



# Local Area Unemployment Statistics

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The **Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS)** program produces monthly and annual employment, unemployment, and labor force data for Census regions and divisions, States, counties, metropolitan areas, and many cities, by place of residence. [More »](#)

## Announcement

For information on implementation plans of the federal-state cooperative programs for new metropolitan and micropolitan area delineations [Read More »](#)

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- » [Expanded State Employment Status Demographic Data](#)
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## How can I apply for unemployment insurance?

The Bureau of Labor Statistics does not administer or oversee unemployment insurance (UI) programs. You should contact your State workforce agency for information, using the Department of Labor's [Career Onestop Service Locator](#).

## Next Releases:

- » The State Employment and Unemployment data for November 2020 are scheduled to be released on December 18, 2020, at 10:00 A.M. Eastern Time.
- » The Metropolitan Area Employment and Unemployment data for October 2020 are scheduled to be released on December 3, 2020, at 10:00 A.M. Eastern Time.

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## LAU Economic News Releases

### October jobless rates down in 37 states, up in 8; payroll jobs up in 32 states, down in 2

11/20/2020

In October, unemployment rates were lower in 37 states and the District of Columbia, higher in 8 states, and stable in 5 states. Nonfarm payroll employment increased in 32 states, decreased in 2 states, and was essentially unchanged in 16 states and the District.

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### Sept. jobless rates up over the year in 388 of 389 metro areas; payroll jobs down in 251

10/28/2020

Jobless rates were higher in September than a year earlier in 388 of the 389 metropolitan areas and lower in 1. Nonfarm payroll employment was down in 251 metropolitan areas over the year and essentially unchanged in 138.

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## Current

- State Employment and Unemployment ([HTML](#)) ([PDF](#))
- Metropolitan Area Employment and Unemployment ([HTML](#)) ([PDF](#))
- Subscribe to the [BLS News Service](#)— receive BLS economic news releases by e-mail.
- Schedule of Upcoming Releases
  - [State Employment and Unemployment](#)
  - [Metropolitan Area Employment and Unemployment](#)

## LATEST NUMBERS



### UNEMPLOYMENT RATES, SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

<b>Alabama</b>	5.8%(p) in Oct 2020	
<b>Alaska</b>	5.9%(p) in Oct 2020	
<b>Arizona</b>	8.0%(p) in Oct 2020	
<b>Arkansas</b>	6.2%(p) in Oct 2020	
<b>California</b>	9.3%(p) in Oct 2020	
<b>Colorado</b>	6.4%(p) in Oct 2020	
<b>Connecticut</b>	6.1%(p) in Oct 2020	
<b>Delaware</b>	5.6%(p) in Oct 2020	
<b>D.C.</b>	8.2%(p) in Oct 2020	
<b>Florida</b>	6.5%(p) in Oct 2020	
<b>Georgia</b>	4.5%(p) in Oct 2020	
<b>Hawaii</b>	14.3%(p) in Oct 2020	
<b>Idaho</b>	5.5%(p) in Oct 2020	
<b>Illinois</b>	6.8%(p) in Oct 2020	
<b>Indiana</b>	5.0%(p) in Oct 2020	
<b>Iowa</b>	3.6%(p) in Oct 2020	
<b>Kansas</b>	5.3%(p) in Oct 2020	
<b>Kentucky</b>	7.4%(p) in Oct 2020	
<b>Louisiana</b>	9.4%(p) in Oct 2020	
<b>Maine</b>	5.4%(p) in Oct 2020	
<b>Maryland</b>	7.8%(p) in Oct 2020	
<b>Massachusetts</b>	7.4%(p) in Oct 2020	
<b>Michigan</b>	5.5%(p) in Oct 2020	
<b>Minnesota</b>	4.6%(p) in Oct 2020	
<b>Mississippi</b>	7.4%(p) in Oct 2020	
<b>Missouri</b>	4.6%(p) in Oct 2020	
<b>Montana</b>	4.9%(p) in Oct 2020	
<b>Nebraska</b>	3.0%(p) in Oct 2020	
<b>Nevada</b>	12.0%(p) in Oct 2020	
<b>New Hampshire</b>	4.2%(p) in Oct 2020	
<b>New Jersey</b>	8.2%(p) in Oct 2020	
<b>New Mexico</b>	8.1%(p) in Oct 2020	

## Annual

### Jobless rates down in 10 states in 2019; employment-population ratios up in 16 states

03/04/2020

Annual average unemployment rates in 2019 decreased in 10 states, increased in 1, and were little changed in 39 states and the District of Columbia. Employment- population ratios increased in 16 states, decreased in 2, and were little changed in 32 states and the District.

