

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

	Dec 07	Apr 09 **	May 09		Dec 07	Apr 09	May 09
UNITED STATES	4.9%	8.9%	9.4%	Missouri	5.3%	8.1%	9.0%
Alabama	3.8%	9.0%	9.8%	Montana	3.8%	6.0%	6.3%
Alaska	6.3%	7.9%	8.4%	Nebraska	2.7%	4.5%	4.4%
Arizona	4.3%	7.7%	8.2%	Nevada	5.2%	10.6%	11.3%
Arkansas	4.9%	6.5%	7.0%	New Hampshire	3.5%	6.3%	6.5%
California	5.9%	11.1%	11.5%	New Jersey	4.5%	8.4%	8.8%
Colorado	4.1%	7.4%	7.6%	New Mexico	3.6%	5.8%	6.5%
Connecticut	4.9%	7.9%	8.0%	New York	4.6%	7.7%	8.2%
Delaware	3.8%	7.4%	8.1%	North Carolina	5.0%	10.7%	11.1%
District of Columbia	5.8%	9.9%	10.7%	North Dakota	3.1%	4.1%	4.4%
Florida	4.8%	9.7%	10.2%	Ohio	5.8%	10.2%	10.8%
Georgia	5.1%	9.2%	9.7%	Oklahoma	3.6%	6.2%	6.3%
Hawaii	3.1%	6.9%	7.4%	Oregon	5.3%	11.8%	12.4%
Idaho	3.6%	7.0%	7.8%	Pennsylvania	4.6%	7.8%	8.2%
Illinois	5.6%	9.4%	10.1%	Rhode Island	6.0%	11.1%	12.1%
Indiana	4.5%	9.9%	10.6%	South Carolina	5.8%	11.4%	12.1%
Iowa	3.8%	5.1%	5.8%	South Dakota	2.7%	4.8%	5.0%
Kansas	4.1%	6.5%	7.0%	Tennessee	5.3%	9.9%	10.7%
Kentucky	5.5%	9.9%	10.6%	Texas	4.4%	6.6%	7.1%
Louisiana	3.9%	6.2%	6.6%	Utah	3.0%	5.2%	5.4%
Maine	4.7%	7.9%	8.3%	Vermont	4.0%	7.3%	7.3%
Maryland	3.6%	6.8%	7.2%	Virginia	3.3%	6.8%	7.1%
Massachusetts	4.5%	8.0%	8.2%	Washington	4.6%	9.0%	9.4%
Michigan	7.3%	12.9%	14.1%	West Virginia	4.3%	7.7%	8.6%
Minnesota	4.8%	8.0%	8.2%	Wisconsin	4.5%	8.6%	8.9%
Mississippi	6.1%	9.1%	9.6%	Wyoming	2.9%	4.5%	5.0%

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics

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