

41 U.S. cities have double-digit unemployment

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Forty-one of the nation's 100 major labor markets are saddled with double-digit unemployment rates, according to newly released figures from the **U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics**

The Sacramento region's unemployment of 11.6 percent, while harsh, was better than other California markets, like Fresno (15.2 percent), Bakersfield (14.7 percent), Riverside (13.7 percent) and San Jose (11.8 percent).

A year ago, all 100 markets had only single-digit unemployment.

Ninety-eight of the nation's 100 largest labor markets lost jobs between the midpoints of 2008 and 2009, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

The biggest losses occurred in the nation's three largest markets — New York City, Los Angeles and Chicago — each of which lost in excess of 200,000 jobs.

The Los Angeles area suffered the biggest reversal, with a one-year loss of 259,100 jobs. New York City lost 226,900 jobs in the same period, and Chicago lost 207,600.

Three other markets lost between 100,000 and 200,000 jobs during the past year. They are Detroit, Phoenix and Atlanta.

The only exceptions to the overall decline were Baton Rouge, La., which picked up 500 jobs between mid-2008 and mid-2009, and McAllen-Edinburg, Texas, which added 300 jobs.

The 100 major labor markets, taken as a group, lost 3.46 million jobs over the 12-month span.

The following are the current unemployment rates for all 100 markets, ranked from lowest to highest:

- Omaha, Neb., 5.4%
- Des Moines, Iowa, 5.7%
- Salt Lake City, 5.9%
- Oklahoma City, 6.0%
- Little Rock, Ark., 6.6%
- Madison, Wis., 6.6%
- Washington, D.C., 6.6%
- Tulsa, Okla. 6.8%
- Honolulu, 6.9%
- San Antonio, 6.9%
- Austin, Texas, 7.1%
- New Orleans, 7.3%
- Albany, N.Y., 7.4%
- Baton Rouge, La., 7.4%
- Lancaster, Pa., 7.4%
- Virginia Beach-Norfolk, Va. 7.4%
- Harrisburg, Pa., 7.5%
- Albuquerque, 7.7%
- Bridgeport-Stamford, Conn., 7.7%
- Pittsburgh, 7.7%
- Denver, 7.9%
- Jackson, Miss., 7.9%
- Baltimore, 8.0%
- Houston, 8.0%
- Trenton, N.J., 8.0%
- New Haven, Conn., 8.1%

- Dallas-Fort Worth, 8.2%
- Hartford, Conn., 8.2%
- Phoenix, 8.2%
- Tucson, Ariz., 8.2%
- Boston, 8.3%
- Colorado Springs, Colo., 8.3%
- Poughkeepsie, N.Y., 8.3%
- Durham, N.C., 8.4%
- Richmond, Va., 8.4%
- Rochester, N.Y., 8.4%
- Minneapolis-St. Paul, 8.5%
- Wichita, Kan., 8.5%
- Syracuse, N.Y., 8.6%
- Indianapolis, 8.7%
- Kansas City, 8.7%
- Philadelphia, 8.7%
- New York City, 8.8%
- Buffalo, N.Y., 8.9%
- Spokane, Wash., 8.9%
- Allentown-Bethlehem, Pa., 9.1%
- Columbus, Ohio, 9.1%
- Lexington, Ky., 9.1%
- Raleigh, N.C., 9.1%
- Scranton-Wilkes-Barre, Pa., 9.1%
- Springfield, Mass., 9.1%
- Knoxville, Tenn., 9.3%
- Seattle, 9.3%
- Worcester, Mass., 9.3%
- Boise, Idaho, 9.5%
- El Paso, Texas, 9.6%
- Chattanooga, Tenn., 9.8%
- Milwaukee, 9.8%
- St. Louis, 9.9%
- Columbia, S.C., 10.0%
- Nashville, Tenn., 10.0%
- Augusta, Ga., 10.1%
- Birmingham, 10.1%
- Cincinnati, 10.1%
- Cleveland, 10.1%
- San Diego, 10.1%
- Charleston, S.C., 10.2%
- Oxnard-Thousand Oaks, 10.2%
- Memphis, Tenn., 10.3%
- San Francisco-Oakland, 10.3%
- Winston-Salem, N.C., 10.4%
- Jacksonville, Fla., 10.5%
- Louisville, Ky., 10.5%
- Akron, Ohio, 10.6%
- Atlanta, 10.7%
- Miami-Fort Lauderdale, 10.7%
- Los Angeles, 10.8%
- Orlando, Fla., 10.8%
- Chicago, 11.0%
- Greenville, S.C., 11.0%
- Tampa-St. Petersburg, Fla., 11.1%
- Fort Wayne, Ind., 11.3%
- Bradenton-Sarasota, Fla., 11.6%
- Sacramento, 11.6%
- Portland, Ore., 11.7%
- Reno, Nev., 11.8%
- San Jose, 11.8%
- Dayton, Ohio, 12.1%

- Greensboro, N.C., 12.1%
- Providence, R.I., 12.1%
- Lansing, Mich., 12.3%
- Las Vegas, 12.3%
- Charlotte, N.C., 12.4%
- Grand Rapids, Mich., 12.8%
- Riverside-San Bernardino, 13.7%
- Youngstown, Ohio, 14.1%
- Toledo, Ohio, 14.2%
- Bakersfield, 14.7%
- Fresno, 15.2%
- Detroit, 17.1%

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