

STATES RANKED BY UNEMPLOYMENT RATE  
 October 2008 (preliminary)  
 Seasonally Adjusted

Rank	State	October 2008
1	Alabama	5.6 %
2	Alaska	7.4
3	Arizona	6.1
4	Arkansas	5.4
5	California	8.2
6	Colorado	5.7
7	Connecticut	6.5
8	Delaware	5.4
9	District of Columbia	7.4
10	Florida	7.0
11	Georgia	7.0
12	Hawaii	4.5
13	Idaho	5.3
14	Illinois	7.3
15	Indiana	6.4
16	Iowa	4.4
17	Kansas	4.9
18	Kentucky	6.8
19	Louisiana	5.5
20	Maine	5.7
21	Maryland	5.0
22	Massachusetts	5.5
23	Michigan	9.3
24	Minnesota	6.0
25	Mississippi	7.2
26	Missouri	6.5
27	Montana	4.8
28	Nebraska	3.6
29	Nevada	7.6
30	New Hampshire	4.1
31	New Jersey	6.0
32	New Mexico	4.4
33	New York	5.7
34	North Carolina	7.0
35	North Dakota	3.4
36	Ohio	7.3
37	Oklahoma	4.3
38	Oregon	7.3
39	Pennsylvania	5.8
40	Rhode Island	9.3
41	South Carolina	8.0
42	South Dakota	3.3
43	Tennessee	7.0

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45	Utah	3.5
46	Vermont	5.2
47	Virginia	4.4
48	Washington	6.3
49	West Virginia	4.7
50	Wisconsin	5.1
51	Wyoming	3.3

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3	North Dakota	3.4
4	Utah	3.5
5	Nebraska	3.6
6	New Hampshire	4.1
7	Oklahoma	4.3
8	Iowa	4.4
9	New Mexico	4.4
10	Virginia	4.4
11	Hawaii	4.5
12	West Virginia	4.7
13	Montana	4.8
14	Kansas	4.9
15	Maryland	5.0
16	Wisconsin	5.1
17	Vermont	5.2
18	Idaho	5.3
19	Arkansas	5.4
20	Delaware	5.4
21	Louisiana	5.5
22	Massachusetts	5.5
23	Alabama	5.6
<b>24</b>	<b>Texas</b>	<b>5.6</b>
25	Colorado	5.7
26	Maine	5.7
<b>27</b>	<b>New York</b>	<b>5.7</b>
<b>28</b>	<b>Pennsylvania</b>	<b>5.8</b>
29	Minnesota	6.0
30	New Jersey	6.0
31	Arizona	6.1
32	Washington	6.3
33	Indiana	6.4
34	Connecticut	6.5
35	Missouri	6.5
36	Kentucky	6.8
<b>37</b>	<b>Florida</b>	<b>7.0</b>
<b>38</b>	<b>Georgia</b>	<b>7.0</b>
<b>39</b>	<b>North Carolina</b>	<b>7.0</b>
40	Tennessee	7.0
41	Mississippi	7.2
<b>42</b>	<b>Illinois</b>	<b>7.3</b>
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Source: U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

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