

TABLE B-27. Civilian unemployment rate, 1978–2023

[Percent ¹; monthly data seasonally adjusted]

Year or month	All civilian workers	By sex and age			By race or ethnicity ²				U-6 measure of labor underutilization ³	By educational attainment (25 years & over)			
		Men 20 years and over	Women 20 years and over	Both sexes 16–19	White	Black or African American	Asian	Hispanic or Latino ethnicity		Less than a high school diploma	High school graduates, no college	Some college or associate degree	Bachelor's degree and higher ⁴
1978	6.1	4.3	6.0	16.4	5.2	12.8	9.1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
1979	5.8	4.2	5.7	16.1	5.1	12.3	8.3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
1980	7.1	5.9	6.4	17.8	6.3	14.3	10.1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
1981	7.6	6.3	6.8	19.6	6.7	15.6	10.4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
1982	9.7	8.8	8.3	23.2	8.6	18.9	13.8	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
1983	9.6	8.9	8.1	22.4	8.4	19.5	13.7	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
1984	7.5	6.6	6.8	18.9	6.5	15.9	10.7	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
1985	7.2	6.2	6.6	18.6	6.2	15.1	10.5	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
1986	7.0	6.1	6.2	18.3	6.0	14.5	10.6	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
1987	6.2	5.4	5.4	16.9	5.3	13.0	8.8	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
1988	5.5	4.8	4.9	15.3	4.7	11.7	8.2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
1989	5.3	4.5	4.7	15.0	4.5	11.4	8.0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
1990	5.6	5.0	4.9	15.5	4.8	11.4	8.2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
1991	6.8	6.4	5.7	18.7	6.1	12.5	10.0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
1992	7.5	7.1	6.3	20.1	6.6	14.2	11.6	.....	11.5	6.8	5.6	3.2
1993	6.9	6.4	5.9	19.0	6.1	13.0	10.8	.....	10.8	6.3	5.2	2.9
1994	6.1	5.4	5.4	17.6	5.3	11.5	9.9	10.9	9.8	5.4	4.5	2.6	
1995	5.6	4.8	4.9	17.3	4.9	10.4	9.3	10.1	9.0	4.8	4.0	2.4	
1996	5.4	4.6	4.8	16.7	4.7	10.5	8.9	9.7	8.7	4.7	3.7	2.2	
1997	4.9	4.2	4.4	16.0	4.2	10.0	7.7	8.9	8.1	4.3	3.3	2.0	
1998	4.5	3.7	4.1	14.6	3.9	8.9	7.2	8.0	7.1	4.0	3.0	1.8	
1999	4.2	3.5	3.8	13.9	3.7	8.0	6.4	7.4	6.7	3.5	2.8	1.8	
2000	4.0	3.3	3.6	13.1	3.5	7.6	3.6	5.7	7.0	6.3	3.4	2.7	
2001	4.7	4.2	4.1	14.7	4.2	8.6	4.5	6.6	8.1	7.2	4.2	3.3	
2002	5.8	5.3	5.1	16.5	5.1	10.2	5.9	7.5	9.6	8.4	5.3	4.5	
2003	6.0	5.6	5.1	17.5	5.2	10.8	6.0	7.7	10.1	8.8	5.5	4.8	
2004	5.5	5.0	4.9	17.0	4.8	10.4	4.4	7.0	9.6	8.5	5.0	4.2	
2005	5.1	4.4	4.6	16.6	4.4	10.0	4.0	6.0	8.9	7.6	4.7	3.9	
2006	4.6	4.0	4.1	15.4	4.0	8.9	3.0	5.2	8.2	6.8	4.3	3.6	
2007	4.6	4.1	4.0	15.7	4.1	8.3	3.2	5.6	8.3	7.1	4.4	3.6	
2008	5.8	5.4	4.9	18.7	5.2	10.1	4.0	7.6	10.5	9.0	5.7	4.6	
