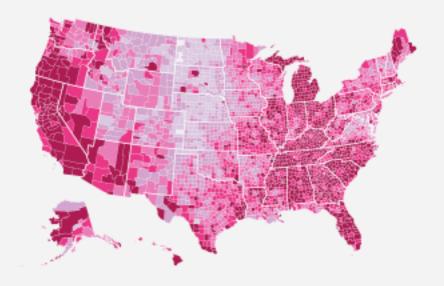
September 2009, 9.8%



The national average rises to the highest it's been since June 1983, when it was 10.1%. Unemployment has increased every month since April 2008 with the exception of one month when it decreased 0.1%.