

State unemployment rates continue to climb

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The most recent numbers from the Bureau of Labor Statistics continue to paint a bleak picture for unemployment rates. According to the [most recent unemployment rate press release](#), unemployment rates rose in 38 states. Seven states saw their unemployment rates stay steady and 5 states were lucky enough to show a decrease.

A still faltering economy leaves families struggling to make ends meet and pinching pennies however they can, from [saving money on groceries and meals](#) to [finding discounts and deals on family vacations](#).

Some areas seem especially hard hit. [Ohio's unemployment rate](#) has nearly doubled since January 2008. [Pennsylvania unemployment](#) numbers have also risen sharply, affecting rural Pennsylvania the hardest.

How does your state rank?

Alaska - 9.5%
Arkansas - 8.4%
California - 11.6%
Colorado - 7.6%
Connecticut - 8.0%
Delaware - 8.4%
District of Columbia - 10.9%
Florida - 10.6%
Hawaii - 7.4%
Idaho - 8.4%
Indiana - 10.7%
Iowa - 6.2%
Kansas - 7.0%
Kentucky - 10.9%
Louisiana - 6.8%
Maine - 8.5%
Maryland - 7.3%
Michigan - 15.2%
Minnesota - 8.4%
Montana - 6.4%
Nebraska - 5.0%
Nevada - 12.0%
New Hampshire - 6.8%
New Mexico - 6.8%
New York - 8.7%
North Carolina - 11.0%
North Dakota - 4.2%
Ohio - 11.1%
Oklahoma - 6.3%
Oregon - 12.2%
Pennsylvania - 8.3%
Rhode Island - 12.4%
South Carolina - 12.1%
South Dakota - 5.1%
Tennessee - 10.8%
Texas - 7.5%
Utah - 5.7%
Vermont - 7.1%



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Virginia - 7.2%
Wyoming - 5.9%

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