

TABLE B-27. Civilian unemployment rate, 1978–2024
 [Percent¹; 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 | |
| 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 | |
| 2024: Jan | 3.7 | 3.6 | 3.2 | 10.6 | 3.4 | 5.3 | 2.9 | 5.0 | 7.2 | 6.0 | 4.3 | 3.3 | |
| Feb | 3.9 | 3.5 | 3.5 | 12.5 | 3.4 | 5.6 | 3.4 | 5.0 | 7.3 | 6.1 | 4.2 | 3.1 | |
| Mar | 3.8 | 3.3 | 3.6 | 12.6 | 3.4 | 6.4 | 2.5 | 4.5 | 7.3 | 4.9 | 4.1 | 3.4 | |
| Apr | 3.9 | 3.6 | 3.5 | 11.7 | 3.5 | 5.6 | 2.8 | 4.8 | 7.4 | 6.0 | 4.0 | 3.3 | |
| May | 4.0 | 3.8 | 3.4 | 12.3 | 3.5 | 6.1 | 3.1 | 5.0 | 7.4 | 5.9 | 4.3 | 3.1 | |
| June | 4.1 | 3.8 | 3.7 | 12.1 | 3.5 | 6.3 | 4.1 | 4.9 | 7.4 | 5.9 | 4.2 | 3.4 | |
| July | 4.3 | 4.0 | 3.8 | 12.4 | 3.8 | 6.3 | 3.7 | 5.3 | 7.8 | 6.7 | 4.6 | 3.5 | |
| Aug | 4.2 | 4.0 | 3.7 | 14.1 | 3.8 | 6.1 | 4.1 | 5.5 | 7.9 | 7.1 | 4.0 | 3.4 | |
| Sept | 4.1 | 3.7 | 3.6 | 14.3 | 3.6 | 5.7 | 4.1 | 5.1 | 7.7 | 6.8 | 4.0 | 3.4 | |
| Oct | 4.1 | 3.9 | 3.6 | 13.8 | 3.8 | 5.7 | 3.9 | 5.1 | 7.7 | 6.6 | 4.0 | 3.4 | |
| Nov | 4.2 | 3.9 | 3.9 | 13.2 | 3.8 | 6.4 | 3.8 | 5.3 | 7.8 | 6.0 | 4.6 | 3.6 | |

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).