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### Archived

**Caution: data in many archived news releases have been revised in subsequent releases.**

- Archived [State Employment and Unemployment](#) Releases (1993-forward)
- Archived [Metropolitan Area Employment and Unemployment](#) Releases (1998-forward)
- Archived [Regional and State Unemployment](#) (Annual) Releases (1992-forward)

<b>New York</b>	9.6%(p) in Oct 2020	
<b>North Carolina</b>	6.3%(p) in Oct 2020	
<b>North Dakota</b>	4.8%(p) in Oct 2020	
<b>Ohio</b>	5.6%(p) in Oct 2020	
<b>Oklahoma</b>	6.1%(p) in Oct 2020	
<b>Oregon</b>	6.9%(p) in Oct 2020	
<b>Pennsylvania</b>	7.3%(p) in Oct 2020	
<b>Puerto Rico</b>	8.3% in Oct 2020	
<b>Rhode Island</b>	7.0%(p) in Oct 2020	
<b>South Carolina</b>	4.2%(p) in Oct 2020	
<b>South Dakota</b>	3.6%(p) in Oct 2020	
<b>Tennessee</b>	7.4%(p) in Oct 2020	
<b>Texas</b>	6.9%(p) in Oct 2020	
<b>Utah</b>	4.1%(p) in Oct 2020	
<b>Vermont</b>	3.2%(p) in Oct 2020	
<b>Virginia</b>	5.3%(p) in Oct 2020	
<b>Washington</b>	6.0%(p) in Oct 2020	
<b>West Virginia</b>	6.4%(p) in Oct 2020	
<b>Wisconsin</b>	5.7%(p) in Oct 2020	
<b>Wyoming</b>	5.5%(p) in Oct 2020	

Historical Data  
 News Release  
*p - preliminary*

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- Please note that the "Get Detailed LAUS Statistics" tools for data retrieval will be unavailable from 10:00 AM to approximately 10:30 AM on the day of a Local Area Unemployment Statistics release because the LAUS database is updated during that time. Schedules of upcoming release dates are available as follows:
  - [State Employment and Unemployment](#)
  - [Metropolitan Area Employment and Unemployment](#)
- [Instructions for Extracting Data](#)--Quick, easy instructions on how to extract Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS) data.

### Databases

Database Name	Special Notice	Top Picks	Data Finder	One Screen	Multi-Screen	Tables	Text Files
Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS)							

## Create Customized Maps

Create Customized Maps	Maps
Mapping Unemployment Rates (States and Counties)	

- [Series Report](#)—Already know the series identifier for the statistic you want? Use this shortcut to retrieve your data.

### Tables and Maps Created by BLS

## Monthly

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- [Unemployment Rates for States](#)
- [Over-the-Month Change in Unemployment Rates for States](#)
- [Over-the-Year Change in Unemployment Rates for States](#)
- [Employment Status of the Civilian Noninstitutional Population by State](#)

#### MAP

- [Unemployment rates by state, seasonally adjusted \(GIF\)](#)
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### METROPOLITAN AREA DATA

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- [Unemployment Rates for Metropolitan Areas](#)
- [Over-the-Year Change in Unemployment Rates for Metropolitan Areas](#)
- [Unemployment Rates for Large Metropolitan Areas](#)
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#### MAP

- [Unemployment Rates by Metropolitan Area, not seasonally adjusted \(GIF\)](#).
- [Unemployment Rates by Metropolitan Area, not seasonally adjusted \(PDF\)](#).

