



Statistic	Unemployment Rate
Source	Bureau of Labor Statistics (http://www.bls.gov/cps) under Unemployment
Time Series	1948 – current, monthly (Seasonally Adjusted) 1948 – current, monthly (Not Seasonally Adjusted) 1948 – current, annually (Not Seasonally Adjusted)
Description¹	<p>The unemployment rate is the percentage of the civilian labor force that is unemployed.</p> <p>Employed persons are all persons who, during the reference week, (a) did any work at all (at least 1 hour) as paid employees; worked in their own business, profession, or on their own farm; or worked 15 hours or more as unpaid workers in an enterprise operated by a member of the family; and (b) all those who were not working but who had jobs or businesses from which they were temporarily absent because of vacation, illness, bad weather, child-care problems, maternity or paternity leave, labor-management disputes, job training, or other family or personal reasons, whether or not they were paid for the time off or were seeking other jobs. Each employed person is counted only once, even if he or she holds more than one job.</p> <p>Unemployed persons are all persons who had no employment during the reference week, were available for work, except for temporary illness, and had made specific efforts to find employment sometime during the four-week period ending with the reference week. Persons who were waiting to be recalled to a job from which they had been laid off need not have been looking for work to be classified as unemployed.</p> <p>Statistics on the employment status of the population and related data are compiled by the BLS using data from the Current Population Survey (CPS). This monthly survey of households (60,000 occupied units) is conducted for the BLS by the U.S. Census Bureau through a scientifically selected sample designed to represent the civilian population that is not institutionalized. Respondents are interviewed to obtain information about the employment status of each member of the household 16 years of age and older.</p>

¹ “Technical Notes of Current Population Survey”: Bureau of Labor Statistics
<<http://www.bls.gov/cps/documentation.htm>>

	Seasonally and not seasonally adjusted data are available.
Data Access	Data are publicly available.