

Unemployment: Rate and share unemployed for 27 months or more

	Unemployment rate	Share of long-term unemployment
1948	3.8	5.1
1949	5.9	7.0
1950	5.3	10.9
1951	3.3	6.7
1952	3.0	4.5
1953	2.9	4.3
1954	5.5	9.0
1955	4.4	11.8
1956	4.1	8.4
1957	4.3	8.4
1958	6.8	14.5
1959	5.5	15.3
1960	5.5	11.8
1961	6.7	17.1
1962	5.5	15.0
1963	5.7	13.6
1964	5.2	12.7
1965	4.5	10.4
1966	3.8	8.3
1967	3.8	5.9
1968	3.6	5.5
1969	3.5	4.7
1970	4.9	5.8
1971	5.9	10.4
1972	5.6	11.6
1973	4.9	7.9
1974	5.6	7.4
1975	8.5	15.2
1976	7.7	18.2
1977	7.1	14.7
1978	6.1	10.5
1979	5.8	8.7

1980	7.1	10.7
1981	7.6	14.0
1982	9.7	16.6
1983	9.6	23.9
1984	7.5	19.1
1985	7.2	15.4
1986	7.0	14.4
1987	6.2	14.0
1988	5.5	12.1
1989	5.3	9.9
1990	5.6	10.0
1991	6.8	12.9
1992	7.5	20.3
1993	6.9	20.1
1994	6.1	20.3
1995	5.6	17.3
1996	5.4	17.4
1997	4.9	15.8
1998	4.5	14.1
1999	4.2	12.3
2000	4.0	11.4
2001	4.7	11.8
2002	5.8	18.3
2003	6.0	22.1
2004	5.5	21.8

Source: Authors' analysis from *The State of Working America 2004-05*, Figure 3L.