Table B–43. Civilian unemployment rate by demographic characteristic, 1970–2010

[Percent [1]; monthly data seasonally adjusted]

Year or month	All civilian workers	White [2]							Black and other or black or African American [2]						
		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 [2]						
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 or African American [2]						
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
2000	4.0	3.5	3.4	12.3	2.8	3.6	10.4	3.1	7.6	8.0	26.2	6.9	7.1	22.8	6.2
2001	4.7	4.2	4.2	13.9	3.7	4.1	11.4	3.6	8.6	9.3	30.4	8.0	8.1	27.5	7.0
2002	5.8	5.1	5.3	15.9	4.7	4.9	13.1	4.4	10.2	10.7	31.3	9.5	9.8	28.3	8.8
2003	6.0	5.2	5.6	17.1	5.0	4.8	13.3	4.4	10.8	11.6	36.0	10.3	10.2	30.3	9.2
2004	5.5	4.8	5.0	16.3	4.4	4.7	13.6	4.2	10.4	11.1	35.6	9.9	9.8	28.2	8.9
2005	5.1	4.4	4.4	16.1	3.8	4.4	12.3	3.9	10.0	10.5	36.3	9.2	9.5	30.3	8.5
2006	4.6	4.0	4.0	14.6	3.5	4.0	11.7	3.6	8.9	9.5	32.7	8.3	8.4	25.9	7.5
2007	4.6	4.1	4.2	15.7	3.7	4.0	12.1	3.6	8.3	9.1	33.8	7.9	7.5	25.3	6.7
2008	5.8	5.2	5.5	19.1	4.9	4.9	14.4	4.4	10.1	11.4	35.9	10.2	8.9	26.8	8.1
2009	9.3	8.5	9.4	25.2	8.8	7.3	18.4	6.8	14.8	17.5	46.0	16.3	12.4	33.4	11.5
2010	9.6	8.7	9.6	26.3	8.9	7.7	20.0	7.2	16.0	18.4	45.4	17.3	13.8	40.5	12.8
2009: Jan	7.8	7.1	7.6	21.7	7.0	6.4	15.4	5.9	12.7	15.6	44.0	14.3	10.2	29.5	9.3
Feb	8.2	7.5	8.2	22.5	7.6	6.6	16.6	6.1	13.6	16.3	46.3	15.0	11.1	31.9	10.2
Mar	8.6	8.0	8.8	23.5	8.2	7.0	17.1	6.5	13.5	16.4	41.4	15.4	10.9	26.9	10.2
Apr	8.9	8.1	9.1	22.8	8.5	6.9	17.4	6.4	15.0	18.4	44.2	17.1	12.0	28.1	11.3
May	9.4	8.6	9.7	24.8	9.1	7.3	15.9	6.8	15.0	18.0	47.2	16.7	12.4	34.3	11.4
June	9.5	8.7	9.8	24.5	9.2	7.5	19.2	6.9	14.9	17.5	45.1	16.3	12.7	33.8	11.7
July	9.5	8.7	9.8	26.2	9.1	7.5	18.6	6.9	14.8	17.2	39.7	16.2	12.8	34.0	11.8
Aug	9.7	8.9	10.1	27.9	9.3	7.6	19.9	7.0	15.0	18.1	46.1	17.0	12.3	25.2	11.8
Sept	9.8	9.1	10.2	26.7	9.5	7.7	19.7	7.1	15.4	17.8	49.9	16.4	13.3	32.1	12.5
Oct	10.1	9.4	10.5	28.4	9.8	8.0	21.1	7.4	15.8	18.3	41.7	17.3	13.6	40.7	12.5
Nov	9.9	9.1	10.2	26.5	9.6	7.9	20.1	7.3	15.7	18.8	55.5	17.0	12.9	41.5	11.8
Dec	9.9	9.0	10.0	27.2	9.3	7.9	20.0	7.4	16.2	18.4	52.6	16.8	14.3	42.7	13.1
2010: Jan	9.7	8.7	9.8	27.6	9.1	7.3	18.9	6.8	16.4	19.0	47.4	17.7	14.2	38.7	13.2
Feb	9.7	8.8	9.6	24.9	9.1	7.8	20.2	7.3	15.8	18.9	44.4	17.8	13.1	39.2	12.1
Mar	9.7	8.7	9.6	27.0	8.9	7.8	20.4	7.2	16.5	20.2	46.8	19.0	13.2	35.1	12.4
Apr	9.8	9.0	9.9	27.2	9.3	7.8	19.6	7.3	16.5	18.5	37.0	17.7	14.8	39.7	13.8
May	9.6	8.8	9.4	26.6	8.8	8.0	21.8	7.3	15.5	17.8	36.4	17.1	13.5	40.2	12.4
June	9.5	8.6	9.5	27.1	8.9	7.6	19.3	7.1	15.4	18.4	43.7	17.4	12.6	37.0	11.8
July	9.5	8.6	9.4	26.2	8.8	7.6	20.4	7.1	15.7	17.8	44.6	16.7	13.7	37.7	12.9
Aug	9.6	8.7	9.6	27.0	8.9	7.7	20.4	7.1	16.2	18.6	51.2	17.2	14.1	39.5	13.2
Sept	9.6	8.7	9.5	26.8	8.9	7.7	19.9	7.2	16.1	18.6	48.3	17.4	13.8	50.1	12.7
Oct	9.7	8.8	9.5	26.0	8.9	7.9	20.8	7.3	15.7	17.7	51.3	16.2	14.0	44.0	12.8
Nov	9.8	8.9	9.7	23.3	9.1	8.0	18.7	7.5	16.0	18.0	49.5	16.6	14.2	43.1	13.1
Dec	9.4	8.5	9.2	25.7	8.5	7.7	19.1	7.3	15.8	17.5	42.5	16.5	14.3	45.8	13.2

[1] Unemployed as percent of civilian labor force in group specified.
[2] See footnote 1, Table B–37.

Note: Data relate to persons 16 years of age and over.
See footnote 5 and Note, Table B–35.

Source: Department of Labor (Bureau of Labor Statistics).

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