

Interior Economic Region Not Seasonally Adjusted Labor Force Data 1990 to 2020

Note: A change in the way labor force statistics are calculated for sub-state areas makes data prior to 2010 not comparable with later data.

2020

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	48,940	48,883	49,371	48,278	49,143								
Employment	45,687	46,028	46,581	42,676	43,901								
Unemployment	3,253	2,855	2,790	5,602	5,242								
Unemployment Rate	6.6%	5.8%	5.7%	11.6%	10.7%								

2019

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	50,548	50,163	50,191	50,393	51,634	51,609	52,107	51,826	51,383	50,941	50,570	50,140	50,958
Employment	46,983	46,518	46,701	47,141	48,599	48,483	49,259	49,233	48,682	48,121	47,558	47,151	47,869
Unemployment	3,565	3,645	3,490	3,252	3,035	3,126	2,848	2,593	2,701	2,820	3,012	2,989	3,089
Unemployment Rate	7.1%	7.3%	7.0%	6.5%	5.9%	6.1%	5.5%	5.0%	5.3%	5.5%	6.0%	6.0%	6.1%

2018

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	51,267	51,295	51,368	51,245	52,876	52,503	52,685	52,956	52,375	52,103	51,896	51,355	51,994
Employment	47,289	47,365	47,638	47,686	49,473	49,148	49,677	50,303	49,559	49,219	48,758	48,140	48,688
Unemployment	3,978	3,930	3,730	3,559	3,403	3,355	3,008	2,653	2,816	2,884	3,138	3,215	3,306
Unemployment Rate	7.8%	7.7%	7.3%	6.9%	6.4%	6.4%	5.7%	5.0%	5.4%	5.5%	6.0%	6.3%	6.4%

2017

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	51,851	51,612	51,977	52,147	54,032	53,263	53,721	53,794	53,430	52,793	52,473	52,160	52,771
Employment	47,639	47,427	48,027	48,426	50,403	49,637	50,401	50,649	50,235	49,472	48,843	48,455	49,134
Unemployment	4,212	4,185	3,950	3,721	3,629	3,626	3,320	3,145	3,195	3,321	3,630	3,705	3,637
Unemployment Rate	8.1%	8.1%	7.6%	7.1%	6.7%	6.8%	6.2%	5.8%	6.0%	6.3%	6.9%	7.1%	6.9%

2016

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	51,313	51,212	51,514	51,789	54,413	53,434	54,041	54,431	53,734	53,204	52,986	52,706	52,899
Employment	47,344	47,197	47,622	48,124	50,869	49,859	50,816	51,408	50,464	49,854	49,328	48,936	49,319
Unemployment	3,969	4,015	3,892	3,665	3,544	3,575	3,225	3,023	3,270	3,350	3,658	3,770	3,580
Unemployment Rate	7.7%	7.8%	7.6%	7.1%	6.5%	6.7%	6.0%	5.6%	6.1%	6.3%	6.9%	7.2%	6.8%

2015

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	51,572	51,565	51,754	52,204	54,563	53,777	53,789	54,008	53,237	53,004	52,667	52,497	52,887
Employment	47,664	47,633	48,070	48,838	51,265	50,349	50,829	51,167	50,289	49,764	49,125	48,962	49,496
Unemployment	3,908	3,932	3,684	3,366	3,298	3,428	2,960	2,841	2,948	3,240	3,542	3,535	3,391
Unemployment Rate	7.6%	7.6%	7.1%	6.4%	6.0%	6.4%	5.5%	5.3%	5.5%	6.1%	6.7%	6.7%	6.4%

2014

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	52,153	52,346	52,529	52,493	54,947	54,084	54,207	54,381	54,050	53,472	52,926	52,856	53,370
Employment	47,911	48,014	48,445	48,686	51,213	50,302	50,789	51,234	50,821	50,135	49,329	49,314	49,683
Unemployment	4,242	4,332	4,084	3,807	3,734	3,782	3,418	3,147	3,229	3,337	3,597	3,542	3,687
Unemployment Rate	8.1%	8.3%	7.8%	7.3%	6.8%	7.0%	6.3%	5.8%	6.0%	6.2%	6.8%	6.7%	6.9%

