Table B–12. Civilian unemployment rate, 1974–2017

[Percent [1]; monthly data seasonally adjusted, except as noted]

Year or month	All civilian workers	Males			Females			Both sexes 16–19 years	By race			Hispanic or Latino ethnicity [3]	Married men, spouse present	Women who maintain families [4]
		Total	16–19 years	20 years and over	Total	16–19 years	20 years and over		White [2]	Black or African American [2]	Asian [2]			
1974	5.6	4.9	15.6	3.8	6.7	16.6	5.5	16.0	5.0	10.5	.....	8.1	2.7	7.0
1975	8.5	7.9	20.1	6.8	9.3	19.7	8.0	19.9	7.8	14.8	.....	12.2	5.1	10.0
1976	7.7	7.1	19.2	5.9	8.6	18.7	7.4	19.0	7.0	14.0	.....	11.5	4.2	10.1
1977	7.1	6.3	17.3	5.2	8.2	18.3	7.0	17.8	6.2	14.0	.....	10.1	3.6	9.4
1978	6.1	5.3	15.8	4.3	7.2	17.1	6.0	16.4	5.2	12.8	.....	9.1	2.8	8.5
1979	5.8	5.1	15.9	4.2	6.8	16.4	5.7	16.1	5.1	12.3	.....	8.3	2.8	8.3
1980	7.1	6.9	18.3	5.9	7.4	17.2	6.4	17.8	6.3	14.3	.....	10.1	4.2	9.2
1981	7.6	7.4	20.1	6.3	7.9	19.0	6.8	19.6	6.7	15.6	.....	10.4	4.3	10.4
1982	9.7	9.9	24.4	8.8	9.4	21.9	8.3	23.2	8.6	18.9	.....	13.8	6.5	11.7
1983	9.6	9.9	23.3	8.9	9.2	21.3	8.1	22.4	8.4	19.5	.....	13.7	6.5	12.2
1984	7.5	7.4	19.6	6.6	7.6	18.0	6.8	18.9	6.5	15.9	.....	10.7	4.6	10.3
1985	7.2	7.0	19.5	6.2	7.4	17.6	6.6	18.6	6.2	15.1	.....	10.5	4.3	10.4
1986	7.0	6.9	19.0	6.1	7.1	17.6	6.2	18.3	6.0	14.5	.....	10.6	4.4	9.8
1987	6.2	6.2	17.8	5.4	6.2	15.9	5.4	16.9	5.3	13.0	.....	8.8	3.9	9.2
1988	5.5	5.5	16.0	4.8	5.6	14.4	4.9	15.3	4.7	11.7	.....	8.2	3.3	8.1
1989	5.3	5.2	15.9	4.5	5.4	14.0	4.7	15.0	4.5	11.4	.....	8.0	3.0	8.1
1990	5.6	5.7	16.3	5.0	5.5	14.7	4.9	15.5	4.8	11.4	.....	8.2	3.4	8.3
1991	6.8	7.2	19.8	6.4	6.4	17.5	5.7	18.7	6.1	12.5	.....	10.0	4.4	9.3
1992	7.5	7.9	21.5	7.1	7.0	18.6	6.3	20.1	6.6	14.2	.....	11.6	5.1	10.0
1993	6.9	7.2	20.4	6.4	6.6	17.5	5.9	19.0	6.1	13.0	.....	10.8	4.4	9.7
1994	6.1	6.2	19.0	5.4	6.0	16.2	5.4	17.6	5.3	11.5	.....	9.9	3.7	8.9
1995	5.6	5.6	18.4	4.8	5.6	16.1	4.9	17.3	4.9	10.4	.....	9.3	3.3	8.0
1996	5.4	5.4	18.1	4.6	5.4	15.2	4.8	16.7	4.7	10.5	.....	8.9	3.0	8.2
1997	4.9	4.9	16.9	4.2	5.0	15.0	4.4	16.0	4.2	10.0	.....	7.7	2.7	8.1
1998	4.5	4.4	16.2	3.7	4.6	12.9	4.1	14.6	3.9	8.9	.....	7.2	2.4	7.2
1999	4.2	4.1	14.7	3.5	4.3	13.2	3.8	13.9	3.7	8.0	.....	6.4	2.2	6.4
2000	4.0	3.9	14.0	3.3	4.1	12.1	3.6	13.1	3.5	7.6	3.6	5.7	2.0	5.9
2001	4.7	4.8	16.0	4.2	4.7	13.4	4.1	14.7	4.2	8.6	4.5	6.6	2.7	6.6
2002	5.8	5.9	18.1	5.3	5.6	14.9	5.1	16.5	5.1	10.2	5.9	7.5	3.6	8.0
2003	6.0	6.3	19.3	5.6	5.7	15.6	5.1	17.5	5.2	10.8	6.0	7.7	3.8	8.5
2004	5.5	5.6	18.4	5.0	5.4	15.5	4.9	17.0	4.8	10.4	4.4	7.0	3.1	8.0
2005	5.1	5.1	18.6	4.4	5.1	14.5	4.6	16.6	4.4	10.0	4.0	6.0	2.8	7.8
2006	4.6	4.6	16.9	4.0	4.6	13.8	4.1	15.4	4.0	8.9	3.0	5.2	2.4	7.1
2007	4.6	4.7	17.6	4.1	4.5	13.8	4.0	15.7	4.1	8.3	3.2	5.6	2.5	6.5
2008	5.8	6.1	21.2	5.4	5.4	16.2	4.9	18.7	5.2	10.1	4.0	7.6	3.4	8.0
