

Table 613. Unemployment by Occupation, 2000 to 2008, and by Sex, 2008

[5,692 represents 5,692,000. Civilian noninstitutional population 16 years old and over. Annual averages of monthly data. Rate represents unemployment as a percent of the labor force for each specified group. Based on Current Population Survey; see text, Section 1 and Appendix III. See also headnote, Table 592, regarding occupations]

Occupation	Number (1,000)			Unemployment rate				
	2000	2005 ¹	2008 ¹	2000	2005 ¹	2008 ¹		
						Total	Male	Female
Total ²	5,692	7,591	8,924	4.0	5.1	5.8	6.1	5.4
Management, professional, and related occupations . . .	827	1,172	1,463	1.8	2.3	2.7	2.6	2.8
Management, business, and financial operations . . .	320	464	619	1.6	2.2	2.7	2.6	2.9
Management	214	322	407	1.5	2.1	2.5	2.4	2.6
Business and financial operations	106	142	212	2.0	2.4	3.3	3.1	3.4
Professional and related occupations	507	708	844	1.9	2.4	2.7	2.6	2.7
Computer and mathematical	74	96	97	2.2	2.9	2.6	2.4	3.2
Architecture and engineering	51	60	95	1.7	2.1	3.1	3.0	3.7
Life, physical, and social science	18	39	32	1.4	2.7	2.4	2.3	2.5
Community and social services	40	52	63	2.0	2.4	2.7	2.1	3.0
Legal	18	27	44	1.2	1.6	2.6	2.2	2.9
Education, training, and library	136	210	247	1.8	2.5	2.8	2.6	2.9
Arts, design, entertainment, sports, and media . . .	97	135	156	3.5	4.7	5.3	5.4	5.1
Healthcare practitioner and technical	73	90	110	1.2	1.3	1.5	0.8	1.7
Service occupations	1,132	1,587	1,769	5.2	6.4	6.7	7.2	6.4
Healthcare support	101	154	150	4.0	4.7	4.5	5.6	4.3
Protective service	70	121	109	2.7	4.0	3.5	3.1	4.6
Food preparation and serving-related	469	615	742	6.6	7.7	8.7	9.1	8.3
Building and grounds cleaning and maintenance . . .	301	429	470	5.8	7.6	7.9	8.2	7.5
Personal care and service	190	268	298	4.4	5.6	5.7	6.5	5.5
Sales and office occupations	1,446	1,820	2,006	3.8	4.8	5.3	5.2	5.5
Sales and related	673	874	980	4.1	5.0	5.7	4.7	6.7
Office and administrative support	773	946	1,026	3.6	4.6	5.1	6.0	4.8
Natural resources, construction, and maintenance . . .	758	1,069	1,421	5.3	6.5	8.8	8.7	11.0
Farming, fishing, and forestry	133	103	112	10.2	9.6	10.2	9.2	13.5
Construction and extraction	507	751	1,067	6.2	7.6	11.0	10.9	13.4
Installation, maintenance, and repair	119	214	243	2.4	3.9	4.5	4.5	5.4
Production, transportation, and material moving	1,081	1,245	1,474	5.1	6.5	7.6	7.2	9.3
Production	575	677	746	4.8	6.7	7.7	7.0	9.4
Transportation and material moving	505	568	727	5.6	6.2	7.6	7.3	9.1

¹ See footnote 2, Table 574. ² Includes persons with no previous work experience and those whose last job was in the Armed Forces.

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>>.