2013

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	52,505	53,141	53,278	53,211	55,015	54,888	55,225	55,423	54,955	54,224	53,818	53,660	54,113
Employment	48,069	48,724	49,142	49,319	51,214	50,971	51,740	52,174	51,663	50,743	50,009	49,923	50,308
Unemployment	4,436	4,417	4,136	3,892	3,801	3,917	3,485	3,249	3,292	3,481	3,809	3,737	3,805
Unemployment Rate	8.4%	8.3%	7.8%	7.3%	6.9%	7.1%	6.3%	5.9%	6.0%	6.4%	7.1%	7.0%	7.0%

2012

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	53,575	54,111	54,269	54,475	56,382	56,103	56,035	55,568	55,966	55,439	54,296	54,430	55,055
Employment	48,885	49,395	49,736	50,295	52,461	52,134	52,440	52,282	52,638	51,995	50,524	50,469	51,105
Unemployment	4,690	4,716	4,533	4,180	3,921	3,969	3,595	3,286	3,328	3,444	3,772	3,961	3,950
Unemployment Rate	8.8%	8.7%	8.4%	7.7%	7.0%	7.1%	6.4%	5.9%	5.9%	6.2%	6.9%	7.3%	7.2%

2011

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	53,432	53,947	53,846	54,466	56,427	56,735	56,642	56,068	56,244	55,192	55,276	55,081	55,280
Employment	48,613	49,141	49,281	50,261	52,409	52,610	52,900	52,462	52,633	51,377	51,121	50,734	51,129
Unemployment	4,819	4,806	4,565	4,205	4,018	4,125	3,742	3,606	3,611	3,815	4,155	4,347	4,151
Unemployment Rate	9.0%	8.9%	8.5%	7.7%	7.1%	7.3%	6.6%	6.4%	6.4%	6.9%	7.5%	7.9%	7.5%

2010

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	52,920	53,552	53,676	54,196	56,156	56,707	56,228	56,280	55,838	55,054	54,978	55,130	55,059
Employment	48,079	48,678	48,982	49,932	52,074	52,634	52,552	52,805	52,286	51,267	50,822	50,872	50,915
Unemployment	4,841	4,874	4,694	4,264	4,082	4,073	3,676	3,475	3,552	3,787	4,156	4,258	4,144
Unemployment Rate	9.1%	9.1%	8.7%	7.9%	7.3%	7.2%	6.5%	6.2%	6.4%	6.9%	7.6%	7.7%	7.5%

2009

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	52,064	52,742	52,605	52,883	54,137	55,066	55,529	55,769	54,704	53,861	53,876	53,743	53,915
Employment	47,603	48,194	48,193	48,774	50,024	50,770	51,697	52,193	51,012	49,871	49,596	49,511	49,786
Unemployment	4,461	4,548	4,412	4,109	4,113	4,296	3,832	3,576	3,692	3,990	4,280	4,232	4,129
Unemployment Rate	8.6%	8.6%	8.4%	7.8%	7.6%	7.8%	6.9%	6.4%	6.7%	7.4%	7.9%	7.9%	7.7%

2008

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	51,861	52,108	52,472	53,024	55,987	55,474	56,139	55,885	54,408	53,289	53,434	53,198	53,940
Employment	47,937	48,070	48,617	49,411	52,497	51,763	52,788	52,794	51,285	49,822	49,720	49,372	50,340
Unemployment	3,924	4,038	3,855	3,613	3,490	3,711	3,351	3,091	3,123	3,467	3,714	3,826	3,600
Unemployment Rate	7.6%	7.7%	7.3%	6.8%	6.2%	6.7%	6.0%	5.5%	5.7%	6.5%	7.0%	7.2%	6.7%

