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The **Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS)** program produces monthly and annual employment, unemployment, and labor force data for Census regions and divisions, States, counties, metropolitan areas, and many cities, by place of residence. [More »](#)

[Alternative Measures of Labor Underutilization for States](#) **NEW**

How can I apply for unemployment insurance?

The Bureau of Labor Statistics does not administer or oversee unemployment insurance (UI) programs. You should contact your State workforce agency for information, using the Department of Labor's [Career Onestop Service Locator](#).

Next Release: May 21, 2010

Regional and State Employment and Unemployment: April 2010 is scheduled to be issued on Friday, May 21, at 10:00 A.M. Eastern Time.

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LAU Economic News Releases

Regional and State Employment and Unemployment (Monthly)

April 16, 2010

In March, 24 states recorded over-the-month unemployment rate increases, 17 states and the District of Columbia registered rate decreases, and 9 states had no rate change. Nonfarm payroll employment increased in 33 states and the District of Columbia and decreased in 17 states. [More »](#)

Metropolitan Area Employment and Unemployment (Monthly)

April 28, 2010

Unemployment rates were higher in March than a year earlier in 321 of the 372 metropolitan areas, lower in 41 areas, and unchanged in 10 areas. Among the 372 metropolitan areas for which nonfarm payroll employment were available, 322 areas reported over-the-year decreases in employment, 45 reported increases, and 5 remained unchanged. [More »](#)

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Annual

Regional and State Unemployment

March 04, 2010

Latest Numbers

Unemployment Rates, seasonally adjusted

Alabama
11.0% (p) in Mar 2010
[Historical Data](#)

Alaska
8.6% (p) in Mar 2010
[Historical Data](#)

Arizona
9.6% (p) in Mar 2010
[Historical Data](#)

Arkansas
7.8% (p) in Mar 2010
[Historical Data](#)

California
12.6% (p) in Mar 2010
[Historical Data](#)

Colorado
7.9% (p) in Mar 2010
[Historical Data](#)

Connecticut
9.2% (p) in Mar 2010
[Historical Data](#)

Delaware
9.2% (p) in Mar 2010
[Historical Data](#)

D.C.
11.6% (p) in Mar 2010
[Historical Data](#)

Florida
12.3% (p) in Mar 2010
[Historical Data](#)

Georgia
10.6% (p) in Mar 2010
[Historical Data](#)

Hawaii
6.9% (p) in Mar 2010
[Historical Data](#)

Idaho
9.4% (p) in Mar 2010
[Historical Data](#)

Illinois
11.5% (p) in Mar 2010
[Historical Data](#)

Indiana
9.9% (p) in Mar 2010
[Historical Data](#)

Iowa
6.8% (p) in Mar 2010
[Historical Data](#)

Kansas
6.5% (p) in Mar 2010
[Historical Data](#)

Kentucky
10.7% (p) in Mar 2010
[Historical Data](#)

Louisiana
6.9% (p) in Mar 2010
[Historical Data](#)

Maine
8.2% (p) in Mar 2010
[Historical Data](#)

Maryland
7.7% (p) in Mar 2010
[Historical Data](#)

Annual average unemployment rates rose in 2009 in all regions, divisions, and states. Employment-population ratios decreased across all of these geographic areas as well. The U.S. jobless rate rose 3.5 percentage points from the prior year to 9.3 percent, and the national employment-population ratio fell 2.9 points to 59.3 percent. [More...](#)

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Archived

Caution: data in many archived news releases have been revised in subsequent releases.

Archived [Regional and State Employment and Unemployment](#) Releases (1993-forward)

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Archived [Regional and State Unemployment](#) (Annual) Releases (1992-forward)

Featured LAU Searchable Databases

Please note that the "Get Detailed LAUS Statistics" tools for data retrieval will be unavailable from 10:00 AM to approximately 10:30 AM on the day of a Local Area Unemployment Statistics release because the LAUS database is updated during that time. A schedule of upcoming release dates is available at www.bls.gov/lau/lausched.htm.

