

U.S. Real Unemployment (RUR): December 2007 – August 2010
(including 2.188 Farm Workers and 8.678 Self-employed Workers)
(figures in millions)

This Summary determines and then compares (1) the number of **officially unemployed** workers reported each month by the BLS with (2) **real unemployment** which includes workers who are part-time-of-necessity, marginally attached, or discouraged. The total number of **real unemployed** workers is more representative of the current labor situation. This Summary also identifies weeks unemployed, job openings, and jobs shortfall.

	<u>TRAILING THREE MONTHS</u>					
	<u>DECEMBER '07</u>	<u>DECEMBER '08</u>	<u>MAY '10</u>	<u>JUNE '10</u>	<u>JULY '10</u>	<u>AUGUST '10</u>
A. Civilian Labor Force ⁽¹⁾	153.869	154.587	154.393	153.741	153.560	154.110
BLS total unemployed ⁽²⁾	7.696	11.400	14.973	14.623	14.599	14.860
BLS unemployment rate ⁽³⁾	5.00%	7.37%	9.70%	9.51%	9.51%	9.64%
<i>memo:</i>						
(i) <i>average weeks unemployed</i>	16.5	19.6	34.4	35.2	34.2	33.6
(ii) <i>median weeks unemployed</i>	8.4	10.7	23.2	25.5	22.2	19.9
(iii) <i>workers unemployed 27 weeks and longer</i>	1.325	2.612	6.763	6.751	6.572	6.249
B. Adjusted Civilian Labor Force ⁽⁴⁾	158.267	159.767	160.774	160.202	159.703	160.193
BLS total unemployed ⁽²⁾	7.696	11.400	14.973	14.623	14.599	14.860
Part-time-of-necessity	4.665	8.090	8.809	8.627	8.529	8.860
Other marginally attached	1.344	1.908	2.223	2.591	2.622	2.370
Discouraged workers ⁽⁵⁾	<u>3.054</u>	<u>3.272</u>	<u>4.158</u>	<u>3.870</u>	<u>3.521</u>	<u>3.713</u>
Total real unemployed	16.759	24.670	30.163	29.711	29.271	29.803
Real unemployment rate ⁽⁶⁾	10.59%	15.44%	18.76%	18.55%	18.33%	18.60%
<i>Job openings</i> ⁽⁷⁾	4.122	3.052	2.694	3.078	3.206	2.937
<i>Jobs shortfall vs. a 5% RUR</i> ⁽⁸⁾	8.846	16.682	22.124	21.701	21.286	21.793

(1): Includes part-time-of-necessity, plus self-employed workers (the number of whom is preliminary and typically lags one month) and farm workers.

(2): Does not include part-time-of-necessity, other marginally attached workers, or discouraged workers.

(3): BLS total unemployed divided by BLS civilian labor force.

(4): BLS civilian labor force plus other marginally attached workers and discouraged workers.

(5): Workers who have abandoned their job search; does not include other marginally attached workers.

(6): Total real unemployed divided by the adjusted civilian labor force.

(7): Figures shown typically lag sixty days.

(8): Total real unemployed workers minus the product of the Adjusted Civilian Labor Force times 5%.