

Local Area Unemployment Statistics

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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 »](#)

Announcements:

- » [Smoothed Seasonally Adjusted Metropolitan Area Estimates](#) **NEW**
- » [Alternative Measures of Labor Underutilization for States](#)

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: April 10, 2012

- » Metropolitan Area Employment and Unemployment: February 2012 is scheduled to be issued on Tuesday, April 10, at 10:00 A.M. Eastern Time.

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LAU Economic News Releases

Regional and State Employment and Unemployment (Monthly)

March 30, 2012

In February, 29 states reported over-the-month unemployment rate decreases, 8 had increases, and 13 and the District of Columbia had no change. Nonfarm payroll employment increased in 42 states and the district and decreased in 8 states. [More »](#)

Metropolitan Area Employment and Unemployment (Monthly)

March 23, 2012






















Jobless rates were lower in January than a year earlier in 345 of the 372 metropolitan areas, higher in 16, and unchanged in 11. Nonfarm payroll employment was up in 270 metropolitan areas over the year, down in 94, and unchanged in 8. [More »](#)

Current

- Regional and State Employment and Unemployment ([HTML](#)) ([PDF](#))
- Metropolitan Area Employment and Unemployment ([HTML](#)) ([PDF](#))
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UNEMPLOYMENT RATES, SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

Alabama	7.6%(p) in Feb 2012	
Alaska	7.1%(p) in Feb 2012	
Arizona	8.7%(p) in Feb 2012	
Arkansas	7.6%(p) in Feb 2012	
California	10.9%(p) in Feb 2012	
Colorado	7.8%(p) in Feb 2012	
Connecticut	7.8%(p) in Feb 2012	
Delaware	7.0%(p) in Feb 2012	
D.C.	9.9%(p) in Feb 2012	
Florida	9.4%(p) in Feb 2012	
Georgia	9.1%(p) in Feb 2012	
Hawaii	6.4%(p) in Feb 2012	
Idaho	8.0%(p) in Feb 2012	
Illinois	9.1%(p) in Feb 2012	
Indiana	8.4%(p) in Feb 2012	
Iowa	5.3%(p) in Feb 2012	
Kansas	6.1%(p) in Feb 2012	
Kentucky	8.7%(p) in Feb 2012	
Louisiana	7.0%(p) in Feb 2012	
Maine	7.1%(p) in Feb 2012	
Maryland	6.5%(p) in Feb 2012	

- [Schedule of Upcoming Releases](#)

Annual

Regional and State Unemployment

February 29, 2012

Annual average unemployment rates in 2011 declined in 48 states and rose in 2 states and the District of Columbia. Employment-population ratios decreased in 24 states and the district, increased in 19 states, and were unchanged in 7 states. [More...](#) ([HTML](#)) ([PDF](#))

Archived





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

- Archived [Regional and State Employment and Unemployment](#) Releases (1993-forward)
- Archived [Metropolitan Area Employment and Unemployment](#) Releases (1998-forward)
- 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.


Databases

Database Name	Special Notice	Top Picks	One Screen	Multi-Screen	Tables	Text Files
Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS)	 SPECIAL NOTICE	 TOP PICKS	 ONE-SCREEN DATA SEARCH	 MULTI-SCREEN DATA SEARCH	 TABLES	 TEXT FILES



























More Tools

Create Customized Maps

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Mapping Unemployment Rates (States, Metropolitan Areas, Counties) 

- [Series Report](#) —Already know the series identifier for the statistic you want? Use this shortcut to retrieve your data.

