

CEDS Indicators: Workforce Development and Use

Indicator:	Unemployment
Measure:	BLS Monthly unemployment by county/region/state
Baseline:	December 2008 Alabama Unemployment Rate
Data source:	Bureau of Labor Statistics, State and Local Unemployment Rates, http://data.bls.gov/cgi-bin/dsrv?la
Frequency of review:	Monthly

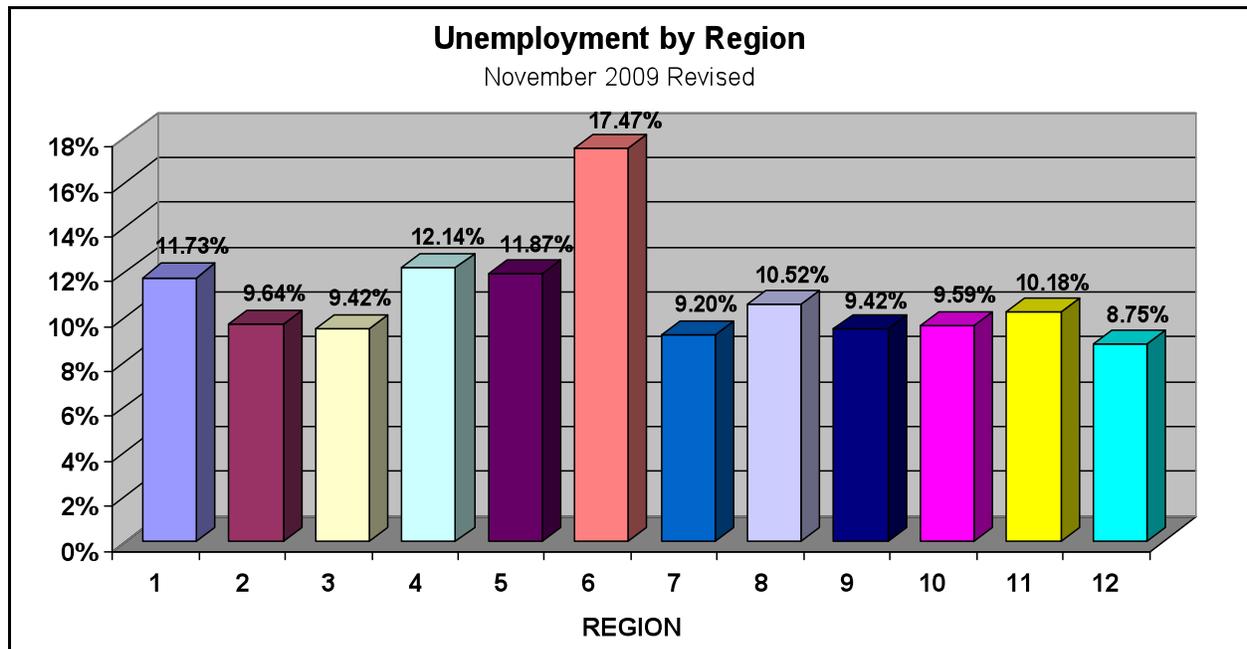
Unemployment indicates the degree to which an economy is struggling to provide sufficient job opportunities for the population of an area. High unemployment is associated with reductions in wealth and savings and a greater strain on government services. The Bureau of Labor Statistics reports unemployment monthly based on claims data. Unemployment statistics reflect only the count of people currently receiving unemployment benefits and are therefore skewed to the degree that they fail to reflect joblessness among individuals who are beyond the period of their benefit eligibility and are no longer engaged in job searches through career centers or their equivalents.

Unemployment has changed dramatically in recent years. The following charts are merely illustrative of unemployment data but are not up to date. Due to frequency of update, individual regions must review their unemployment data regularly.