2009	9.3	9.6	7.5	24.3	8.5	14.8	7.3	12.1	16.2	14.6	9.7	8.0	
2010	9.6	9.8	8.0	25.9	8.7	16.0	7.5	12.5	16.7	14.9	10.3	8.4	
2011	8.9	8.7	7.9	24.4	7.9	15.8	7.0	11.5	15.9	14.1	9.4	8.0	
2012	8.1	7.5	7.3	24.0	7.2	13.8	5.9	10.3	14.7	12.4	8.3	7.1	
2013	7.4	7.0	6.5	22.9	6.5	13.1	5.2	9.1	13.8	11.0	7.5	6.4	
2014	6.2	5.7	5.6	19.6	5.3	11.3	5.0	7.4	12.0	9.0	6.0	5.4	
2015	5.3	4.9	4.8	16.9	4.6	9.6	3.8	6.6	10.4	8.0	5.4	4.5	
2016	4.9	4.5	4.4	15.7	4.3	8.4	3.6	5.8	9.6	7.4	5.2	4.1	
2017	4.4	4.0	4.0	14.0	3.8	7.5	3.4	5.1	8.5	6.5	4.6	3.8	
2018	3.9	3.6	3.5	12.9	3.5	6.5	3.0	4.7	7.7	5.6	4.1	3.3	
2019	3.7	3.4	3.3	12.7	3.3	6.1	2.7	4.3	7.2	5.4	3.7	3.0	
2020	8.1	7.4	8.0	17.9	7.3	11.4	8.7	10.4	13.6	11.7	9.0	7.8	
2021	5.3	5.2	5.0	11.7	4.7	8.6	5.0	6.8	9.4	8.3	6.2	5.1	
2022	3.6	3.4	3.3	10.8	3.2	6.1	2.8	4.3	6.9	5.5	4.0	3.1	
2023	3.6	3.5	3.2	11.2	3.3	5.5	3.0	4.6	6.9	5.6	3.9	3.0	
2022: Jan	4.0	3.8	3.6	11.2	3.4	7.0	3.6	4.7	7.2	6.3	4.6	3.5	
Feb	3.8	3.5	3.7	10.2	3.3	6.6	2.9	4.3	7.2	4.4	4.4	3.7	
Mar	3.6	3.4	3.4	10.3	3.2	6.4	2.7	4.2	7.0	5.3	4.0	3.1	
Apr	3.7	3.5	3.3	10.6	3.3	6.1	3.0	4.2	7.1	5.4	3.8	3.1	
May	3.6	3.4	3.4	10.5	3.2	6.2	2.4	4.4	7.1	5.2	3.7	3.3	
June	3.6	3.4	3.3	10.9	3.3	5.8	2.9	4.3	6.7	5.7	3.6	3.1	
July	3.5	3.3	3.1	11.2	3.1	5.9	2.7	4.0	6.8	5.9	3.6	2.8	
Aug	3.6	3.5	3.2	10.2	3.2	6.4	2.8	4.5	7.0	6.2	4.4	2.9	
Sept	3.5	3.3	3.1	11.4	3.0	5.8	2.5	3.9	6.7	5.6	3.7	2.9	
Oct	3.6	3.3	3.4	10.6	3.2	5.8	3.0	4.2	6.7	6.2	4.0	3.0	
Nov	3.6	3.3	3.3	11.3	3.2	5.6	2.6	4.0	6.7	4.3	3.9	3.2	
Dec	3.5	3.1	3.2	10.5	3.0	5.7	2.4	4.2	6.5	5.0	3.6	3.0	
2023: Jan	3.4	3.2	3.1	10.5	3.1	5.4	2.9	4.7	6.7	4.5	3.8	2.9	
Feb	3.6	3.3	3.3	11.1	3.2	5.7	3.4	5.4	6.8	5.8	3.6	3.3	
Mar	3.5	3.4	3.2	9.9	3.2	5.1	2.8	4.6	6.7	4.8	4.0	3.0	
Apr	3.4	3.3	3.1	9.3	3.1	4.8	2.8	4.4	6.6	5.4	3.9	2.9	
May	3.7	3.5	3.3	10.3	3.3	5.7	3.0	4.1	6.8	5.7	3.9	3.2	
June	3.6	3.4	3.1	11.2	3.1	6.0	3.1	4.2	6.9	6.0	3.9	3.0	
July	3.5	3.4	3.1	11.3	3.1	5.7	2.3	4.4	6.7	5.3	3.3	3.1	
Aug	3.8	3.7	3.2	12.3	3.4	5.3	3.2	4.9	7.1	5.4	3.9	3.1	
Sept	3.8	3.8	3.1	11.8	3.4	5.7	2.9	4.6	7.0	5.5	4.1	3.0	
Oct	3.8	3.7	3.2	13.1	3.5	5.8	3.1	4.8	7.2	5.8	4.0	3.1	
Nov	3.7	3.7	3.1	11.4	3.3	5.8	3.5	4.6	7.0	6.3	4.1	2.8	
Dec	3.7	3.5	3.3	11.9	3.5	5.2	3.1	5.0	7.1	6.0	4.2	3.1	

¹ Unemployed as percent of civilian labor force in group specified.

² See footnote 1, Table B-23.

³ Total unemployed, plus all persons marginally attached to the labor force, plus total employed part time for economic reasons, as a percent of the civilian labor force plus all persons marginally attached to the labor force.

⁴ Includes persons with bachelor's, master's, professional, and doctoral degrees.

Note: Data relate to persons 16 years of age and over, except as noted.

See Note, Table B-22.

Source: Department of Labor (Bureau of Labor Statistics).