

TABLE B-40.—Civilian unemployment rate, 1948–96

[Percent; ¹ monthly data seasonally adjusted]

| Year or month | All civilian workers | Males | | | Females | | | Both sexes 16–19 years | White | Black and other | Black | Experienced wage and salary workers | Married men, spouse present ² | Women who maintain families |
|---------------|----------------------|-------|-------------|-------------------|---------|-------------|-------------------|------------------------|-------|-----------------|-------|-------------------------------------|--|-----------------------------|
| | | Total | 16–19 years | 20 years and over | Total | 16–19 years | 20 years and over | | | | | | | |
| 1948 | 3.8 | 3.6 | 9.8 | 3.2 | 4.1 | 8.3 | 3.6 | 9.2 | 3.5 | 5.9 | 4.3 | 3.5 | ..... |  |
| 1949 | 5.9 | 5.9 | 14.3 | 5.4 | 6.0 | 12.3 | 5.3 | 13.4 | 5.6 | 8.9 | 6.8 | 3.5 | ..... |  |
| 1950 | 5.3 | 5.1 | 12.7 | 4.7 | 5.7 | 11.4 | 5.1 | 12.2 | 4.9 | 9.0 | 6.0 | 4.6 | ..... |  |
| 1951 | 3.3 | 2.8 | 8.1 | 2.5 | 4.4 | 8.3 | 4.0 | 8.2 | 3.1 | 5.3 | 3.7 | 1.5 | ..... |  |
| 1952 | 3.0 | 2.8 | 8.9 | 2.4 | 3.6 | 8.0 | 3.2 | 8.5 | 2.8 | 5.4 | 3.4 | 1.4 | ..... |  |
| 1953 | 2.9 | 2.8 | 7.9 | 2.5 | 3.3 | 7.2 | 2.9 | 7.6 | 2.7 | 4.5 | 3.2 | 1.7 | ..... |  |
| 1954 | 5.5 | 5.3 | 13.5 | 4.9 | 6.0 | 11.4 | 5.5 | 12.6 | 5.0 | 9.9 | 6.2 | 4.0 | ..... |  |
| 1955 | 4.4 | 4.2 | 11.6 | 3.8 | 4.9 | 10.2 | 4.4 | 11.0 | 3.9 | 8.7 | 4.8 | 2.6 | ..... |  |
| 1956 | 4.1 | 3.8 | 11.1 | 3.4 | 4.8 | 11.2 | 4.2 | 11.1 | 3.6 | 8.3 | 4.4 | 2.3 | ..... |  |
| 1957 | 4.3 | 4.1 | 12.4 | 3.6 | 4.7 | 10.6 | 4.1 | 11.6 | 3.8 | 7.9 | 4.6 | 2.8 | ..... |  |
| 1958 | 6.8 | 6.8 | 17.1 | 6.2 | 6.8 | 14.3 | 6.1 | 15.9 | 6.1 | 12.6 | 7.3 | 5.1 | ..... |  |
| 1959 | 5.5 | 5.2 | 15.3 | 4.7 | 5.9 | 13.5 | 5.2 | 14.6 | 4.8 | 10.7 | 5.7 | 3.6 | ..... |  |
| 1960 | 5.5 | 5.4 | 15.3 | 4.7 | 5.9 | 13.9 | 5.1 | 14.7 | 5.0 | 10.2 | 5.7 | 3.7 | ..... |  |
| 1961 | 6.7 | 6.4 | 17.1 | 5.7 | 7.2 | 16.3 | 6.3 | 16.8 | 6.0 | 12.4 | 6.8 | 4.6 | ..... |  |
