

The graph displays the US unemployment rate over a 37-year period. The x-axis represents years from 1978 to 2015, with major ticks every four years. The y-axis represents the unemployment rate, ranging from 4% to 10%. A solid blue line shows the monthly unemployment rate, which exhibits high volatility. A light blue shaded area represents the confidence interval around the trend line. The rate starts at approximately 7.5% in 1978, peaks at about 9.7% in 1982, drops to a low of 5.5% in 1989, spikes to 7.5% in 1992, and then fluctuates between 6% and 7% until 2003. It then rises to a peak of 10% in 2003, followed by a decline to 4.6% in 2007, a recovery to 4.4% in 2008, a sharp rise to 14.3% in 2009, and a gradual decline to 5.3% in 2015.

Year	Unemployment Rate (%)
1978	7.5
1982	9.7
1986	7.5
1990	5.5
1992	7.5
1996	6.5
2000	6.0
2003	10.0
2007	4.6
2008	4.4
2009	14.3
2015	5.3