Massachusetts	6.9%(p) in Feb 2012	
Michigan	8.8%(p) in Feb 2012	
Minnesota	5.7%(p) in Feb 2012	
Mississippi	9.5%(p) in Feb 2012	
Missouri	7.4%(p) in Feb 2012	
Montana	6.2%(p) in Feb 2012	
Nebraska	4.0%(p) in Feb 2012	
Nevada	12.3%(p) in Feb 2012	
New Hampshire	5.2%(p) in Feb 2012	
New Jersey	9.0%(p) in Feb 2012	
New Mexico	7.2%(p) in Feb 2012	
New York	8.5%(p) in Feb 2012	
North Carolina	9.9%(p) in Feb 2012	
North Dakota	3.1%(p) in Feb 2012	
Ohio	7.6%(p) in Feb 2012	
Oklahoma	6.0%(p) in Feb 2012	
Oregon	8.8%(p) in Feb 2012	
Pennsylvania	7.6%(p) in Feb 2012	
Puerto Rico	15.0% in Feb 2012	
Rhode Island	11.0%(p) in Feb 2012	
South Carolina	9.1%(p) in Feb 2012	
South Dakota	4.3%(p) in Feb 2012	
Tennessee	8.0%(p) in Feb 2012	
Texas	7.1%(p) in Feb 2012	
Utah	5.7%(p) in Feb 2012	
Vermont	4.9%(p) in Feb 2012	

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Monthly

STATEWIDE DATA

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- [Current Unemployment Rates for States and Historical Highs/Lows](#)
- [Unemployment Rates for States](#)
- [Over-the-Month Change in Unemployment Rates for States](#)
- [Over-the-Year Change in Unemployment Rates for States](#)
- [Employment Status of the Civilian Noninstitutional Population by State](#)

MAP

- [Unemployment rates by state, seasonally adjusted \(GIF\)](#)
- [Unemployment rates by state, seasonally adjusted \(PDF\)](#)

METROPOLITAN AREA DATA

TABLES

- [Unemployment Rates for Metropolitan Areas](#)
- [Over-the-Year Change in Unemployment Rates for Metropolitan Areas](#)
- [Unemployment Rates for Large Metropolitan Areas](#)
- [Over-the-Year Change in Unemployment Rates for Large Metropolitan Areas](#)

MAP

- [Unemployment Rates by Metropolitan Area, not seasonally adjusted \(GIF\)](#)
- [Unemployment Rates by Metropolitan Area, not seasonally adjusted \(PDF\)](#)

COUNTY DATA

TABLE

- Labor force data by county, not seasonally adjusted, latest 14 months ([TXT](#)) ([ZIP](#) 1,847KB)

MAP

- Unemployment rates by county, latest 12-month averages ([GIF](#)) ([PDF](#))

NEW ENGLAND DATA BY
MINOR CIVIL DIVISION

MAP

- Unemployment rates in New England by Minor Civil Division, latest 12-month averages ([GIF](#)) ([PDF](#))

Annual Average

STATEWIDE DATA

TABLES

- Unemployment rates for States:
 - [2011](#) **NEW**
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Virginia

5.7%(p) in Feb 2012



Washington

8.2%(p) in Feb 2012



West Virginia

7.2%(p) in Feb 2012



Wisconsin

6.9%(p) in Feb 2012



Wyoming

5.4%(p) in Feb 2012



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- Over-the-year change in unemployment rates for States:
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- [Employment status of the civilian noninstitutional population by state](#)
- [Geographic Profile of Employment and Unemployment, Section II: Estimates for States, 2010](#)
- Employment status of the civilian noninstitutional population in states by sex, race, Hispanic or Latino ethnicity, and detailed age (preliminary):
 - 2011 Annual Averages ([PDF](#)) **NEW**

- Employment status of the civilian noninstitutional population in states by sex, race, Hispanic or Latino ethnicity, marital status, and detailed age:
 - 2010 Annual Averages ([PDF](#))
 - 2009 Annual Averages ([PDF](#))
 - 2008 Annual Averages ([PDF](#))
 - 2007 Annual Averages ([PDF](#))
 - 2006 Annual Averages ([PDF](#))
 - 2005 Annual Averages ([PDF](#))
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 - 2003 Annual Averages ([PDF](#))

- Employment status of the civilian noninstitutional population in states by sex, detailed age, race, and Hispanic origin:
 - 2002 Annual Averages ([PDF](#))
 - 2001 Annual Averages ([PDF](#))
 - 2000 Annual Averages ([PDF](#))
 - 1999 Annual Averages ([PDF](#))

- [Notes on using data](#)

MAPS

- Latest annual average State unemployment rates ([GIF](#)) ([PDF](#))
- Latest over-the-year change in unemployment rates by State ([GIF](#)) ([PDF](#))
- Latest employment-population ratios by State ([GIF](#)) ([PDF](#))
- Historical State unemployment rate maps ([ZIP](#) 394K) ([PDF](#) 614K)
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METROPOLITAN AREA DATA**TABLES**