COUNTY DATA

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- Labor force data by county, not seasonally adjusted, latest 14 months ([TXT](#)) ([ZIP](#) 1,847KB)

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- Unemployment rates by county, latest 12-month averages ([GIF](#)) ([PDF](#))

Annual Average

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- [Employment status of the civilian noninstitutional population by state](#)
- [Geographic Profile of Employment and Unemployment](#)
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- Latest annual average State unemployment rates ([GIF](#)) ([PDF](#))
- Latest over-the-year change in unemployment rates by State ([GIF](#)) ([PDF](#))
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- Latest annual average metropolitan area unemployment rates ([GIF](#)) ([PDF](#))
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- Unemployment rates for the 50 largest cities
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Featured LAU Documentation

- [Questions and Answers on Recent Changes to Seasonal Adjustment for Model-Based Estimates](#)
- [Changes to State and Local Area Labor Force Estimation in 2015](#)
- [American Community Survey \(ACS\) Questions and Answers](#)
- [Information on Model-Based Error Measures for Regions, Divisions, and States](#)
- Administrative Uses of Local Area Unemployment ([PDF](#))
- [LAUS Estimation Methodology](#)
- Labor Force Concepts ([PDF](#))
- [Geographic Concepts](#)
- [Seasonal Adjustment](#)
- [Differences Between Data Series](#)
- [Differences Between Decennial Census and LAUS Data](#)
- [Region and Division Labor Force Data FAQs](#)

LAU Frequently Asked Questions

People Are Asking...

- 1. [Does LAUS have information on labor force participation rates and employment-population ratios?](#)
- 2. [What changes were made to State and local area labor force estimates?](#)
- 3. [Where can I find information on metropolitan areas, including recent changes?](#)
- 4. [What areas have the highest or lowest unemployment rates?](#)
- 5. [How can I apply for unemployment insurance?](#)
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Frequently Asked Questions

- 1. [What kind of information does the Local Area Unemployment Statistics \(LAUS\) program provide?](#)
- 2. [For what time periods are data available?](#)
- 3. [How are the labor force components \(i.e., civilian labor force, employed, unemployed, and unemployment rate\) defined?](#)
- 4. [What is the American Community Survey \(ACS\), and what is the relationship between the LAUS and ACS labor force estimates?](#)
- 5. [What are metropolitan areas and micropolitan areas?](#)
- 6. [What are labor market areas \(LMAs\)?](#)
- 7. [What is the publication schedule for LAUS program news releases?](#)
- 8. [Why aren't data for all areas \(the nation, states, and substate areas\) available at the same time?](#)
- 9. [Why are labor force estimates for subnational areas different between the LAUS program and the Geographic Profile of Employment and Unemployment \(GP\)?](#)

All LAU FAQs »

LAU Special Notices

- [Important Information](#) on Local Area Unemployment Statistics database series

Related Links

Other BLS Programs

- [Labor Force Statistics from the Current Population Survey](#)—national data on employment, unemployment, earnings, and other labor market topics by demographic characteristics.
- [Employment, Hours, and Earnings from the Current Employment Statistics survey \(National\)](#)—monthly national data by detailed industry on employment, hours, and earnings of workers on the payrolls of nonfarm establishments.
- [Employment, Hours, and Earnings from the Current Employment Statistics survey \(State and Metro Area\)](#)—monthly data on employment, hours, and earnings by industry and geographic area.
- [Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages](#)—comprehensive employment and wage data by industry and geographic area for workers covered by State Unemployment Insurance laws.
- [Job Openings and Labor Turnover Survey \(JOLTS\)](#)—monthly data on job openings, hires, and separations that serve as demand-side indicators of labor shortages at the national level.
- [Occupational Employment Statistics](#)—data on employment and wages for over 800 occupations and for about 400 nonfarm industries for the nation, plus occupational data for States and metropolitan areas.
- [National Longitudinal Surveys](#)—several surveys gathering information at multiple points in time about the labor market and life experiences of six groups of American men, women, and youth.
- [Mass Layoff Statistics](#)—reports on mass layoff actions that result in workers being separated from their jobs.

Other Useful Links

- [Information about Unemployment Insurance](#)—this Department of Labor site provides links to local One-Stop services

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