4.4	15.0	3.5	5.9	15.6	4.8	4.5	-	2.6	5.4
1971	5.9	5.3	16.6	4.4	6.9	17.2	5.7	5.4	-	3.2	7.3
1972 <sup>1</sup>	5.6	5.0	15.9	4.0	6.6	16.7	5.4	5.1	10.4	2.8	7.2
1973 <sup>1</sup>	4.9	4.2	13.9	3.3	6.0	15.3	4.9	4.3	9.4	2.3	7.1
1974	5.6	4.9	15.6	3.8	6.7	16.6	5.5	5.0	10.5	2.7	7.0
1975	8.5	7.9	20.1	6.8	9.3	19.7	8.0	7.8	14.8	5.1	10.0
1976	7.7	7.1	19.2	5.9	8.6	18.7	7.4	7.0	14.0	4.2	10.1
1977	7.1	6.3	17.3	5.2	8.2	18.3	7.0	6.2	14.0	3.6	9.4
1978 <sup>1</sup>	6.1	5.3	15.8	4.3	7.2	17.1	6.0	5.2	12.8	2.8	8.5
1979	5.8	5.1	15.9	4.2	6.8	16.4	5.7	5.1	12.3	2.8	8.3
1980	7.1	6.9	18.3	5.9	7.4	17.2	6.4	6.3	14.3	4.2	9.2
1981	7.6	7.4	20.1	6.3	7.9	19.0	6.8	6.7	15.6	4.3	10.4
1982	9.7	9.9	24.4	8.8	9.4	21.9	8.3	8.6	18.9	6.5	11.7
1983	9.6	9.9	23.3	8.9	9.2	21.3	8.1	8.4	19.5	6.5	12.2
1984	7.5	7.4	19.6	6.6	7.6	18.0	6.8	6.5	15.9	4.6	10.3
1985	7.2	7.0	19.5	6.2	7.4	17.6	6.6	6.2	15.1	4.3	10.4
1986 <sup>1</sup>	7.0	6.9	19.0	6.1	7.1	17.6	6.2	6.0	14.5	4.4	9.8
1987	6.2	6.2	17.8	5.4	6.2	15.9	5.4	5.3	13.0	3.9	9.2
1988	5.5	5.5	16.0	4.8	5.6	14.4	4.9	4.7	11.7	3.3	8.1
1989	5.3	5.2	15.9	4.5	5.4	14.0	4.7	4.5	11.4	3.0	8.1
1990 <sup>1</sup>	5.6	5.7	16.3	5.0	5.5	14.7	4.9	4.8	11.4	3.4	8.3
1991	6.8	7.2	19.8	6.4	6.4	17.5	5.7	6.1	12.5	4.4	9.3
1992	7.5	7.9	21.5	7.1	7.0	18.6	6.3	6.6	14.2	5.1	10.0
1993	6.9	7.2	20.4	6.4	6.6	17.5	5.9	6.1	13.0	4.4	9.7
1994 <sup>1</sup>	6.1	6.2	19.0	5.4	6.0	16.2	5.4	5.3	11.5	3.7	8.9
1995	5.6	5.6	18.4	4.8	5.6	16.1	4.9	4.9	10.4	3.3	8.0
1996	5.4	5.4	18.1	4.6	5.4	15.2	4.8	4.7	10.5	3.0	8.2
1997 <sup>1</sup>	4.9	4.9	16.9	4.2	5.0	15.0	4.4	4.2	10.0	2.7	8.1
1998 <sup>1</sup>	4.5	4.4	16.2	3.7	4.6	12.9	4.1	3.9	8.9	2.4	7.2
1999 <sup>1</sup>	4.2	4.1	14.7	3.5	4.3	13.2	3.8	3.7	8.0	2.2	6.4
2000 <sup>1</sup>	4.0	3.9	14.0	3.3	4.1	12.1	3.6	3.5	7.6	2.0	5.9

<sup>1</sup> The comparability of historical labor force data has been affected at various times by methodological and conceptual changes. For an explanation, see the Explanatory Notes and Estimates of Error section of *Employment and Earnings*,

a monthly periodical published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Dash indicates data not available.