2007

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	51,687	52,227	52,592	52,793	54,726	54,047	54,714	54,814	54,021	52,632	52,751	52,662	53,305
Employment	47,865	48,347	48,875	49,406	51,464	50,608	51,692	52,035	51,163	49,694	49,463	49,252	49,988
Unemployment	3,822	3,880	3,717	3,387	3,262	3,439	3,022	2,779	2,858	2,938	3,288	3,410	3,317
Unemployment Rate	7.4%	7.4%	7.1%	6.4%	6.0%	6.4%	5.5%	5.1%	5.3%	5.6%	6.2%	6.5%	6.2%

2006

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	50,987	51,497	51,821	52,398	54,448	53,823	54,621	54,936	53,539	52,371	52,803	52,649	52,993
Employment	46,957	47,435	47,937	48,850	51,080	50,438	51,545	52,044	50,666	49,347	49,522	49,315	49,596
Unemployment	4,030	4,062	3,884	3,548	3,368	3,385	3,076	2,892	2,873	3,024	3,281	3,334	3,397
Unemployment Rate	7.9%	7.9%	7.5%	6.8%	6.2%	6.3%	5.6%	5.3%	5.4%	5.8%	6.2%	6.3%	6.4%

2005

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	50,543	51,281	51,316	52,208	54,593	54,616	55,654	56,137	53,984	53,347	53,016	52,735	53,286
Employment	46,418	47,051	47,375	48,617	51,249	51,209	52,623	53,374	51,074	50,177	49,550	49,211	49,827
Unemployment	4,125	4,230	3,941	3,591	3,344	3,407	3,031	2,763	2,910	3,170	3,466	3,524	3,459
Unemployment Rate	8.2%	8.2%	7.7%	6.9%	6.1%	6.2%	5.4%	4.9%	5.4%	5.9%	6.5%	6.7%	6.5%

2004

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	49,061	49,311	49,686	50,580	52,541	52,530	53,522	54,157	52,972	51,904	51,615	51,674	51,629
Employment	44,567	44,726	45,404	46,682	48,907	48,702	50,319	51,185	49,905	48,661	48,084	48,095	47,936
Unemployment	4,494	4,585	4,282	3,898	3,634	3,828	3,203	2,972	3,067	3,243	3,531	3,579	3,693
Unemployment Rate	9.2%	9.3%	8.6%	7.7%	6.9%	7.3%	6.0%	5.5%	5.8%	6.2%	6.8%	6.9%	7.2%

2003

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	46,984	47,761	47,801	48,371	50,756	50,313	51,439	50,832	50,546	49,564	49,616	49,452	49,454
Employment	42,594	43,203	43,460	44,282	47,005	46,416	47,954	47,637	47,294	46,067	45,813	45,574	45,608
Unemployment	4,390	4,558	4,341	4,089	3,751	3,897	3,485	3,195	3,252	3,497	3,803	3,878	3,846
Unemployment Rate	9.3%	9.5%	9.1%	8.5%	7.4%	7.7%	6.8%	6.3%	6.4%	7.1%	7.7%	7.8%	7.8%

2002

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	46,269	46,932	47,226	47,558	49,539	49,048	50,076	49,569	49,468	48,610	47,929	48,345	48,382
Employment	42,409	42,996	43,321	43,876	46,070	45,480	46,874	46,580	46,365	45,276	44,217	44,540	44,834
Unemployment	3,860	3,936	3,905	3,682	3,469	3,568	3,202	2,989	3,103	3,334	3,712	3,805	3,548
Unemployment Rate	8.3%	8.4%	8.3%	7.7%	7.0%	7.3%	6.4%	6.0%	6.3%	6.9%	7.7%	7.9%	7.3%

2001

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	45,934	46,224	46,281	46,414	48,426	48,724	50,099	49,375	48,670	47,977	47,448	47,348	47,744
Employment	42,257	42,513	42,690	43,074	45,183	45,444	47,248	46,788	45,998	45,150	44,226	44,067	44,553
Unemployment	3,677	3,711	3,591	3,340	3,243	3,280	2,851	2,587	2,672	2,827	3,222	3,281	3,191
Unemployment Rate	8.0%	8.0%	7.8%	7.2%	6.7%	6.7%	5.7%	5.2%	5.5%	5.9%	6.8%	6.9%	6.7%

