

Unemployment by State: August '09 compared to July '09 and to start of recession
(Boldface indicates state unemployment rates higher than the national rate)

	Dec 07	July 09 **	August 09		Dec 07	July 09	August 09
UNITED STATES	4.9%	9.4%	9.7%	Missouri	5.3%	9.3	9.5
Alabama	3.8%	10.2	10.4	Montana	3.8%	6.7	6.6
Alaska	6.3%	8.2	8.3	Nebraska	2.7%	5.0	5.0
Arizona	4.3%	9.2	9.1	Nevada	5.2%	12.5	13.2
Arkansas	4.9%	7.4	7.1	New Hampshire	3.5%	6.8	6.9
California	5.9%	11.9	12.2	New Jersey	4.5%	9.3	9.7
Colorado	4.1%	7.8	7.3	New Mexico	3.6%	7.0	7.5
Connecticut	4.9%	7.8	8.1	New York	4.6%	8.6	9.0
Delaware	3.8%	8.1	8.1	North Carolina	5.0%	10.9	10.8
District of Columbia	5.8%	10.6	11.1	North Dakota	3.1%	4.2	4.3
Florida	4.8%	10.8	10.7	Ohio	5.8%	11.2	10.8
Georgia	5.1%	10.3	10.2	Oklahoma	3.6%	6.6	6.8
Hawaii	3.1%	7.0	7.2	Oregon	5.3%	11.8	12.2
Idaho	3.6%	8.8	8.9	Pennsylvania	4.6%	8.5	8.6
Illinois	5.6%	10.4	10.0	Rhode Island	6.0%	12.7	12.8
Indiana	4.5%	10.6	9.9	South Carolina	5.8%	11.7	11.5
Iowa	3.8%	6.5	6.8	South Dakota	2.7%	4.9	4.9
Kansas	4.1%	7.5	7.1	Tennessee	5.3%	10.7	10.8
Kentucky	5.5%	11.1	11.1	Texas	4.4%	7.9	8.0
Louisiana	3.9%	7.4	7.8	Utah	3.0%	6.0	6.0
Maine	4.7%	8.5	8.6	Vermont	4.0%	6.8	6.8
Maryland	3.6%	7.2	7.2	Virginia	3.3%	6.9	6.5
Massachusetts	4.5%	8.8	9.1	Washington	4.6%	8.9	9.2
Michigan	7.3%	15.0	15.2	West Virginia	4.3%	8.9	9.0
Minnesota	4.8%	8.1	8.0	Wisconsin	4.5%	9.0	8.8
Mississippi	6.1%	9.7	9.5	Wyoming	2.9%	6.5	6.6

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics

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