

The Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS) program is a federal-state cooperative effort in which monthly estimates of total employment and unemployment are published. Data is derived from the Current Population Survey (CPS), a sample household survey.



UNEMPLOYMENT EXPLAINED

Unemployed Persons Are:

- persons who had no employment during the reference week
- were available for work, except for temporary illness
- made specific efforts to find employment

The unemployment rate is the unemployed percent of the civilian labor force [100 times (unemployed/civilian labor force)].



AREAS INCLUDED:

- Census regions and divisions
- States
- Metropolitan Statistical Areas
- Micropolitan Statistical Areas
- Combined Metropolitan Statistical Areas
- Small Labor Market Areas
- Counties and County equivalents



SEASONAL ADJUSTMENT:

LAUS data is subject to seasonal adjustment which does not take into consideration: weather, holidays, the opening and closing of schools, and other recurring seasonal events from and economic time series.