

Unemployment by State: September '09 compared to August '09 and to start of U.S. recession
(Boldface indicates state unemployment rates higher than the national rate)

	Dec 07	August 09*	Sept. 09		Dec 07	August 09*	Sept. 09
UNITED STATES	4.9%	9.7%	9.8%	Missouri	5.3%	9.5	9.5
Alabama	3.8%	10.3	10.7	Montana	3.8%	6.6	6.7
Alaska	6.3%	8.1	8.4	Nebraska	2.7%	5.0	4.9
Arizona	4.3%	9.1	9.1	Nevada	5.2%	13.2	13.3
Arkansas	4.9%	7.1	7.1	New Hampshire	3.5%	7.0	7.2
California	5.9%	12.3	12.2	New Jersey	4.5%	9.6	9.8
Colorado	4.1%	7.3	7.0	New Mexico	3.6%	7.4	7.7
Connecticut	4.9%	8.1	8.4	New York	4.6%	8.9	8.9
Delaware	3.8%	8.0	8.3	North Carolina	5.0%	10.8	10.8
District of Columbia	5.8%	11.1	11.4	North Dakota	3.1%	4.3	4.2
Florida	4.8%	10.8	11.0	Ohio	5.8%	10.8	10.1
Georgia	5.1%	10.1	10.1	Oklahoma	3.6%	6.8	6.7
Hawaii	3.1%	7.1	7.2	Oregon	5.3%	12.0	11.5
Idaho	3.6%	8.9	8.8	Pennsylvania	4.6%	8.7	8.8
Illinois	5.6%	10.0	10.5	Rhode Island	6.0%	12.8	13.0
Indiana	4.5%	9.9	9.6	South Carolina	5.8%	11.4	11.6
Iowa	3.8%	6.7	6.7	South Dakota	2.7%	4.9	4.8
Kansas	4.1%	7.2	6.9	Tennessee	5.3%	10.7	10.5
Kentucky	5.5%	11.2	10.9	Texas	4.4%	8.0	8.2
Louisiana	3.9%	7.8	7.4	Utah	3.0%	6.0	6.2
Maine	4.7%	8.6	8.5	Vermont	4.0%	6.8	6.7
Maryland	3.6%	7.1	7.2	Virginia	3.3%	6.6	6.7
Massachusetts	4.5%	9.1	9.3	Washington	4.6%	9.0	9.3
Michigan	7.3%	15.2	15.3	West Virginia	4.3%	8.9	8.9
Minnesota	4.8%	8.0	7.3	Wisconsin	4.5%	8.8	8.3
Mississippi	6.1%	9.7	9.2	Wyoming	2.9%	6.6	6.8

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics

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