

Table 609. Unemployed Workers—Summary: 1980 to 2008

[In thousands (7,637 represents 7,637,000), except as indicated. For civilian noninstitutional population 16 years old and over. Annual averages of monthly figures. Based on the Current Population Survey; see text Section 1 and Appendix III. For data on unemployment insurance, see Table 546]

Age, sex, race, Hispanic origin	1980	1990 ¹	2000 ¹	2004 ¹	2005 ¹	2006 ¹	2007 ¹	2008 ¹
UNEMPLOYED								
Total ²	7,637	7,047	5,692	8,149	7,591	7,001	7,078	8,924
16 to 19 years old	1,669	1,212	1,081	1,208	1,186	1,119	1,101	1,285
20 to 24 years old	1,835	1,299	1,022	1,431	1,335	1,234	1,241	1,545
25 to 44 years old	2,964	3,323	2,340	3,362	3,061	2,800	2,769	3,553
45 to 64 years old	1,075	1,109	1,117	1,970	1,825	1,689	1,777	2,276
65 years and over	94	105	132	179	184	159	190	264
Male	4,267	3,906	2,975	4,456	4,059	3,753	3,882	5,033
16 to 19 years old	913	667	599	664	667	622	623	736
20 to 24 years old	1,076	715	547	811	775	705	721	920
25 to 44 years old	1,619	1,803	1,159	1,819	1,559	1,452	1,490	1,994
45 to 64 years old	600	662	587	1,057	955	887	940	1,229
65 years and over	58	59	83	104	102	88	108	153
Female	3,370	3,140	2,717	3,694	3,531	3,247	3,196	3,891
16 to 19 years old	755	544	483	543	519	496	478	549
20 to 24 years old	760	584	475	619	560	530	520	625
25 to 44 years old	1,345	1,519	1,181	1,543	1,502	1,348	1,279	1,560
45 to 64 years old	473	447	529	914	870	801	837	1,046
65 years and over	36	46	50	75	82	71	81	111
White ³	5,884	5,186	4,121	5,847	5,350	5,002	5,143	6,509
16 to 19 years old	1,291	903	795	890	845	794	805	947
20 to 24 years old	1,364	899	682	959	878	832	851	1,087
Black ³	1,553	1,565	1,241	1,729	1,700	1,549	1,445	1,788
16 to 19 years old	343	268	230	241	267	253	235	246
20 to 24 years old	426	349	281	353	358	318	300	355
Asian ^{3,4}	(NA)	(NA)	227	277	259	205	229	285
16 to 19 years old	(NA)	(NA)	40	20	20	22	20	23
20 to 24 years old	(NA)	(NA)	41	46	35	28	30	33
Hispanic ⁵	620	876	954	1,342	1,191	1,081	1,220	1,678
16 to 19 years old	145	161	194	203	191	170	197	251
20 to 24 years old	138	167	190	255	227	194	213	307
Full-time workers	6,269	5,677	4,538	6,762	6,175	5,675	5,789	7,446
Part-time workers	1,369	1,369	1,154	1,388	1,415	1,326	1,289	1,478
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (percent) ⁶								
Total ²	7.1	5.6	4.0	5.5	5.1	4.6	4.6	5.8
16 to 19 years old	17.8	15.5	13.1	17.0	16.6	15.4	15.7	18.7
20 to 24 years old	11.5	8.8	7.2	9.4	8.8	8.2	8.2	10.2
25 to 44 years old	6.0	4.9	3.3	4.9	4.5	4.1	4.0	5.2
45 to 64 years old	3.7	3.5	2.5	3.8	3.4	3.1	3.1	4.0
65 years and over	3.1	3.0	3.1	3.6	3.5	2.9	3.3	4.2
Male	6.9	5.7	3.9	5.6	5.1	4.6	4.7	6.1
16 to 19 years old	18.3	16.3	14.0	18.4	18.6	16.9	17.6	21.2
20 to 24 years old	12.5	9.1	7.3	10.1	9.6	8.7	8.9	11.4
25 to 44 years old	5.6	4.8	3.1	4.9	4.2	3.9	4.0	5.3
45 to 64 years old	3.5	3.7	2.4	3.9	3.4	3.1	3.2	4.1
65 years and over	3.1	3.0	3.3	3.7	3.4	2.8	3.4	4.5
Female	7.4	5.5	4.1	5.4	5.1	4.6	4.5	5.4
16 to 19 years old	17.2	14.7	12.1	15.5	14.5	13.8	13.8	16.2
20 to 24 years old	10.4	8.5	7.1	8.7	7.9	7.6	7.3	8.8
25 to 44 years old	6.4	4.9	3.6	5.0	4.8	4.3	4.1	5.0
45 to 64 years old	4.0	3.2	2.5	3.7	3.4	3.1	3.1	3.8
65 years and over	3.1	3.1	2.7	3.4	3.5	3.0	3.1	3.9
White ³	6.3	4.8	3.5	4.8	4.4	4.0	4.1	5.2
16 to 19 years old	15.5	13.5	11.4	15.0	14.2	13.2	13.9	16.8
20 to 24 years old	9.9	7.3	5.9	7.9	7.2	6.9	7.0	9.0
Black ³	14.3	11.4	7.6	10.4	10.0	8.9	8.3	10.1
16 to 19 years old	38.5	30.9	24.5	31.7	33.3	29.1	29.4	31.2
20 to 24 years old	23.6	19.9	15.0	18.4	18.3	16.2	15.2	17.9
Asian ^{3,4}	(NA)	(NA)	3.6	4.4	4.0	3.0	3.2	4.0
16 to 19 years old	(NA)	(NA)	14.2	11.5	12.4	14.0	12.7	14.6
20 to 24 years old	(NA)	(NA)	6.9	8.6	6.5	5.6	5.6	6.3
Hispanic ⁵	10.1	8.2	5.7	7.0	6.0	5.2	5.6	7.6
16 to 19 years old	22.5	19.5	16.6	20.4	18.4	15.9	18.1	22.4
20 to 24 years old	12.1	9.1	7.5	9.3	8.6	7.2	7.8	11.5
Percent without work for—								
Fewer than 5 weeks	43.2	46.3	44.9	33.1	35.1	37.3	35.9	32.8
5 to 10 weeks	32.3	32.0	31.9	29.2	30.4	30.3	31.5	31.4
15 to 26 weeks	13.8	11.7	11.8	15.9	14.9	14.7	15.0	16.0
27 weeks and over	10.7	10.0	11.4	21.8	19.6	17.6	17.6	19.7
Unemployment duration, average (weeks)	11.9	12.0	12.6	19.6	18.4	16.8	16.8	17.9

NA not available. ¹ See footnote 2, Table 574. ² Includes other races not shown separately. ³ Includes other ages not shown separately. Beginning 2003, for this race group only. See footnote 4, Table 575. ⁴ Prior to 2004, includes Pacific Islanders. ⁵ Persons of Hispanic or Latino origin may be any race. Also includes ages not shown separately. ⁶ Unemployed as percent of civilian labor force in specified group.

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, "Employment and Earnings Online," January 2009; <<http://www.bls.gov/opub/ee/home.htm>> and <<http://www.bls.gov/cps/home.htm>>.