

Table 621. Unemployed Workers—Summary: 1980 to 2009

[In thousands (7,637 represents 7,637,000), except as indicated. For civilian noninstitutionalized population 16 years old and over. Annual averages of monthly figures. Based on the Current Population Survey; see text, Section 1 and Appendix III. For data on unemployment insurance, see Table 556]

Item	1980	1990 ¹	2000 ¹	2005 ¹	2006 ¹	2007 ¹	2008 ¹	2009 ¹
UNEMPLOYED								
Total ²	7,637	7,047	5,692	7,591	7,001	7,078	8,924	14,265
16 to 19 years old	1,669	1,212	1,081	1,186	1,119	1,101	1,285	1,552
20 to 24 years old	1,835	1,299	1,022	1,335	1,234	1,241	1,545	2,207
25 to 34 years old	2,024	1,995	1,207	1,661	1,521	1,544	1,949	3,284
35 to 44 years old	940	1,328	1,133	1,400	1,279	1,225	1,604	2,722
45 to 54 years old	676	723	762	1,195	1,094	1,135	1,473	2,592
55 to 64 years old	399	386	355	630	595	642	803	1,487
65 years and over	94	105	132	184	159	190	264	421
Male	4,267	3,906	2,975	4,059	3,753	3,882	5,033	8,453
16 to 19 years old	913	667	599	667	622	623	736	898
20 to 24 years old	1,076	715	547	775	705	721	920	1,329
25 to 34 years old	1,137	1,092	602	844	810	856	1,119	1,988
35 to 44 years old	482	711	557	715	642	634	875	1,600
45 to 54 years old	357	413	398	624	569	591	804	1,558
55 to 64 years old	243	249	189	331	318	349	425	840
65 years and over	58	59	83	102	88	108	153	241
Female	3,370	3,140	2,717	3,531	3,247	3,196	3,891	5,811
16 to 19 years old	755	544	483	519	496	478	549	654
20 to 24 years old	760	584	475	560	530	520	625	878
25 to 34 years old	886	902	604	817	711	688	830	1,296
35 to 44 years old	459	617	577	685	637	591	730	1,121
45 to 54 years old	318	310	364	571	524	544	669	1,034
55 to 64 years old	155	137	165	299	277	293	377	647
65 years and over	36	46	50	82	71	81	111	180
White ³	5,884	5,186	4,121	5,350	5,002	5,143	6,509	10,648
Black ³	1,553	1,565	1,241	1,700	1,549	1,445	1,788	2,606
Asian ^{3, 4}	(NA)	(NA)	227	259	205	229	285	522
Hispanic ⁵	620	876	954	1,191	1,081	1,220	1,678	2,706
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE ⁶ (percent)								
Total ²	7.1	5.6	4.0	5.1	4.6	4.6	5.8	9.3
16 to 19 years old	17.8	15.5	13.1	16.6	15.4	15.7	18.7	24.3
20 to 24 years old	11.5	8.8	7.2	8.8	8.2	8.2	10.2	14.7
25 to 34 years old	6.9	5.6	3.7	5.1	4.7	4.7	5.8	9.9
35 to 44 years old	4.6	4.1	3.0	3.9	3.6	3.4	4.6	7.9
45 to 54 years old	4.0	3.6	2.5	3.5	3.1	3.2	4.1	7.2
55 to 64 years old	3.3	3.3	2.5	3.3	3.0	3.1	3.7	6.6
65 years and over	3.1	3.0	3.1	3.5	2.9	3.3	4.2	6.4
Male	6.9	5.7	3.9	5.1	4.6	4.7	6.1	10.3
16 to 19 years old	18.3	16.3	14.0	18.6	16.9	17.6	21.2	27.8
20 to 24 years old	12.5	9.1	7.3	9.6	8.7	8.9	11.4	17.0
25 to 34 years old	6.7	5.5	3.4	4.7	4.5	4.7	6.1	10.9
35 to 44 years old	4.1	4.1	2.8	3.7	3.3	3.3	4.6	8.6
45 to 54 years old	3.6	3.7	2.4	3.5	3.1	3.1	4.2	8.2
55 to 64 years old	3.4	3.8	2.4	3.3	3.0	3.2	3.8	7.2
65 years and over	3.1	3.0	3.3	3.4	2.8	3.4	4.5	6.7
Female	7.4	5.5	4.1	5.1	4.6	4.5	5.4	8.1
16 to 19 years old	17.2	14.7	12.1	14.5	13.8	13.8	16.2	20.7
20 to 24 years old	10.4	8.5	7.1	7.9	7.6	7.3	8.8	12.3
25 to 34 years old	7.2	5.6	4.1	5.6	4.9	4.6	5.5	8.6
35 to 44 years old	5.3	4.2	3.3	4.1	3.9	3.6	4.5	7.1
45 to 54 years old	4.5	3.4	2.5	3.5	3.1	3.2	3.9	6.0
55 to 64 years old	3.3	2.8	2.5	3.3	2.9	3.0	3.7	6.0
65 years and over	3.1	3.1	2.7	3.5	3.0	3.1	3.9	6.1
White ³	6.3	4.8	3.5	4.4	4.0	4.1	5.2	8.5
Black ³	14.3	11.4	7.6	10.0	8.9	8.3	10.1	14.8
Asian ^{3, 4}	(NA)	(NA)	3.6	4.0	3.0	3.2	4.0	7.3
Hispanic ⁵	10.1	8.2	5.7	6.0	5.2	5.6	7.6	12.1
Percent without work for—								
Fewer than 5 weeks	43.2	46.3	44.9	35.1	37.3	35.9	32.8	22.2
5 to 14 weeks	32.3	32.0	31.9	30.4	30.3	31.5	31.4	26.8
15 to 26 weeks	13.8	11.7	11.8	14.9	14.7	15.0	16.0	19.5
27 weeks and over	10.7	10.0	11.4	19.6	17.6	17.6	19.7	31.5
Unemployment duration, average (weeks)	11.9	12.0	12.6	18.4	16.8	16.8	17.9	24.4

NA Not available. ¹ See footnote 2, Table 584. ² Includes other races not shown separately. ³ See footnote 4, Table 585.

⁴ Prior to 2004, includes Pacific Islanders. ⁵ Persons of Hispanic or Latino origin may be any race. ⁶ Unemployed as percent of civilian labor force in specified group.

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, "Employment and Earnings Online," January 2010, <<http://www.bls.gov/opub/ee/home.htm>> and <<http://www.bls.gov/cps/home.htm>>.