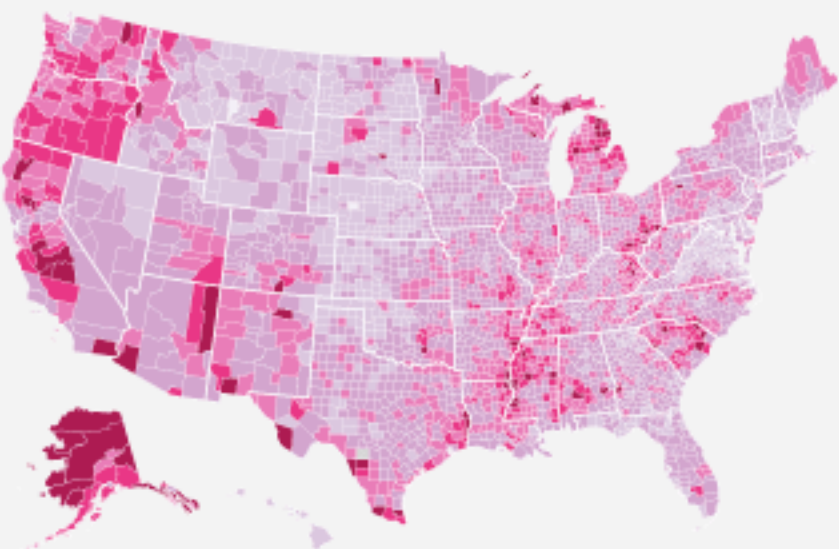


2004, 5.5% National Average



Unemployment rose steadily from 2000 to 2004, peaking at 6.3% in June 2003. Rate decreased steadily over the next four years.

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)



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