TABLE B–41.—*Civilian unemployment rate by demographic characteristic, 1955–99*

[Percent;[1] monthly data seasonally adjusted]

Year or month	All civilian workers	White							Black and other or black						
		Total	Males			Females			Total	Males			Females		
			Total	16–19 years	20 years and over	Total	16–19 years	20 years and over		Total	16–19 years	20 years and over	Total	16–19 years	20 years and over
									Black and other						
1955	4.4	3.9	3.7	11.3	3.3	4.3	9.1	3.9	8.7	8.8	13.4	8.4	8.5	19.2	7.7
1956	4.1	3.6	3.4	10.5	3.0	4.2	9.7	3.7	8.3	7.9	15.0	7.4	8.9	22.8	7.8
1957	4.3	3.8	3.6	11.5	3.2	4.3	9.5	3.8	7.9	8.3	18.4	7.6	7.3	20.2	6.4
1958	6.8	6.1	6.1	15.7	5.5	6.2	12.7	5.6	12.6	13.7	26.8	12.7	10.8	28.4	9.5
1959	5.5	4.8	4.6	14.0	4.1	5.3	12.0	4.7	10.7	11.5	25.2	10.5	9.4	27.7	8.3
1960	5.5	5.0	4.8	14.0	4.2	5.3	12.7	4.6	10.2	10.7	24.0	9.6	9.4	24.8	8.3
1961	6.7	6.0	5.7	15.7	5.1	6.5	14.8	5.7	12.4	12.8	26.8	11.7	11.9	29.2	10.6
1962	5.5	4.9	4.6	13.7	4.0	5.5	12.8	4.7	10.9	10.9	22.0	10.0	11.0	30.2	9.6
1963	5.7	5.0	4.7	15.9	3.9	5.8	15.1	4.8	10.8	10.5	27.3	9.2	11.2	34.7	9.4
1964	5.2	4.6	4.1	14.7	3.4	5.5	14.9	4.6	9.6	8.9	24.3	7.7	10.7	31.6	9.0
1965	4.5	4.1	3.6	12.9	2.9	5.0	14.0	4.0	8.1	7.4	23.3	6.0	9.2	31.7	7.5
1966	3.8	3.4	2.8	10.5	2.2	4.3	12.1	3.3	7.3	6.3	21.3	4.9	8.7	31.3	6.6
1967	3.8	3.4	2.7	10.7	2.1	4.6	11.5	3.8	7.4	6.0	23.9	4.3	9.1	29.6	7.1
1968	3.6	3.2	2.6	10.1	2.0	4.3	12.1	3.4	6.7	5.6	22.1	3.9	8.3	28.7	6.3
1969	3.5	3.1	2.5	10.0	1.9	4.2	11.5	3.4	6.4	5.3	21.4	3.7	7.8	27.6	5.8
1970	4.9	4.5	4.0	13.7	3.2	5.4	13.4	4.4	8.2	7.3	25.0	5.6	9.3	34.5	6.9
1971	5.9	5.4	4.9	15.1	4.0	6.3	15.1	5.3	9.9	9.1	28.8	7.3	10.9	35.4	8.7
1972	5.6	5.1	4.5	14.2	3.6	5.9	14.2	4.9	10.0	8.9	29.7	6.9	11.4	38.4	8.8
									Black						
1972	5.6	5.1	4.5	14.2	3.6	5.9	14.2	4.9	10.4	9.3	31.7	7.0	11.8	40.5	9.0
1973	4.9	4.3	3.8	12.3	3.0	5.3	13.0	4.3	9.4	8.0	27.8	6.0	11.1	36.1	8.6