[Instructions for Extracting Data](#)--Quick, easy instructions on how to extract Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS) data.

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Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS)						

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Create Customized Maps

Mapping Unemployment Rates (States, Metropolitan Areas, Counties)



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9.3% (p) in Mar 2010
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Michigan
14.1% (p) in Mar 2010
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Minnesota
7.4% (p) in Mar 2010
[Historical Data](#)

Mississippi
11.5% (p) in Mar 2010
[Historical Data](#)

Missouri
9.5% (p) in Mar 2010
[Historical Data](#)

Montana
7.1% (p) in Mar 2010
[Historical Data](#)

Nebraska
5.0% (p) in Mar 2010
[Historical Data](#)

Nevada
13.4% (p) in Mar 2010
[Historical Data](#)

New Hampshire
7.0% (p) in Mar 2010
[Historical Data](#)

New Jersey
9.8% (p) in Mar 2010
[Historical Data](#)

New Mexico
8.8% (p) in Mar 2010
[Historical Data](#)

New York
8.6% (p) in Mar 2010
[Historical Data](#)

North Carolina
11.1% (p) in Mar 2010
[Historical Data](#)

North Dakota
4.0% (p) in Mar 2010
[Historical Data](#)

Ohio
11.0% (p) in Mar 2010
[Historical Data](#)

Oklahoma
6.6% (p) in Mar 2010
[Historical Data](#)

Oregon
10.6% (p) in Mar 2010
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Pennsylvania
9.0% (p) in Mar 2010
[Historical Data](#)

Puerto Rico
16.2% (p) in Mar 2010
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Rhode Island
12.6% (p) in Mar 2010
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South Carolina
12.2% (p) in Mar 2010
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South Dakota
4.8% (p) in Mar 2010
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Tennessee
10.6% (p) in Mar 2010
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Texas
8.2% (p) in Mar 2010
[Historical Data](#)

Utah
7.2% (p) in Mar 2010
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Vermont
6.5% (p) in Mar 2010
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Virginia
7.4% (p) in Mar 2010
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[2009 Annual Averages \(PDF\)](#)

Washington
9.5% (p) in Mar 2010
[Historical Data](#)

West Virginia
9.5% (p) in Mar 2010
[Historical Data](#)

Wisconsin
8.8% (p) in Mar 2010
[Historical Data](#)

Wyoming
7.3% (p) in Mar 2010
[Historical Data](#)

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[Labor Force Statistics from the Current Population Survey](#)—national data on employment, unemployment, earnings, and other labor market topics by demographic characteristics.

[Employment, Hours, and Earnings from the Current Employment Statistics survey \(National\)](#)—monthly national data by detailed industry on employment, hours, and earnings of workers on the payrolls of nonfarm establishments.

[Employment, Hours, and Earnings from the Current Employment Statistics survey \(State and Metro Area\)](#)—monthly data on employment, hours, and earnings by industry and geographic area.

[Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages](#)—comprehensive employment and wage data by industry and geographic area for workers covered by State Unemployment Insurance laws.

[Job Openings and Labor Turnover Survey \(JOLTS\)](#)—monthly data on job openings, hires, and separations that serve as demand-side indicators of labor shortages at the national level.

[Occupational Employment Statistics](#)—data on employment and wages for over 800 occupations and for about 400 nonfarm industries for the nation, plus occupational data for States and metropolitan areas.

[National Longitudinal Surveys](#)—several surveys gathering information at multiple points in time about the labor market and life experiences of six groups of American men, women, and youth.

[Mass Layoff Statistics](#)—reports on mass layoff actions that result in workers being separated from their jobs.

[Survey of Employer-Provided Training](#)—provides detailed information on training by major industry division and by size of establishment from surveys conducted in 1993 and 1995.

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