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Dataset: [Unemployment Rate - Seasonally Adjusted from the Employment and Unemployment \(Seasonally Adjusted\) Dataset](#)

The unemployment rate represents the number unemployed as a percent of the labor force. Seasonal adjustment removes the effects of events that follow a more or less regular pattern each year, in order to make it easier to observe the cyclical and other nonseasonal movements in a data series.

The LAUS program (Local Area Unemployment Statistics) is a cooperative federal-state program that produces monthly and annual estimates of employment, unemployment, and the unemployment rate for over 7,000 geographic areas. The areas include census regions and divisions, states, metropolitan areas, metropolitan divisions, micropolitan areas, combined areas, small labor market areas, counties and county equivalents, cities with a population of 25,000 and over, and all cities and towns in New England regardless of population. The Census Bureau's Current Population Survey (CPS) data are a key input to the LAUS program methodology and have a significant impact on the estimates from the program. Together, the CPS and LAUS program estimates provide a consistent historical time series for employment and unemployment data at the national and state level.

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