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- Unemployment rates for large metropolitan areas:
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- Over-the-year change in unemployment rates for metropolitan areas:
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- Over-the-year change in unemployment rates for large metropolitan areas:
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- [Geographic Profile of Employment and Unemployment, Section III: Estimates for metropolitan areas, metropolitan divisions, and cities, 2010](#)

MAPS

- Latest annual average metropolitan area unemployment rates ([GIF](#)) ([PDF](#))
- Historical metropolitan area unemployment rates ([ZIP](#) 1,303KB) ([PDF](#) 1,661KB)

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COUNTY DATA

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- Labor force data by county, 2010 annual averages ([TXT](#), [ZIP](#))
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MAPS

- Latest annual average county unemployment rates ([GIF](#)) ([PDF](#))
- Historical county unemployment rates ([ZIP](#) 2,611KB) ([PDF](#) 3,517KB)
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**NEW ENGLAND DATA BY
MINOR CIVIL DIVISION****MAPS**

- Latest annual average Minor Civil Division unemployment rates ([GIF](#)) ([PDF](#))
- Historical Minor Civil Division unemployment rates ([ZIP](#) 2,644KB) ([PDF](#) 2,744KB)
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CITY DATA**TABLES**

- Unemployment rates for the 50 largest cities
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- [Geographic Profile of Employment and Unemployment, Section III: Estimates for metropolitan areas, metropolitan divisions, and cities, 2010](#)

Featured LAU Documentation

- [Smoothed-Seasonally-Adjusted Estimates \(SSA\) Questions and Answers](#)
- [Alternative Measures of Labor Underutilization for States](#)
- [American Community Survey \(ACS\) Questions and Answers](#)
- [Information on Model-Based Error Measures for Regions, Divisions, and States](#)
- [Changes to State and local area labor force estimation in 2005](#)
- Administrative Uses of Local Area Unemployment ([PDF](#))
- Administrative Uses of LAUS Data Under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 ([PDF](#))
- Labor Market Area Directory, 2011 ([PDF](#))
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LAU Frequently Asked Questions

People Are Asking...

1. [Does LAUS have information on labor force participation rates and employment-population ratios?](#)
2. [Where can I get more information on the impact of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita on Local Area Unemployment Statistics?](#)
3. [What changes were made to State and local area labor force estimates?](#)
4. [Where can I find information on metropolitan areas, including recent changes?](#)
5. [What areas have the highest or lowest unemployment rates?](#)
6. [How can I apply for unemployment insurance?](#)
7. [Where can I find out if my unemployment insurance benefits will be extended?](#)
8. [Since you do not have the data I need, where can I get them?](#)

Frequently Asked Questions

1. [What kind of information does the Local Area Unemployment Statistics \(LAUS\) program provide?](#)
2. [For what time periods are data available?](#)
3. [How are the labor force components \(i.e., civilian noninstitutional population, civilian labor force, employed, unemployed, and unemployment rate\) defined?](#)
4. [What is the American Community Survey \(ACS\), and what is the relationship between LAUS and ACS labor force estimates?](#)
5. [What are metropolitan areas?](#)
6. [What are labor market areas?](#)
7. [What is the publication schedule for LAUS program news releases?](#)
8. [Why aren't data for all areas \(the Nation, states, and substate areas\) available at the same time?](#)
9. [Why are the labor force estimates for areas and cities different between the LA \(Local Area\) and GP \(Geographic Profile\) series?](#)
10. [What is the difference between job losers and the unemployed?](#)

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LAU Special Notices

- [Important Information](#) on Local Area Unemployment Statistics database series

Related Links

Other BLS Programs

- [Geographic Profile of Employment and Unemployment](#)—subnational demographic labor force data from the Current Population Survey. This includes data for census regions and divisions; the 50 States and the District of Columbia; and 54 large metropolitan areas, 22 metropolitan divisions, and 41 cities.
- [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.

Other Useful Links

- [Information about Unemployment Insurance](#)—this Department of Labor site provides links to local One-Stop services

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