1974	5.6	5.0	4.4	13.5	3.5	6.1	14.5	5.1	10.5	9.8	33.1	7.4	11.3	37.4	8.8
1975	8.5	7.8	7.2	18.3	6.2	8.6	17.4	7.5	14.8	14.8	38.1	12.5	14.8	41.0	12.2
1976	7.7	7.0	6.4	17.3	5.4	7.9	16.4	6.8	14.0	13.7	37.5	11.4	14.3	41.6	11.7
1977	7.1	6.2	5.5	15.0	4.7	7.3	15.9	6.2	14.0	13.3	39.2	10.7	14.9	43.4	12.3
1978	6.1	5.2	4.6	13.5	3.7	6.2	14.4	5.2	12.8	11.8	36.7	9.3	13.8	40.8	11.2
1979	5.8	5.1	4.5	13.9	3.6	5.9	14.0	5.0	12.3	11.4	34.2	9.3	13.3	39.1	10.9
1980	7.1	6.3	6.1	16.2	5.3	6.5	14.8	5.6	14.3	14.5	37.5	12.4	14.0	39.8	11.9
1981	7.6	6.7	6.5	17.9	5.6	6.9	16.6	5.9	15.6	15.7	40.7	13.5	15.6	42.2	13.4
1982	9.7	8.6	8.8	21.7	7.8	8.3	19.0	7.3	18.9	20.1	48.9	17.8	17.6	47.1	15.4
1983	9.6	8.4	8.8	20.2	7.9	7.9	18.3	6.9	19.5	20.3	48.8	18.1	18.6	48.2	16.5
1984	7.5	6.5	6.4	16.8	5.7	6.5	15.2	5.8	15.9	16.4	42.7	14.3	15.4	42.6	13.5
1985	7.2	6.2	6.1	16.5	5.4	6.4	14.8	5.7	15.1	15.3	41.0	13.2	14.9	39.2	13.1
1986	7.0	6.0	6.0	16.3	5.3	6.1	14.9	5.4	14.5	14.8	39.3	12.9	14.2	39.2	12.4
1987	6.2	5.3	5.4	15.5	4.8	5.2	13.4	4.6	13.0	12.7	34.4	11.1	13.2	34.9	11.6
1988	5.5	4.7	4.7	13.9	4.1	4.7	12.3	4.1	11.7	11.7	32.7	10.1	11.7	32.0	10.4
1989	5.3	4.5	4.5	13.7	3.9	4.5	11.5	4.0	11.4	11.5	31.9	10.0	11.4	33.0	9.8
1990	5.6	4.8	4.9	14.3	4.3	4.7	12.6	4.1	11.4	11.9	31.9	10.4	10.9	29.9	9.7
1991	6.8	6.1	6.5	17.6	5.8	5.6	15.2	5.0	12.5	13.0	36.3	11.5	12.0	36.0	10.6
1992	7.5	6.6	7.0	18.5	6.4	6.1	15.8	5.5	14.2	15.2	42.0	13.5	13.2	37.2	11.8
1993	6.9	6.1	6.3	17.7	5.7	5.7	14.7	5.2	13.0	13.8	40.1	12.1	12.1	37.4	10.7
1994	6.1	5.3	5.4	16.3	4.8	5.2	13.8	4.6	11.5	12.0	37.6	10.3	11.0	32.6	9.8
1995	5.6	4.9	4.9	15.6	4.3	4.8	13.4	4.3	10.4	10.6	37.1	8.8	10.2	34.3	8.6
1996	5.4	4.7	4.7	15.5	4.1	4.7	12.9	4.1	10.5	11.1	36.9	9.4	10.0	30.3	8.7
1997	4.9	4.2	4.2	14.3	3.6	4.2	12.8	3.7	10.0	10.2	36.5	8.5	9.9	28.7	8.8
1998	4.5	3.9	3.9	14.1	3.2	3.9	10.9	3.4	8.9	8.9	30.1	7.4	9.0	25.3	7.9
1999	4.2	3.7	3.6	12.6	3.0	3.8	11.3	3.3	8.0	8.2	30.9	6.7	7.8	25.1	6.8
