

TABLE B-43.—*Civilian unemployment rate by demographic characteristic, 1959–2001*  
 [Percent;<sup>1</sup> monthly data seasonally adjusted]

Year or month	All civilian workers	White						Black and other or black							
		Total	Males		Females		Total	Males		Females		Total	16-19 years		
			Total	16-19 years	20 years and over	Total	Total	16-19 years	20 years and over	Total	16-19 years	20 years and over	Total		
Black and other															
1959 .....	5.5	4.8	4.6	14.0	4.1	5.3	12.0	4.7	10.7	11.5	25.2	10.5	9.4	27.7	8.3
1960 .....	5.5	5.0	4.8	14.0	4.2	5.3	12.7	4.6	10.2	10.7	24.0	9.6	9.4	24.8	8.3
1961 .....	6.7	6.0	5.7	15.7	5.1	6.5	14.8	5.7	12.4	12.8	26.8	11.7	11.9	29.2	10.6
1962 .....	5.5	4.9	4.6	13.7	4.0	5.5	12.8	4.7	10.9	10.9	22.0	10.0	11.0	30.2	9.6
1963 .....	5.7	5.0	4.7	15.9	3.9	5.8	15.1	4.8	10.8	10.5	27.3	9.2	11.2	34.7	9.4
1964 .....	5.2	4.6	4.1	14.7	3.4	5.5	14.9	4.6	9.6	8.9	24.3	7.7	10.7	31.6	9.0
1965 .....	4.5	4.1	3.6	12.9	2.9	5.0	14.0	4.0	8.1	7.4	23.3	6.0	9.2	31.7	7.5
1966 .....	3.8	3.4	2.8	10.5	2.2	4.3	12.1	3.3	7.3	6.3	21.3	4.9	8.7	31.3	6.6
1967 .....	3.8	3.4	2.7	10.7	2.1	4.6	11.5	3.8	7.4	6.0	23.9	4.3	9.1	29.6	7.1
1968 .....	3.6	3.2	2.6	10.1	2.0	4.3	12.1	3.4	6.7	5.6	22.1	3.9	8.3	28.7	6.3
1969 .....	3.5	3.1	2.5	10.0	1.9	4.2	11.5	4.8	6.4	5.3	21.4	3.7	7.8	27.6	5.8
1970 .....	4.9	4.5	4.0	13.7	3.2	5.4	13.4	4.4	8.2	7.3	25.0	5.6	9.3	34.5	6.9
1971 .....	5.9	5.4	4.9	15.1	4.0	6.3	15.1	5.3	9.9	9.1	28.8	7.3	10.9	35.4	8.7
1972 .....	5.6	5.1	4.5	14.2	3.6	5.9	14.2	4.9	10.0	8.9	29.7	6.9	11.4	38.4	8.8
Black															
1972 .....	5.6	5.1	4.5	14.2	3.6	5.9	14.2	4.9	10.4	9.3	31.7	7.0	11.8	40.5	9.0
1973 .....	4.9	4.3	3.8	12.3	3.0	5.3	13.0	4.3	9.4	8.0	27.8	6.0	11.1	36.1	8.6
1974 .....	5.6	5.0	4.4	13.5	3.5	6.1	14.5	5.1	10.5	9.8	33.1	7.4	11.3	37.4	8.8
1975 .....	8.5	7.8	7.2	18.3	6.2	8.6	17.4	7.5	14.8	14.8	38.1	12.5	14.8	41.0	12.2
1976 .....	7.7	7.0	6.4	17.3	5.4	7.9	16.4	6.8	14.0	13.7	37.5	11.4	14.3	41.6	11.7