| 1962 | 5.5 | 5.2 | 14.7 | 4.6 | 6.2 | 14.6 | 5.4 | 14.7 | 4.9 | 10.9 | 5.6 | 3.6 | ..... |  |
| 1963 | 5.7 | 5.2 | 17.2 | 4.5 | 6.5 | 17.2 | 5.4 | 17.2 | 5.0 | 10.8 | 5.6 | 3.4 | ..... |  |
| 1964 | 5.2 | 4.6 | 15.8 | 3.9 | 6.2 | 16.6 | 5.2 | 16.2 | 4.6 | 9.6 | 5.0 | 2.8 | ..... |  |
| 1965 | 4.5 | 4.0 | 14.1 | 3.2 | 5.5 | 15.7 | 4.5 | 14.8 | 4.1 | 8.1 | 4.3 | 2.4 | ..... |  |
| 1966 | 3.8 | 3.2 | 11.7 | 2.5 | 4.8 | 14.1 | 3.8 | 12.8 | 3.4 | 7.3 | 3.5 | 1.9 | ..... |  |
| 1967 | 3.8 | 3.1 | 12.3 | 2.3 | 5.2 | 13.5 | 4.2 | 12.9 | 3.4 | 7.4 | 3.6 | 1.8 | 4.9 | |
| 1968 | 3.6 | 2.9 | 11.6 | 2.2 | 4.8 | 14.0 | 3.8 | 12.7 | 3.2 | 6.7 | 3.4 | 1.6 | 4.4 | |
| 1969 | 3.5 | 2.8 | 11.4 | 2.1 | 4.7 | 13.3 | 3.7 | 12.2 | 3.1 | 6.4 | 3.3 | 1.5 | 4.4 | |
| 1970 | 4.9 | 4.4 | 15.0 | 3.5 | 5.9 | 15.6 | 4.8 | 15.3 | 4.5 | 8.2 | 4.8 | 2.6 | 5.4 | |
| 1971 | 5.9 | 5.3 | 16.6 | 4.4 | 6.9 | 17.2 | 5.7 | 16.9 | 5.4 | 9.9 | 5.7 | 3.2 | 7.3 | |
| 1972 | 5.6 | 5.0 | 15.9 | 4.0 | 6.6 | 16.7 | 5.4 | 16.2 | 5.1 | 10.0 | 5.3 | 2.8 | 7.2 | |
| 1973 | 4.9 | 4.2 | 13.9 | 3.3 | 6.0 | 15.3 | 4.9 | 14.5 | 4.3 | 9.0 | 4.5 | 2.3 | 7.1 | |
| 1974 | 5.6 | 4.9 | 15.6 | 3.8 | 6.7 | 16.6 | 5.5 | 16.0 | 5.0 | 9.9 | 5.3 | 2.7 | 7.0 | |
| 1975 | 8.5 | 7.9 | 20.1 | 6.8 | 9.3 | 19.7 | 8.0 | 19.9 | 7.8 | 13.8 | 8.2 | 5.1 | 10.0 | |
| 1976 | 7.7 | 7.1 | 19.2 | 5.9 | 8.6 | 18.7 | 7.4 | 19.0 | 7.0 | 13.1 | 7.3 | 4.2 | 10.1 | |
| 1977 | 7.1 | 6.3 | 17.3 | 5.2 | 8.2 | 18.3 | 7.0 | 17.8 | 6.2 | 13.1 | 6.6 | 3.6 | 9.4 | |
| 1978 | 6.1 | 5.3 | 15.8 | 4.3 | 7.2 | 17.1 | 6.0 | 16.4 | 5.2 | 11.9 | 5.6 | 2.8 | 8.5 | |
| 1979 | 5.8 | 5.1 | 15.9 | 4.2 | 6.8 | 16.4 | 5.7 | 16.1 | 5.1 | 11.3 | 5.5 | 2.8 | 8.3 | |
| 1980 | 7.1 | 6.9 | 18.3 | 5.9 | 7.4 | 17.2 | 6.4 | 17.8 | 6.3 | 13.1 | 6.9 | 4.2 | 9.2 | |
| 1981 | 7.6 | 7.4 | 20.1 | 6.3 | 7.9 | 19.0 | 6.8 | 19.6 | 6.7 | 14.2 | 7.3 | 4.3 | 10.4 | |
| 1982 | 9.7 | 9.9 | 24.4 | 8.8 | 9.4 | 21.9 | 8.3 | 23.2 | 8.6 | 17.3 | 9.3 | 6.5 | 11.7 | |