1998: Jan	4.7	4.0	3.9	13.8	3.3	4.0	9.0	3.7	9.5	9.5	30.6	8.1	9.5	28.4	8.3
Feb	4.6	4.0	3.9	14.8	3.3	4.0	10.1	3.6	9.3	9.4	33.9	7.8	9.3	26.2	8.2
Mar	4.7	4.1	4.1	14.8	3.4	4.1	10.8	3.6	9.2	9.0	27.7	7.8	9.4	28.4	8.1
Apr	4.3	3.7	3.6	13.0	3.0	3.8	10.7	3.4	9.1	8.7	25.3	7.6	9.4	25.9	8.3
May	4.4	3.8	3.8	14.2	3.1	3.8	10.5	3.3	9.0	8.4	33.0	6.8	9.6	27.7	8.4
June	4.5	3.9	3.9	14.6	3.2	3.9	11.9	3.4	8.7	8.4	23.5	7.4	9.0	23.9	7.9
July	4.5	3.8	3.9	13.8	3.3	3.8	10.1	3.3	9.4	10.0	30.1	8.5	8.9	27.6	7.8
Aug	4.5	3.9	3.8	14.1	3.2	4.0	11.6	3.5	8.9	9.0	30.0	7.6	8.7	26.3	7.5
Sept	4.5	3.9	4.0	14.5	3.3	3.8	10.5	3.3	8.9	8.8	32.2	7.0	9.0	25.1	7.9
Oct	4.5	3.9	3.9	14.1	3.2	4.0	12.8	3.4	8.5	8.5	34.5	6.7	8.6	23.8	7.5
Nov	4.4	3.8	3.7	13.8	3.1	3.9	11.8	3.4	8.6	8.7	32.5	6.9	8.4	22.3	7.5
Dec	4.4	3.8	3.8	13.8	3.2	3.9	10.9	3.4	7.8	7.9	27.6	6.5	7.7	19.1	6.9
1999: Jan	4.3	3.8	3.7	13.8	3.1	3.8	11.5	3.3	7.8	7.9	33.3	6.1	7.8	24.5	6.7
Feb	4.4	3.8	3.8	12.6	3.3	3.8	11.4	3.3	8.2	8.2	31.2	6.7	8.1	25.0	7.0
Mar	4.2	3.6	3.5	12.8	2.9	3.8	11.2	3.3	8.0	7.8	32.4	6.0	8.3	27.6	7.1
Apr	4.3	3.8	3.6	12.6	3.0	4.1	11.6	3.6	7.8	7.9	32.0	6.3	7.8	23.8	6.9
May	4.2	3.7	3.7	12.2	3.1	3.7	10.6	3.3	7.6	7.8	27.9	6.6	7.4	22.5	6.5
June	4.3	3.8	3.7	12.0	3.2	3.9	12.0	3.4	7.6	7.7	28.8	6.4	7.5	21.2	6.7
July	4.3	3.7	3.6	11.7	3.1	3.8	11.1	3.3	8.6	8.6	30.7	7.2	8.6	23.4	7.7
Aug	4.2	3.7	3.7	12.3	3.2	3.7	11.0	3.2	7.8	7.6	29.6	6.3	8.0	26.7	6.9
Sept	4.2	3.6	3.5	12.7	2.9	3.7	11.9	3.2	8.3	8.5	30.3	7.1	8.1	31.4	6.7
Oct	4.1	3.5	3.4	11.9	2.9	3.6	11.7	3.1	8.3	9.5	35.3	7.7	7.2	26.1	6.1
Nov	4.1	3.5	3.4	12.8	2.8	3.6	11.2	3.1	8.0	8.4	31.0	7.0	7.7	25.9	6.6
Dec	4.1	3.5	3.4	13.3	2.8	3.5	10.9	3.0	7.9	8.3	27.5	7.0	7.6	23.0	6.7

[1] Unemployed as percent of civilian labor force in group specified.

Note.—See Note, Table B–40.

Source: Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

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