

States saw widely different unemployment rates in the depth of the recession

Unemployment rate and state labor force size (millions), October 2009

Labor Force Size



Under 5M



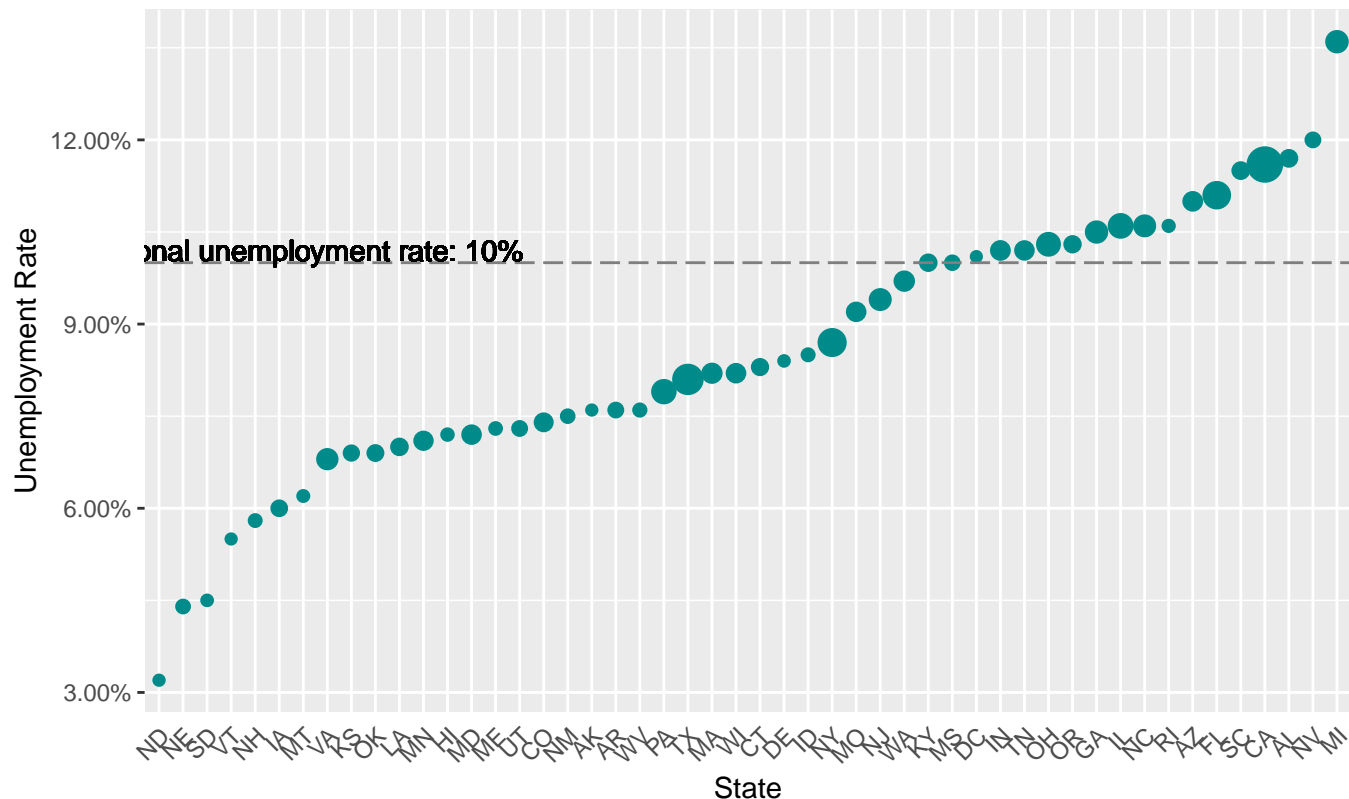
5 to 10M



10 to 15M



15+ M



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics Current Population Survey.

Note: Peak national unemployment occurred in October 2009.