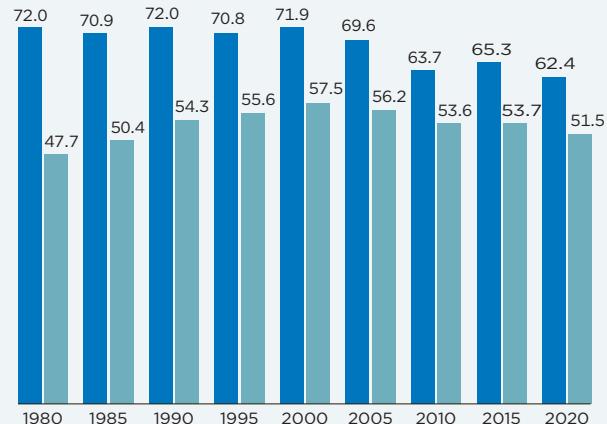


Percentage of Persons Employed

(Annual averages)

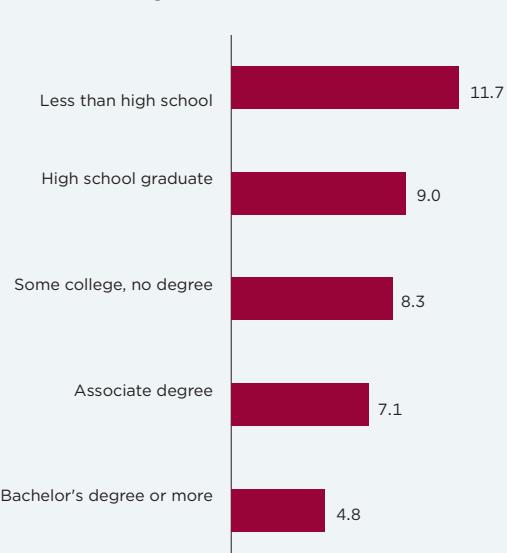
Men, age 16+
Women, age 16+



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Unemployment Rate for Persons 25 Years and Older by Education

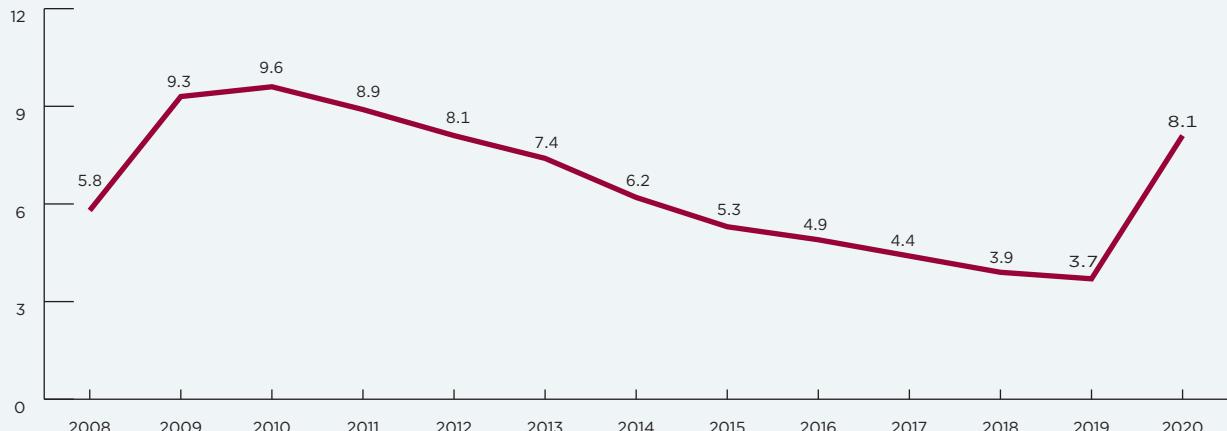
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Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Unemployment Rate for 2008 to 2020

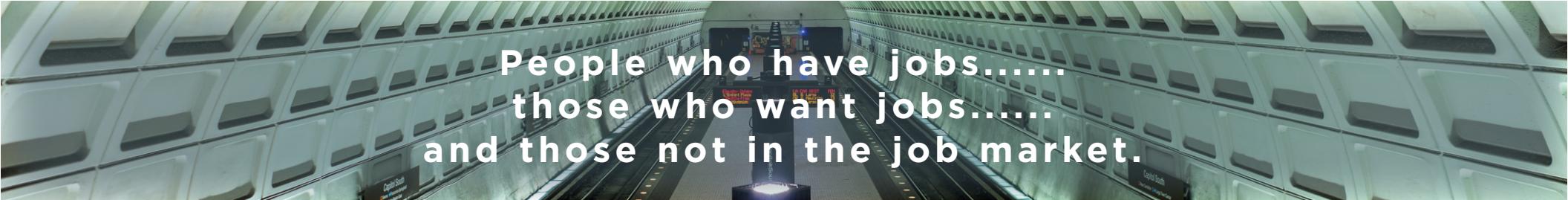
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Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Fact Sheet for the Current Population Survey





People who have jobs..... those who want jobs..... and those not in the job market.

What this survey is about?

This survey is the Current Population Survey. Its main purpose is to collect up-to-date figures on people who have jobs, those who want jobs, and those who are not in the market for jobs. The U.S. Census Bureau collects the information and the U.S. Department of Labor publishes the results. The survey results include a number of high-profile economic statistics, including the nation's unemployment rate that you read or hear about monthly in the news.

Why we need the Current Population Survey.

In a nation as large as ours and one that is changing so rapidly, we need up-to-date facts in order to plan effective programs for the future. In addition to a complete census (conducted every 10 years) and the American Community Survey (taken annually), it is essential that we obtain some types of information more frequently. Utilizing the Current Population Survey, on a monthly basis we collect information on the number of persons working, the kind of work they do, and the number of persons looking for work (the unemployed) so that we can keep abreast of changes.

Legal authorization.

Congress authorized the collection of most of the information requested in this survey under Title 13, U.S. Code, Sections 8b, 141, and 182; and Title 29, U.S. Code,

Section 2. In some months, the survey may contain questions authorized under laws other than those cited. You can obtain further information concerning the authority for any particular portion of the survey from the field representative who visits your household.

Why your answers are important.

People in government and private organizations need the statistics that we obtain from this survey to develop and evaluate economic policies that are consistent with the current needs of the nation. For this reason, it is extremely important that these statistics be as reliable as possible. The only way we can achieve this needed reliability is through the cooperation of sample households such as yours in providing complete and accurate information. Your answers represent your household and approximately 2,000 other households similar to yours. In all, we select about 59,000 households to be interviewed each month.

Additional questions.

In addition to questions about jobs, from time to time we ask questions about other important areas concerning the economic and social health of our nation. We may ask how much schooling people in your household have had, how many of them are attending school now, what kinds of work different members have done, whether or not you have moved in the past year, and other questions of a similar nature.

Number of times we will visit you.

We will visit this address each month for 4 months this year and again for 4 months a year from now.

How you are chosen.

We chose this address, not you as a person or a family. If you should move during the period, we will interview the new family that moves to this address.

The U.S. Census Bureau is required by law to protect your information.

The U.S. Census Bureau is required by law to keep your information confidential. The Census Bureau is not permitted to publicly release your responses in a way that could identify you. By law, the Census Bureau can only use your responses to produce statistics. Per the Federal Cybersecurity Enhancement Act of 2015, your data are protected from cybersecurity risks through screening of the systems that transmit your data.

Thank you for your participation in the Current Population Survey!