| 1983 | 9.6 | 9.9 | 23.3 | 8.9 | 9.2 | 21.3 | 8.1 | 22.4 | 8.4 | 17.8 | 9.2 | 6.5 | 12.2 | |
| 1984 | 7.5 | 7.4 | 19.6 | 6.6 | 7.6 | 18.0 | 6.8 | 18.9 | 6.5 | 14.4 | 7.1 | 4.6 | 10.3 | |
| 1985 | 7.2 | 7.0 | 19.5 | 6.2 | 7.4 | 17.6 | 6.6 | 18.6 | 6.2 | 13.7 | 6.8 | 4.3 | 10.4 | |
| 1986 | 7.0 | 6.9 | 19.0 | 6.1 | 7.1 | 17.6 | 6.2 | 18.3 | 6.0 | 13.1 | 6.6 | 4.4 | 9.8 | |
| 1987 | 6.2 | 6.2 | 17.8 | 5.4 | 6.2 | 15.9 | 5.4 | 16.9 | 5.3 | 11.6 | 5.8 | 3.9 | 9.2 | |
| 1988 | 5.5 | 5.5 | 16.0 | 4.8 | 5.6 | 14.4 | 4.9 | 15.3 | 4.7 | 10.4 | 5.2 | 3.3 | 8.1 | |
| 1989 | 5.3 | 5.2 | 15.9 | 4.5 | 5.4 | 14.0 | 4.7 | 15.0 | 4.5 | 10.0 | 5.0 | 3.0 | 8.1 | |
| 1990 | 5.6 | 5.7 | 16.3 | 5.0 | 5.5 | 14.7 | 4.9 | 15.5 | 4.8 | 10.1 | 5.3 | 3.4 | 8.3 | |
| 1991 | 6.8 | 7.2 | 19.8 | 6.4 | 6.4 | 17.5 | 5.7 | 18.7 | 6.1 | 11.1 | 6.6 | 4.4 | 9.3 | |
| 1992 | 7.5 | 7.9 | 21.5 | 7.1 | 7.0 | 18.6 | 6.3 | 20.1 | 6.6 | 12.7 | 7.2 | 5.1 | 10.0 | |
| 1993 | 6.9 | 7.2 | 20.4 | 6.4 | 6.6 | 17.5 | 5.9 | 19.0 | 6.1 | 11.7 | 6.6 | 4.4 | 9.7 | |
| 1994 | 6.1 | 6.2 | 19.0 | 5.4 | 6.0 | 16.2 | 5.4 | 17.6 | 5.3 | 10.5 | 5.9 | 3.7 | 8.9 | |
| 1995 | 5.6 | 5.6 | 18.4 | 4.8 | 5.6 | 16.1 | 4.9 | 17.3 | 4.9 | 9.6 | 5.4 | 3.3 | 8.0 | |
| 1996 | 5.4 | 5.4 | 18.1 | 4.6 | 5.4 | 15.2 | 4.8 | 16.7 | 4.7 | 9.3 | 5.2 | 3.0 | 8.2 | |
| 1995: Jan | 5.6 | 5.7 | 17.4 | 5.0 | 5.5 | 15.6 | 4.9 | 16.5 | 4.9 | 9.6 | 5.4 | 3.3 | 8.9 | |
| 1995: Feb | 5.5 | 5.4 | 19.2 | 4.6 | 5.5 | 15.6 | 4.9 | 17.5 | 4.7 | 9.5 | 5.2 | 3.2 | 8.4 | |
| 1995: Mar | 5.4 | 5.3 | 16.7 | 4.7 | 5.6 | 15.4 | 4.9 | 16.1 | 4.8 | 9.2 | 5.2 | 3.2 | 7.9 | |
| 1995: Apr | 5.7 | 5.6 | 18.0 | 4.9 | 5.9 | 16.7 | 5.2 | 17.3 | 5.0 | 9.7 | 5.5 | 3.3 | 9.2 | |
| 1995: May | 5.6 | 5.7 | 18.6 | 4.9 | 5.5 | 16.3 | 4.8 | 17.5 | 4.9 | 9.2 | 5.5 | 3.4 | 8.0 | |
| 1995: June | 5.6 | 5.6 | 18.5 | 4.8 | 5.7 | 15.7 | 5.0 | 17.2 | 4.9 | 9.8 | 5.4 | 3.4 | 8.5 | |
| 1995: July | 5.7 | 5.6 | 18.5 | 4.8 | 5.8 | 17.5 | 5.0 | 18.0 | 4.9 | 9.8 | 5.5 | 3.4 | 8.0 | |