Unemployment by Region
(for illustrative purposes)

Region	Civilian Labor Force	Employment	Unemployed	Unemployment Rate	Unemployment Rate
	Nov 09 Revised	Nov 09 Revised	Nov 09 Revised	Nov 09 Revised	Dec 09 Revised
Region 1	98,437	86,891	11,546	11.73%	8.50%
Region 2	123,121	111,251	11,870	9.64%	6.17%
Region 3	497,722	450,829	46,893	9.42%	5.72%
Region 4	198,880	174,727	24,153	12.14%	7.96%
Region 5	47,210	41,604	5,606	11.87%	8.02%
Region 6	68,433	56,478	11,955	17.47%	10.85%
Region 7	126,431	114,805	11,626	9.20%	6.13%
Region 8	275,049	246,106	28,943	10.52%	6.31%
Region 9	159,743	144,688	15,055	9.42%	6.43%
Region 10	82,796	74,854	7,942	9.59%	6.05%
Region 11	106,663	95,808	10,855	10.18%	6.34%
Region 12	288,159	262,957	25,202	8.75%	5.40%

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Unemployment Rate and Change by County
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Area	December 2008 Revised	November 2009 Revised	Change from December 08 to November 09
US, Seasonally Adjusted	7.20%	10.00%	2.80%
US, Not Seasonally Adjusted	7.10%	9.40%	2.30%
Alabama, Seasonally Adjusted	6.50%	10.50%	4.00%
Alabama, Not Seasonally Adjusted	6.50%	10.20%	3.70%
Autauga	5.90%	9.00%	3.10%
Baldwin	5.70%	9.60%	3.90%
Barbour	8.10%	14.00%	5.90%
Bibb	6.70%	9.90%	3.20%
Blount	5.80%	9.10%	3.30%
Bullock	11.50%	17.00%	5.50%
Butler	10.20%	16.30%	6.10%
Calhoun	6.60%	10.50%	3.90%
Chambers	14.50%	18.10%	3.60%
Cherokee	6.60%	9.80%	3.20%
Chilton	6.10%	9.80%	3.70%
Choctaw	8.40%	12.50%	4.10%
Clarke	9.90%	15.90%	6.00%
Clay	9.90%	16.40%	6.50%
Cleburne	6.30%	9.00%	2.70%
Coffee	5.20%	7.80%	2.60%
Colbert	7.70%	10.50%	2.80%
Conecuh	11.20%	19.80%	8.60%
Coosa	10.20%	14.10%	3.90%
Covington	6.70%	9.50%	2.80%
Crenshaw	6.30%	9.60%	3.30%
Cullman	6.10%	9.30%	3.20%
Dale	6.10%	9.10%	3.00%
Dallas	12.90%	20.30%	7.40%
DeKalb	7.20%	13.40%	6.20%
Elmore	6.30%	8.70%	2.40%
Escambia	8.60%	12.50%	3.90%
Etowah	6.70%	10.20%	3.50%
Fayette	7.80%	12.90%	5.10%
Franklin	9.50%	12.20%	2.70%
Geneva	6.90%	9.60%	2.70%
Greene	8.80%	14.40%	5.60%

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Hale	8.70%	12.20%	3.50%
Henry	7.10%	9.20%	2.10%
Houston	5.60%	8.60%	3.00%
Jackson	7.70%	11.60%	3.90%
Jefferson	6.00%	9.70%	3.70%
Lamar	9.30%	14.20%	4.90%
Lauderdale	6.80%	10.00%	3.20%
Lawrence	7.60%	12.70%	5.10%
Lee	5.60%	8.80%	3.20%
Limestone	5.60%	9.20%	3.60%
Lowndes	12.40%	15.70%	3.30%
Macon	7.80%	11.40%	3.60%
Madison	4.60%	7.30%	2.70%
Marengo	8.60%	13.50%	4.90%
Marion	10.80%	15.00%	4.20%
Marshall	5.60%	9.30%	3.70%
Mobile	6.40%	10.80%	4.40%
Monroe	11.70%	21.00%	9.30%
Montgomery	6.60%	9.80%	3.20%
Morgan	6.20%	10.10%	3.90%
Perry	12.60%	17.90%	5.30%
Pickens	7.70%	12.50%	4.80%
Pike	5.40%	8.10%	2.70%
Randolph	8.40%	15.20%	6.80%
Russell	7.40%	12.10%	4.70%
St. Clair	6.00%	10.30%	4.30%
Shelby	4.40%	7.20%	2.80%
Sumter	9.00%	14.00%	5.00%
Talladega	8.70%	13.60%	4.90%
Tallapoosa	8.10%	14.00%	5.90%
Tuscaloosa	5.40%	8.40%	3.00%
Walker	6.30%	12.10%	5.80%
Washington	8.70%	14.10%	5.40%
Wilcox	15.20%	24.40%	9.20%
Winston	13.30%	17.90%	4.60%

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