1977 .....	7.1	6.2	5.5	15.0	4.7	7.3	15.9	6.2	14.0	13.3	39.2	10.7	14.9	43.4	12.3
1978 .....	6.1	5.2	4.6	13.5	3.7	6.2	14.4	5.2	12.8	11.8	36.7	9.3	13.8	40.8	11.2
1979 .....	5.8	5.1	4.5	13.9	3.6	5.9	14.0	5.0	12.3	11.4	34.2	9.3	13.3	39.1	10.9
1980 .....	7.1	6.3	6.1	16.2	5.3	6.5	14.8	5.6	14.3	14.5	37.5	12.4	14.0	39.8	11.9
1981 .....	7.6	6.7	6.5	17.9	5.6	6.9	16.6	5.9	15.6	15.7	40.7	13.5	15.6	42.2	13.4
1982 .....	9.7	8.6	8.8	21.7	7.8	8.3	19.0	7.3	18.9	20.1	48.9	17.8	17.6	47.1	15.4
1983 .....	9.6	8.4	8.8	20.2	7.9	7.9	18.3	6.9	19.5	20.3	48.8	18.1	18.6	48.2	16.5
1984 .....	7.5	6.5	6.4	16.8	5.7	6.5	15.2	5.8	16.4	16.4	42.7	14.3	15.4	42.6	13.5
1985 .....	7.2	6.2	6.1	16.5	5.4	6.4	14.8	5.7	15.1	15.3	41.0	13.2	14.9	39.2	13.1
1986 .....	7.0	6.0	6.0	16.3	5.3	6.1	14.9	5.4	14.5	14.8	39.3	12.9	14.2	39.2	12.4
1987 .....	6.2	5.3	5.4	15.5	4.8	5.2	13.4	4.6	13.0	12.7	34.4	11.1	13.2	34.9	11.6
1988 .....	5.5	4.7	4.7	13.9	4.1	4.7	12.3	4.1	11.7	11.7	32.7	10.1	11.7	32.0	10.4
1989 .....	5.3	4.5	4.5	13.7	3.9	4.5	11.5	4.0	11.4	11.5	31.9	10.0	11.4	33.0	9.8
1990 .....	5.6	4.8	4.9	14.3	4.3	4.7	12.6	4.1	11.4	11.9	31.9	10.4	10.9	29.9	9.7
1991 .....	6.8	6.1	6.5	17.6	5.8	5.6	15.2	5.0	12.5	13.0	36.3	11.5	12.0	36.0	10.6
1992 .....	7.5	6.6	7.0	18.5	6.4	6.1	15.8	5.5	14.2	15.2	42.0	13.5	13.2	37.2	11.8
1993 .....	6.9	6.1	6.3	17.7	5.7	5.7	14.7	5.2	13.0	13.8	40.1	12.1	12.1	37.4	10.7
1994 .....	6.1	5.3	5.4	16.3	4.8	5.2	13.8	4.6	11.5	12.0	37.6	10.3	11.0	32.6	9.8
1995 .....	5.6	4.9	4.9	15.6	4.3	4.8	13.4	4.3	10.4	10.6	37.1	8.8	10.2	34.3	8.6
1996 .....	5.4	4.7	4.7	15.5	4.1	4.7	12.9	4.1	10.5	11.1	36.9	9.4	10.0	30.3	8.7
1997 .....	4.9	4.2	4.2	14.3	3.6	4.2	12.8	3.7	10.0	10.2	36.5	8.5	9.9	28.7	8.8
1998 .....	4.5	3.9	3.9	14.1	3.2	3.9	10.9	3.4	8.9	8.9	30.1	7.4	9.0	25.3	7.9
1999 .....	4.2	3.7	3.6	12.6	3.0	3.8	11.3	3.3	8.0	8.2	30.9	6.7	7.8	25.1	6.8
2000 .....	4.0	3.5	3.4	12.3	2.8	3.6	10.4	3.1	7.6	8.1	26.4	7.0	7.2	23.0	6.3
2001 .....	4.8	4.2	4.3	13.8	3.7	4.1	11.4	3.6	8.7	9.3	30.5	8.0	8.1	27.5	7.0