| 1995: Aug | 5.7 | 5.7 | 19.1 | 4.9 | 5.6 | 15.6 | 5.0 | 17.4 | 4.9 | 10.1 | 5.5 | 3.3 | 7.0 | |
| 1995: Sept | 5.7 | 5.7 | 18.8 | 4.9 | 5.7 | 16.8 | 5.0 | 17.8 | 4.9 | 10.0 | 5.5 | 3.4 | 8.0 | |
| 1995: Oct | 5.5 | 5.4 | 19.0 | 4.6 | 5.7 | 15.4 | 5.0 | 17.3 | 4.9 | 9.4 | 5.4 | 3.1 | 7.9 | |
| 1995: Nov | 5.6 | 5.7 | 18.4 | 4.9 | 5.5 | 16.4 | 4.8 | 17.5 | 5.0 | 9.0 | 5.4 | 3.2 | 7.7 | |
| 1995: Dec | 5.6 | 5.7 | 18.9 | 4.9 | 5.4 | 16.8 | 4.6 | 17.9 | 4.9 | 9.2 | 5.4 | 3.2 | 6.8 | |
| 1996: Jan | 5.7 | 5.7 | 18.9 | 4.9 | 5.8 | 16.6 | 5.1 | 17.8 | 5.0 | 9.5 | 5.4 | 3.2 | 8.2 | |
| 1996: Feb | 5.5 | 5.6 | 18.0 | 4.8 | 5.5 | 15.9 | 4.8 | 17.0 | 4.8 | 9.3 | 5.3 | 3.1 | 7.6 | |
| 1996: Mar | 5.5 | 5.7 | 18.7 | 4.9 | 5.4 | 15.4 | 4.8 | 17.1 | 4.8 | 9.6 | 5.4 | 3.1 | 7.7 | |
| 1996: Apr | 5.5 | 5.5 | 17.9 | 4.8 | 5.4 | 15.5 | 4.7 | 16.8 | 4.8 | 9.4 | 5.3 | 3.0 | 7.3 | |
| 1996: May | 5.5 | 5.5 | 17.6 | 4.7 | 5.5 | 15.5 | 4.9 | 16.6 | 4.8 | 9.3 | 5.4 | 3.0 | 8.5 | |
| 1996: June | 5.3 | 5.4 | 17.5 | 4.6 | 5.3 | 14.8 | 4.7 | 16.2 | 4.6 | 9.1 | 5.1 | 3.0 | 7.8 | |
| 1996: July | 5.4 | 5.4 | 19.3 | 4.6 | 5.4 | 13.8 | 4.9 | 16.7 | 4.7 | 9.3 | 5.2 | 3.0 | 8.8 | |
| 1996: Aug | 5.2 | 5.0 | 18.2 | 4.2 | 5.4 | 15.8 | 4.7 | 17.0 | 4.5 | 8.9 | 5.0 | 2.9 | 8.5 | |
| 1996: Sept | 5.2 | 5.2 | 17.5 | 4.5 | 5.2 | 14.4 | 4.6 | 16.0 | 4.5 | 9.2 | 5.1 | 3.0 | 8.3 | |
| 1996: Oct | 5.2 | 5.1 | 18.1 | 4.4 | 5.3 | 14.4 | 4.7 | 16.3 | 4.5 | 9.3 | 5.0 | 3.0 | 8.5 | |
| 1996: Nov | 5.3 | 5.2 | 18.4 | 4.4 | 5.5 | 15.2 | 4.8 | 16.8 | 4.6 | 9.1 | 5.2 | 3.0 | 8.8 | |
| 1996: Dec | 5.3 | 5.1 | 17.4 | 4.4 | 5.5 | 15.5 | 4.9 | 16.5 | 4.6 | 9.2 | 5.1 | 3.0 | 8.4 | |

¹ Unemployed as percent of civilian labor force in group specified.

² Data for 1949 and 1951–54 are for April; 1950, for March.

Note.—Data relate to persons 16 years of age and over.

See footnote 5 and Note, Table B-33.

Source: Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.