2000

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	45,742	45,941	45,834	46,569	48,164	48,517	49,544	48,389	47,484	47,188	47,181	46,681	47,269
Employment	41,958	42,120	42,149	43,135	44,857	45,194	46,635	45,775	44,897	44,310	44,141	43,504	44,056
Unemployment	3,784	3,821	3,685	3,434	3,307	3,323	2,909	2,614	2,587	2,878	3,040	3,177	3,213
Unemployment Rate	8.3%	8.3%	8.0%	7.4%	6.9%	6.8%	5.9%	5.4%	5.4%	6.1%	6.4%	6.8%	6.8%

1999

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	48,262	48,092	48,088	49,041	51,059	51,786	51,109	49,851	49,552	48,607	48,594	48,550	49,383
Employment	44,173	43,823	44,162	45,549	47,707	48,487	48,308	47,293	47,006	45,781	45,498	45,309	46,092
Unemployment	4,089	4,269	3,926	3,492	3,352	3,299	2,801	2,558	2,546	2,826	3,096	3,241	3,291
Unemployment Rate	8.5%	8.9%	8.2%	7.1%	6.6%	6.4%	5.5%	5.1%	5.1%	5.8%	6.4%	6.7%	6.7%

1998

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	47,801	48,074	47,945	48,106	50,025	51,243	51,710	50,507	49,843	49,435	49,017	48,801	49,376
Employment	43,981	44,088	44,155	44,802	46,869	47,941	48,891	47,838	47,045	46,342	45,590	45,274	46,068
Unemployment	3,820	3,986	3,790	3,304	3,156	3,302	2,819	2,669	2,798	3,093	3,427	3,527	3,308
Unemployment Rate	8.0%	8.3%	7.9%	6.9%	6.3%	6.4%	5.5%	5.3%	5.6%	6.3%	7.0%	7.2%	6.7%

1997

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	47,437	47,664	47,666	48,169	49,449	51,033	50,819	50,024	49,738	49,892	49,169	48,602	49,138
Employment	42,913	42,861	43,126	43,913	45,746	47,281	47,642	47,159	46,810	46,804	45,865	45,415	45,462
Unemployment	4,524	4,803	4,540	4,256	3,703	3,752	3,177	2,865	2,928	3,088	3,304	3,187	3,676
Unemployment Rate	9.5%	10.1%	9.5%	8.8%	7.5%	7.4%	6.3%	5.7%	5.9%	6.2%	6.7%	6.6%	7.5%

1996

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	46,361	46,402	46,725	47,420	49,209	50,732	50,932	49,730	49,205	49,274	48,998	48,001	48,584
Employment	41,666	41,596	41,883	43,011	45,372	46,940	47,393	46,481	45,939	45,722	45,098	44,103	44,601
Unemployment	4,695	4,806	4,842	4,409	3,837	3,792	3,539	3,249	3,266	3,552	3,900	3,898	3,983
Unemployment Rate	10.1%	10.4%	10.4%	9.3%	7.8%	7.5%	6.9%	6.5%	6.6%	7.2%	8.0%	8.1%	8.2%

1995

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	45,581	45,503	45,311	45,660	47,484	49,423	48,975	48,371	47,977	47,061	47,178	46,462	47,082
Employment	41,089	40,864	40,780	41,650	43,820	45,467	45,458	45,147	44,810	43,518	43,253	42,467	43,193
Unemployment	4,492	4,639	4,531	4,010	3,664	3,956	3,517	3,224	3,167	3,543	3,925	3,995	3,889
Unemployment Rate	9.9%	10.2%	10.0%	8.8%	7.7%	8.0%	7.2%	6.7%	6.6%	7.5%	8.3%	8.6%	8.3%

