Unemployment Rates for States

Unemployment Rates for States Monthly Rankings Seasonally Adjusted Feb. 2008[p]		
Rank	**State**	**Rate**
1	SOUTH DAKOTA	2.6
2	WYOMING	2.7
3	IDAHO	2.8
3	NEBRASKA	2.8
5	NORTH DAKOTA	3.0
5	UTAH	3.0
7	OKLAHOMA	3.1
8	HAWAII	3.2
8	NEW MEXICO	3.2
10	MONTANA	3.3
11	MARYLAND	3.4
12	IOWA	3.5
12	VIRGINIA	3.5
14	ALABAMA	3.7
14	DELAWARE	3.7
14	KANSAS	3.7
14	LOUISIANA	3.7
14	NEW HAMPSHIRE	3.7
19	ARIZONA	4.0
20	TEXAS	4.1
21	VERMONT	4.3
22	COLORADO	4.4
23	MASSACHUSETTS	4.5
23	NEW YORK	4.5
23	WASHINGTON	4.5
26	FLORIDA	4.6
26	INDIANA	4.6
26	MINNESOTA	4.6
26	WEST VIRGINIA	4.6
30	MAINE	4.8
30	NEW JERSEY	4.8
32	PENNSYLVANIA	4.9
32	WISCONSIN	4.9
34	ARKANSAS	5.0

34	CONNECTICUT	5.0
34	NORTH CAROLINA	5.0
37	GEORGIA	5.2
37	KENTUCKY	5.2
39	MISSOURI	5.3
39	OHIO	5.3
39	TENNESSEE	5.3
42	ILLINOIS	5.5
42	NEVADA	5.5
42	OREGON	5.5
42	SOUTH CAROLINA	5.5
46	CALIFORNIA	5.7
47	RHODE ISLAND	5.8
48	DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	5.9
48	MISSISSIPPI	5.9
50	ALASKA	6.6
51	MICHIGAN	7.2

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NOTE: Rates shown are a percentage of the labor force. Data refer to place of residence. Estimates for the current year are subject to revision early in the following calendar year.

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Current Unemployment Rates for States and Historical Highs/Lows

Current Unemployment Rates for States and Historical Highs/Lows Seasonally Adjusted					
	Feb. 2008[p]	Historical High		Historical Low	
State	Rate	Date	Rate	Date	Rate
Alabama	3.7	Dec. 1982	14.4	Feb. 2007	3.3
Alaska	6.6	July 1986	11.5	Sept. 1999	5.9
Arizona	4.0	Feb. 1983	11.5	June 2007	3.6
Arkansas	5.0	Mar. 1983	10.2	Sept. 2000	4.1
California	5.7	Feb. 1983	11.0	Feb. 2001	4.7
Colorado	4.4	Nov. 1982	9.1	Jan. 2001	2.5
Connecticut	5.0	Jan. 1976	10.0	Nov. 2000	2.1
Delaware	3.7	Jan. 1977	8.2	Oct. 1988	2.9
District of Columbia	5.9	Mar. 1983	11.4	Dec. 1988	4.8
Florida	4.6	Mar. 1976	9.7	May 2006	3.3
Georgia	5.2	Jan. 1983	8.3	Dec. 2000	3.4
Hawaii	3.2	Mar. 1976	10.2	Dec. 2006	2.2
Idaho	2.8	Feb. 1983	9.4	Dec. 2007	2.7
Illinois	5.5	Feb. 1983	12.9	Mar. 1999	4.1
Indiana	4.6	Nov. 1982	12.8	Apr. 1999	2.6
Iowa	3.5	May 1983	8.5	Jan. 2000	2.6
Kansas	3.7	Sept. 1982	7.4	Oct. 1978	2.9
Kentucky	5.2	Dec. 1982	12.1	Mar. 2000	4.0
Louisiana	3.7	Sept. 1986	12.9	July 2006	3.2
Maine	4.8	Mar. 1977	9.0	Jan. 2001	3.0
Maryland	3.4	Aug. 1982	8.3	Mar. 2000	3.3
Massachusetts	4.5	Jan. 1976	10.9	Dec. 2000	2.7
Michigan	7.2	Nov. 1982	16.9	Mar. 2000	3.2
Minnesota	4.6	Nov. 1982	9.0	Apr. 1999	2.5
Mississippi	5.9	May 1983	13.7	Jan. 2001	4.9
Missouri	5.3	Apr. 1983	10.5	Jan. 2000	2.6
Montana	3.3	May 1983	8.7	Aug. 2007	3.1
Nebraska	2.8	Feb. 1983	6.8	Feb. 1998	2.2
Nevada	5.5	Dec. 1982	10.7	Apr. 2006	4.1
New Hampshire	3.7	June 1992	7.7	Apr. 1987	1.9
New Jersey	4.8	Feb. 1977	10.6	June 2000	3.5
New Mexico	3.2	Apr. 1983	9.9	Jan. 2008	3.1
New York	4.5	July 1976	10.5	Apr. 1988	4.0
North Carolina	5.0	Feb. 1983	10.2	Apr. 1999	3.1
North Dakota	3.0	Mar. 1983	6.9	Jan. 1998	2.5

Ohio	5.3	Jan. 1983	13.8	Mar. 2001	3.9
Oklahoma	3.1	Aug. 1986	9.4	Jan. 2001	2.7
Oregon	5.5	Nov. 1982	12.1	Apr. 1995	4.7
Pennsylvania	4.9	Mar. 1983	12.9	Mar. 2000	4.0
Rhode Island	5.8	Nov. 1982	9.7	July 1988	2.9
South Carolina	5.5	Jan. 1983	11.4	Mar. 1998	3.1
South Dakota	2.6	Oct. 1982	5.9	Mar. 2000	2.4
Tennessee	5.3	Dec. 1982	12.4	Mar. 2000	3.8
Texas	4.1	Oct. 1986	9.3	Feb. 2008	4.1
Utah	3.0	Mar. 1983	9.7	Mar. 2007	2.4
Vermont	4.3	June 1976	9.0	Mar. 2000	2.2
Virginia	3.5	Jan. 1983	7.8	Jan. 2001	2.2
Washington	4.5	Nov. 1982	12.2	Apr. 2007	4.4
West Virginia	4.6	Mar. 1983	18.2	Jan. 2007	4.3
Wisconsin	4.9	Jan. 1983	11.8	Apr. 1999	2.9
Wyoming	2.7	May 1983	10.1	Feb. 1979	1.9
Note: Data series begin in January 1976.					

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Historical highs and lows show the most recent month that a rate was recorded in the event of multiple occurrences.

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