2009	9.3	10.3	27.8	9.6	8.1	20.7	7.5	24.3	8.5	14.8	7.3	12.1	6.6	11.5
2010	9.6	10.5	28.8	9.8	8.6	22.8	8.0	25.9	8.7	16.0	7.5	12.5	6.8	12.3
2011	8.9	9.4	27.2	8.7	8.5	21.7	7.9	24.4	7.9	15.8	7.0	11.5	5.8	12.4
2012	8.1	8.2	26.8	7.5	7.9	21.1	7.3	24.0	7.2	13.8	5.9	10.3	4.9	11.4
2013	7.4	7.6	25.5	7.0	7.1	20.3	6.5	22.9	6.5	13.1	5.2	9.1	4.3	10.2
2014	6.2	6.3	21.4	5.7	6.1	17.7	5.6	19.6	5.3	11.3	5.0	7.4	3.4	8.6
2015	5.3	5.4	18.4	4.9	5.2	15.5	4.8	16.9	4.6	9.6	3.8	6.6	2.8	7.4
2016	4.9	4.9	17.1	4.5	4.8	14.3	4.4	15.7	4.3	8.4	3.6	5.8	2.7	6.8
2017	4.4	4.4	15.5	4.0	4.3	12.5	4.0	14.0	3.8	7.5	3.4	5.1	2.4	6.2
2016: Jan	4.9	4.9	17.4	4.5	4.9	14.7	4.5	16.0	4.3	8.9	3.7	5.9	2.6	7.1
Feb	4.9	4.9	16.9	4.5	4.9	14.1	4.5	15.5	4.3	8.7	3.8	5.4	2.5	7.0
Mar	5.0	5.0	17.2	4.5	5.1	14.8	4.7	16.0	4.3	9.0	4.0	5.6	2.9	6.8
Apr	5.0	5.0	16.6	4.6	5.0	15.3	4.5	16.0	4.4	8.9	3.8	6.2	2.7	6.7
May	4.7	4.7	16.5	4.3	4.7	15.6	4.2	16.1	4.2	8.2	4.0	5.6	2.7	6.6
June	4.9	5.0	17.4	4.5	4.9	14.6	4.5	16.0	4.3	8.7	3.5	5.9	2.7	7.3
July	4.9	5.0	16.7	4.6	4.6	14.9	4.2	15.9	4.2	8.4	3.8	5.4	2.6	7.2
Aug	4.9	5.0	17.8	4.5	4.8	13.6	4.4	15.7	4.3	8.0	4.1	5.6	2.6	7.9
Sept	5.0	5.1	16.6	4.6	4.8	15.7	4.4	16.1	4.4	8.3	3.8	6.4	2.8	6.4
Oct	4.9	5.0	17.5	4.6	4.7	13.4	4.3	15.5	4.3	8.3	3.4	5.7	2.8	6.1
Nov	4.6	4.7	17.3	4.3	4.5	11.9	4.2	14.7	4.2	7.9	3.0	5.7	2.8	6.2
Dec	4.7	4.8	16.8	4.4	4.5	11.8	4.3	14.4	4.2	7.9	2.8	5.9	2.7	5.8
2017: Jan	4.8	4.8	15.8	4.4	4.8	14.2	4.4	15.0	4.3	7.8	3.8	5.9	2.7	6.3
Feb	4.7	4.7	15.9	4.3	4.6	13.7	4.3	14.9	4.1	8.1	3.5	5.6	2.6	6.5
Mar	4.5	4.6	14.8	4.2	4.3	12.4	4.0	13.6	3.9	8.0	3.3	5.1	2.6	5.5
Apr	4.4	4.4	16.4	3.9	4.4	12.9	4.1	14.7	3.9	7.9	3.2	5.2	2.4	6.0
May	4.3	4.2	15.7	3.8	4.3	12.6	4.0	14.1	3.7	7.6	3.6	5.2	2.3	6.8
June	4.3	4.4	14.4	4.0	4.3	12.1	4.0	13.3	3.8	7.1	3.6	4.8	2.2	6.9
July	4.3	4.4	15.4	4.0	4.3	11.4	4.0	13.3	3.7	7.4	3.8	5.1	2.4	6.8
Aug	4.4	4.5	14.8	4.1	4.4	12.9	4.0	13.8	3.8	7.6	3.9	5.1	2.6	7.2
Sept	4.2	4.2	15.2	3.8	4.2	11.0	3.9	13.0	3.7	7.0	3.6	5.1	2.3	6.5
Oct	4.1	4.2	16.0	3.8	3.9	11.4	3.6	13.7	3.5	7.3	3.0	4.8	2.0	5.6
Nov	4.1	4.2	17.7	3.7	4.1	14.1	3.6	15.9	3.7	7.2	3.0	4.8	2.1	5.5
Dec	4.1	4.1	14.8	3.8	4.0	12.3	3.7	13.6	3.7	6.8	2.5	4.9	2.2	5.3

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

[2] Beginning in 2003, persons who selected this race group only. Prior to 2003, persons who selected more than one race were included in the group they identified as the main race. Data for "black or African American" were for "black" prior to 2003. See *Employment and Earnings* or concepts and methodology of the CPS at http://www.bls.gov/cps/documentation.htm#concepts for details.

[3] Persons whose ethnicity is identified as Hispanic or Latino may be of any race.

[4] Not seasonally adjusted.

Note: Data relate to persons 16 years of age and over.
See Note, Table B–11.

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