1994

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	44,943	44,643	44,619	45,234	46,852	48,116	48,874	47,803	47,462	46,448	46,331	45,670	46,416
Employment	40,245	39,754	39,911	40,884	42,737	44,038	45,053	44,428	44,178	42,964	42,625	41,950	42,397
Unemployment	4,698	4,889	4,708	4,350	4,115	4,078	3,821	3,375	3,284	3,484	3,706	3,720	4,019
Unemployment Rate	10.5%	11.0%	10.6%	9.6%	8.8%	8.5%	7.8%	7.1%	6.9%	7.5%	8.0%	8.1%	8.7%

1993

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
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Labor Force	43,191	42,947	43,242	43,557	45,906	46,814	46,407	46,552	46,214	45,593	45,698	44,946	45,090
Employment	38,887	38,393	38,747	39,460	42,065	42,689	42,781	43,187	42,775	41,606	41,572	40,790	41,080
Unemployment	4,304	4,554	4,495	4,097	3,841	4,125	3,626	3,365	3,439	3,987	4,126	4,156	4,010
Unemployment Rate	10.0%	10.6%	10.4%	9.4%	8.4%	8.8%	7.8%	7.2%	7.4%	8.7%	9.0%	9.2%	8.9%

1992

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	42,715	42,710	43,136	42,906	45,120	46,371	46,168	45,422	44,956	43,833	43,933	43,609	44,241
Employment	37,551	37,333	38,031	38,187	40,519	41,491	42,045	41,690	41,304	39,876	39,907	39,613	39,796
Unemployment	5,164	5,377	5,105	4,719	4,601	4,880	4,123	3,732	3,652	3,957	4,026	3,996	4,445
Unemployment Rate	12.1%	12.6%	11.8%	11.0%	10.2%	10.5%	8.9%	8.2%	8.1%	9.0%	9.2%	9.2%	10.0%

1991

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	40,279	40,479	40,573	40,540	41,797	42,965	42,909	42,504	42,674	42,958	42,946	42,554	41,932
Employment	35,839	35,717	35,855	36,075	37,446	38,313	38,783	38,648	38,789	38,889	38,507	37,992	37,571
Unemployment	4,440	4,762	4,718	4,465	4,351	4,652	4,126	3,856	3,885	4,069	4,439	4,562	4,361
Unemployment Rate	11.0%	11.8%	11.6%	11.0%	10.4%	10.8%	9.6%	9.1%	9.1%	9.5%	10.3%	10.7%	10.4%

1990

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	39,488	39,509	39,721	39,642	41,464	42,200	42,525	42,099	41,157	40,630	40,165	40,337	40,745
Employment	35,234	35,262	35,563	35,718	37,519	38,363	39,271	38,951	37,970	37,077	36,306	36,393	36,969
Unemployment	4,254	4,247	4,158	3,924	3,945	3,837	3,254	3,148	3,187	3,553	3,859	3,944	3,776
Unemployment Rate	10.8%	10.7%	10.5%	9.9%	9.5%	9.1%	7.7%	7.5%	7.7%	8.7%	9.6%	9.8%	9.3%

A change in the way the labor force statistics are calculated for boroughs and census areas makes data prior to 2000 not comparable with data from 2000 forward.

Definitions:

- **Labor Force:** Includes all persons in the civilian noninstitutional population classified as either employed or unemployed. (See the definitions below).
- **Employment:** These are all persons who, during the reference week (the week including the 12th day of the month), (a) did any work as paid employees, worked in their own business or profession or on their own farm, or worked 15 hours or more as unpaid workers in an enterprise operated by a member of their family, or (b) were not working but who had jobs from which they were temporarily absent because of vacation, illness, bad weather, childcare problems, maternity or paternity leave, labor-management dispute job training, or other family or personal reasons, whether or not they were paid for the time off or were seeking other jobs. Each employed person is counted only once, even if he or she holds more than one job.
- **Unemployment:** Includes all persons who had no employment during the reference week, were available for work, except for temporary illness, and had made specific efforts to find employment some time during the 4 week-period ending with the reference week. Persons who were waiting to be recalled to a job from which they had been laid off need not have been looking for work to be classified as unemployed.
- **Unemployment Rate:** The ratio of unemployed to the civilian labor force expressed as a percent [i.e., 100 times (unemployed/labor force)].

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