

Region, Division, and State Unemployment Rates with Confidence Intervals, Their Relationships to the U.S. Rate, and Over-the-Year Rate Changes with Significance Indicators, 2008 Annual Averages

Area	Unemployment Rate	90% Confidence Interval	Higher/Lower than National Rate at 90% Confidence	Over-the-Year Rate Change	
				Difference	Significant at 90% Confidence
Regions					
Northeast	5.4	5.3 - 5.6	L	1.0	YES
Midwest	6.1	5.9 - 6.2	H	1.0	YES
South	5.5	5.4 - 5.6	L	1.2	YES
West	6.2	6.1 - 6.4	H	1.5	YES
Divisions					
New England	5.4	5.1 - 5.7	L	0.9	YES
Middle Atlantic	5.4	5.2 - 5.6	L	1.0	YES
East North Central	6.6	6.4 - 6.8	H	1.1	YES
West North Central	4.9	4.7 - 5.1	L	0.6	YES
South Atlantic	5.7	5.5 - 5.9		1.5	YES
East South Central	6.1	5.8 - 6.5		1.2	YES
West South Central	4.8	4.5 - 5.0	L	0.5	YES
Mountain	5.0	4.8 - 5.2	L	1.3	YES
Pacific	6.8	6.6 - 7.0	H	1.6	YES
States					
Alabama	5.0	4.2 - 5.9		1.5	YES
Alaska	6.7	6.0 - 7.4	H	0.5	NO
Arizona	5.5	4.9 - 6.1		1.7	YES
Arkansas	5.1	4.5 - 5.7	L	0.0	NO
California	7.2	7.0 - 7.5	H	1.8	YES
Colorado	4.9	4.5 - 5.3	L	1.0	YES
Connecticut	5.7	5.3 - 6.1		1.1	YES
Delaware	4.8	4.3 - 5.2	L	1.4	YES
District of Columbia	7.0	6.4 - 7.6	H	1.5	YES
Florida	6.2	5.9 - 6.5	H	2.1	YES
Georgia	6.2	5.8 - 6.7		1.6	YES
Hawaii	3.9	3.5 - 4.4	L	1.3	YES
Idaho	4.9	4.2 - 5.5	L	1.9	YES
Illinois	6.5	6.0 - 6.9	H	1.4	YES
Indiana	5.9	5.3 - 6.5		1.3	YES
Iowa	4.1	3.7 - 4.5	L	0.4	YES
Kansas	4.4	4.0 - 4.8	L	0.3	NO
Kentucky	6.4	5.8 - 7.1	H	0.9	YES

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States -- continued					
Louisiana	4.6	3.9 - 5.3	L	0.8	YES
Maine	5.4	4.9 - 5.9		0.8	YES
Maryland	4.4	4.0 - 4.7	L	0.9	YES
Massachusetts	5.3	4.8 - 5.8	L	0.8	YES
Michigan	8.4	7.9 - 9.0	H	1.3	YES
Minnesota	5.4	5.1 - 5.8		0.8	YES
Mississippi	6.9	6.1 - 7.7	H	0.6	NO
Missouri	6.1	5.5 - 6.7		1.0	YES
Montana	4.5	3.9 - 5.1	L	1.1	YES
Nebraska	3.3	3.0 - 3.7	L	0.4	YES
Nevada	6.7	6.1 - 7.2	H	2.0	YES
New Hampshire	3.8	3.5 - 4.1	L	0.3	NO
New Jersey	5.5	5.0 - 5.9		1.2	YES
New Mexico	4.2	3.6 - 4.7	L	0.7	YES
New York	5.4	5.2 - 5.7	L	0.9	YES
North Carolina	6.3	5.9 - 6.7	H	1.6	YES
North Dakota	3.2	2.8 - 3.5	L	0.1	NO
Ohio	6.5	6.0 - 7.0	H	0.9	YES
Oklahoma	3.8	3.4 - 4.3	L	-0.3	NO
Oregon	6.4	5.8 - 6.9	H	1.3	YES
Pennsylvania	5.4	5.0 - 5.8	L	1.0	YES
Rhode Island	7.8	7.2 - 8.4	H	2.6	YES
South Carolina	6.9	6.3 - 7.6	H	1.3	YES
South Dakota	3.0	2.7 - 3.3	L	0.1	NO
Tennessee	6.4	5.8 - 7.0	H	1.6	YES
Texas	4.9	4.6 - 5.2	L	0.5	YES
Utah	3.4	3.0 - 3.8	L	0.7	YES
Vermont	4.8	4.3 - 5.2	L	0.8	YES
Virginia	4.0	3.6 - 4.4	L	1.0	YES
Washington	5.3	4.9 - 5.8		0.8	YES
West Virginia	4.3	3.6 - 4.9	L	0.0	NO
Wisconsin	4.7	4.3 - 5.1	L	0.0	NO
Wyoming	3.1	2.7 - 3.5	L	0.2	NO

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