2000: Jan .....	4.0	3.4	3.3	12.2	2.8	3.5	9.8	3.1	8.0	8.4	24.9	7.4	7.6	22.8	6.8
Feb .....	4.1	3.5	3.5	13.9	2.8	3.6	10.8	3.1	7.8	8.1	22.3	7.1	7.6	25.1	6.6
Mar .....	4.0	3.5	3.3	12.0	2.8	3.8	11.7	3.2	7.3	7.5	23.4	6.5	7.2	24.8	6.2
Apr .....	3.9	3.4	3.4	12.9	2.8	3.5	10.1	3.1	7.3	7.6	22.5	6.6	7.1	22.1	6.2
May .....	4.1	3.5	3.3	11.1	2.9	3.7	10.7	3.3	7.9	8.4	27.7	7.1	7.6	22.2	6.7
June .....	4.0	3.4	3.3	11.5	2.8	3.5	8.2	3.2	7.8	8.6	31.7	7.0	7.2	18.9	6.5
July .....	4.1	3.5	3.4	12.6	2.8	3.7	10.1	3.3	7.8	7.9	26.5	6.8	7.8	28.0	6.5
Aug .....	4.1	3.6	3.4	12.7	2.8	3.8	10.6	3.3	7.9	8.5	31.1	7.1	7.3	23.1	6.3
Sept .....	4.0	3.5	3.5	12.3	2.9	3.6	10.4	3.1	7.3	7.8	27.0	6.7	6.9	23.2	5.8
Oct .....	3.9	3.4	3.4	11.7	2.9	3.5	10.5	3.0	7.4	8.2	27.3	7.0	6.6	21.9	5.6
Nov .....	4.0	3.5	3.5	12.2	3.0	3.5	11.0	3.0	7.4	7.9	22.2	6.9	7.0	21.2	6.1
Dec .....	4.0	3.5	3.5	12.3	3.0	3.5	10.3	3.0	7.5	8.6	29.9	7.2	6.6	23.4	5.6
2001: Jan .....	4.2	3.6	3.7	13.1	3.1	3.5	10.2	3.0	8.2	8.3	27.3	7.0	8.1	27.6	6.9
Feb .....	4.2	3.7	3.7	12.7	3.1	3.7	9.6	3.3	7.5	8.2	31.1	6.7	6.9	25.1	5.9
Mar .....	4.3	3.7	3.8	12.3	3.3	3.6	11.0	3.1	8.4	9.4	28.7	8.2	7.5	28.0	6.3
Apr .....	4.5	3.9	4.0	12.9	3.4	3.9	10.9	3.4	8.2	9.5	33.5	8.1	7.1	27.7	5.9
May .....	4.4	3.9	3.9	13.3	3.4	3.8	10.7	3.4	8.0	9.0	30.0	7.6	7.2	21.5	6.4
June .....	4.6	4.0	4.2	14.3	3.6	3.8	11.0	3.4	8.4	9.1	30.5	7.8	7.8	25.7	6.7
July .....	4.6	4.1	4.1	13.8	3.5	4.1	12.6	3.5	8.1	9.0	28.1	7.9	7.2	25.2	6.2
Aug .....	4.9	4.3	4.4	15.1	3.8	4.2	12.4	3.6	9.0	10.1	31.4	8.8	8.0	28.7	7.0
Sept .....	5.0	4.3	4.4	13.6	3.8	4.3	11.7	3.8	8.8	9.1	30.8	7.8	8.6	26.1	7.7
Oct .....	5.4	4.7	4.9	14.7	4.4	4.5	11.5	4.1	9.6	9.6	31.2	8.2	9.6	29.1	8.5
Nov .....	5.6	5.0	5.3	15.8	4.7	4.6	11.1	4.2	9.9	10.1	31.6	8.7	9.7	32.6	8.4
Dec .....	5.8	5.1	5.2	14.6	4.6	5.0	12.8	4.5	10.2	10.4	32.0	9.1	10.0	34.8	8.7

<sup>1</sup> Unemployed as percent of civilian labor force in group specified.

Note.—See Note, Table B-42.

Source: Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.