

Table 58. **Unemployment rates of persons 25 to 64 years of age by educational attainment and sex, March 1970-2000**
(Percent)

Year	Less than 4 years of high school	4 years of high school, only	College	
			1 to 3 years	4 years or more
TOTAL				
1970.....	4.6	2.9	2.9	1.3
1971.....	6.4	4.0	3.7	2.0
1972 ¹	5.8	3.9	3.5	2.0
1973 ¹	5.4	3.3	2.9	1.7
1974.....	5.3	3.4	3.4	1.7
1975.....	10.7	6.9	5.5	2.5
1976.....	8.6	6.1	5.2	2.4
1977.....	9.0	5.6	5.0	2.8
1978 ¹	7.4	4.5	3.3	2.2
1979.....	7.2	4.4	3.5	2.1
1980.....	8.4	5.1	4.3	1.9
1981.....	10.1	6.2	4.5	2.2
1982.....	12.5	8.5	6.4	3.0
1983.....	15.8	10.0	7.3	3.5
1984.....	12.1	7.2	5.3	2.7
1985.....	11.4	6.9	4.7	2.4
1986 ¹	11.6	6.9	4.7	2.3
1987.....	11.1	6.3	4.5	2.3
1988.....	9.4	5.4	3.7	1.7
1989.....	8.9	4.8	3.4	2.2
1990 ¹	9.6	4.9	3.7	1.9
1991.....	12.3	6.7	5.0	2.9
1992 ¹	13.5	7.7	5.9	2.9
1993.....	13.0	7.3	5.5	3.2
1994 ¹	12.6	6.7	5.0	2.9
1995.....	10.0	5.2	4.5	2.5
1996.....	10.9	5.5	4.1	2.2
1997 ¹	10.4	5.1	3.8	2.0
1998 ¹	8.5	4.8	3.6	1.8
1999 ¹	7.7	4.0	3.1	1.9
2000 ¹	7.9	3.8	3.0	1.5
Men				
1970.....	4.0	2.4	2.7	1.1
1971.....	6.0	3.6	3.5	1.8
1972 ¹	5.4	3.6	3.1	1.9
1973 ¹	5.0	2.8	2.8	1.6
1974.....	4.7	3.1	2.9	1.5
1975.....	10.5	6.7	5.1	2.2
1976.....	8.3	5.8	5.1	2.2
1977.....	8.6	5.1	4.5	2.4
1978 ¹	7.1	4.2	3.1	1.9
1979.....	6.6	4.2	3.2	1.7
1980.....	8.2	5.3	4.4	1.7
1981.....	10.2	6.6	4.4	1.9
1982.....	12.7	9.3	6.8	2.9
1983.....	16.1	11.9	8.4	3.4
1984.....	12.3	8.1	5.2	2.7
1985.....	11.2	7.2	4.5	2.4
1986 ¹	11.7	7.4	4.7	2.3
1987.....	11.2	6.7	5.0	2.5
1988.....	10.0	6.2	3.9	1.6
1989.....	9.4	5.4	3.2	2.3

See footnote at end of table.

Table 58. Unemployment rates of persons 25 to 64 years of age by educational attainment and sex, March 1970-2000—Continued

(Percent)

Year	Less than 4 years of high school	4 years of high school, only	College	
			1 to 3 years	4 years or more
Men—Continued				
1990 ¹	9.6	5.3	3.9	2.1
1991	13.4	7.7	5.2	3.2
1992	14.8	8.8	6.4	3.2
1993	14.1	8.7	6.3	3.4
1994 ¹	12.8	7.2	5.3	2.9
1995	10.9	5.7	4.4	2.6
1996 ¹	11.0	6.4	4.5	2.3
1997 ¹	9.9	5.6	4.0	2.1
1998 ¹	8.0	5.1	3.7	1.7
1999 ¹	7.0	4.1	3.2	1.9
2000 ¹	7.1	3.9	3.1	1.6
Women				
1970	5.7	3.6	3.1	1.9
1971	7.2	4.5	4.3	2.4
1972 ¹	6.6	4.3	4.2	2.3
1973 ¹	6.2	3.9	3.0	2.1
1974	6.4	3.8	4.4	2.1
1975	10.5	7.1	6.3	3.4
1976	9.2	6.5	5.5	2.7
1977	9.7	6.2	5.7	3.6
1978 ¹	7.9	4.9	3.6	2.6
1979	8.3	4.7	3.8	2.8
1980	8.9	5.0	4.1	2.2
1981	10.0	5.8	4.6	2.7
1982	12.2	7.8	5.3	3.3
1983	15.3	8.0	6.0	3.7
1984	11.7	6.3	5.3	2.7
1985	11.7	6.5	4.8	2.5
1986 ¹	11.4	6.3	4.8	2.4
1987	10.9	5.8	4.0	2.1
1988	8.5	4.6	3.4	1.9
1989	8.1	4.2	3.7	2.0
1990 ¹	9.5	4.6	3.5	1.7
1991	10.7	5.5	4.8	2.5
1992 ¹	11.4	6.5	5.3	2.5
1993	11.2	5.8	4.6	2.9
1994 ¹	12.4	6.2	4.7	2.9
1995	8.6	4.6	4.5	2.4
1996	10.7	4.4	3.8	2.1
1997 ¹	11.3	4.5	3.6	2.0
1998 ¹	9.3	4.4	3.5	1.9
1999 ¹	8.8	3.9	3.0	1.9
2000 ¹	9.1	3.6	2.9	1.4

¹ Data on educational attainment, beginning in 1992, reflect degrees or diplomas received rather than years of school completed and are not strictly comparable with data for prior years. In addition, 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.