

**Table A-15. Alternative measures of labor underutilization**  
[Percent]

Measure	Not seasonally adjusted			Seasonally adjusted					
	Aug. 2015	July 2016	Aug. 2016	Aug. 2015	Apr. 2016	May 2016	June 2016	July 2016	Aug. 2016
U-1 Persons unemployed 15 weeks or longer, as a percent of the civilian labor force.....	2.1	1.9	1.8	2.2	2.1	1.9	2.0	2.0	1.9
U-2 Job losers and persons who completed temporary jobs, as a percent of the civilian labor force.....	2.5	2.4	2.4	2.6	2.4	2.3	2.4	2.3	2.4
U-3 Total unemployed, as a percent of the civilian labor force (official unemployment rate).....	5.2	5.1	5.0	5.1	5.0	4.7	4.9	4.9	4.9
U-4 Total unemployed plus discouraged workers, as a percent of the civilian labor force plus discouraged workers.....	5.6	5.5	5.3	5.5	5.3	5.0	5.2	5.2	5.3
U-5 Total unemployed, plus discouraged workers, plus all other persons marginally attached to the labor force, as a percent of the civilian labor force plus all persons marginally attached to the labor force.....	6.3	6.3	6.0	6.2	6.0	5.7	6.0	6.0	5.9
U-6 Total unemployed, plus all persons marginally attached to the labor force, plus total employed part time for economic reasons, as a percent of the civilian labor force plus all persons marginally attached to the labor force.....	10.3	10.1	9.7	10.3	9.7	9.7	9.6	9.7	9.7

Source: BLS: Employment Situation

## Spread between U-3 and U-6 U.S. Unemployment Rates

Current: 4.8 High on 9/30/2011: 7.40 Average: 4.71 Low on 10/31/2000: 2.90



Source: Department of Labor

**Table A-14. Unemployed persons by industry and class of worker, not seasonally adjusted**

Industry and class of worker	Number of unemployed persons (in thousands)		Unemployment rates	
	Aug. 2015	Aug. 2016	Aug. 2015	Aug. 2016
Total, 16 years and over <sup>1</sup> .....	8,162	7,996	5.2	5.0
Nonagricultural private wage and salary workers.....	6,039	5,820	4.9	4.6
Mining, quarrying, and oil and gas extraction.....	77	42	8.0	5.4
Construction.....	525	454	6.1	5.1
Manufacturing.....	639	652	4.0	4.2
Durable goods.....	426	415	4.2	4.2
Nondurable goods.....	213	237	3.6	4.1
Wholesale and retail trade.....	1,034	985	5.1	4.9
Transportation and utilities.....	251	331	4.0	5.0
Information.....	151	130	5.2	5.0
Financial activities.....	236	269	2.5	2.8
Professional and business services.....	852	749	5.4	4.4
Education and health services.....	934	956	4.1	4.1
Leisure and hospitality.....	1,012	962	7.2	6.6
Other services.....	328	290	4.8	4.2
Agriculture and related private wage and salary workers.....	87	67	5.3	3.7
Government workers.....	779	778	3.7	3.7
Self-employed workers, unincorporated, and unpaid family workers.....	319	371	3.2	3.7

<sup>1</sup> Persons with no previous work experience and persons whose last job was in the U.S. Armed Forces are included in the unemployed total.

NOTE: Updated population controls are introduced annually with the release of January data.

# Reasons for Unemployment

**Table A-11. Unemployed persons by reason for unemployment**  
[Numbers in thousands]

Reason	Not seasonally adjusted			Seasonally adjusted					
	Aug. 2015	July 2016	Aug. 2016	Aug. 2015	Apr. 2016	May 2016	June 2016	July 2016	Aug. 2016
<b>PERCENT DISTRIBUTION</b>									
Job losers and persons who completed temporary jobs.....	48.8	46.8	47.4	50.2	48.8	48.0	48.6	48.6	48.6
On temporary layoff.....	11.7	14.1	12.5	12.1	10.6	11.1	14.1	13.0	12.8
Not on temporary layoff.....	37.2	32.7	34.9	38.1	38.2	36.9	34.5	35.7	35.8
Job leavers.....	10.4	10.5	12.1	9.9	10.8	10.7	10.7	10.7	11.3
Reentrants.....	29.3	29.4	28.5	29.3	29.8	29.7	29.2	29.9	29.1
New entrants.....	11.5	13.4	12.0	10.6	10.6	11.6	11.6	10.7	11.0

<b>LMCI</b>	<b>June Release</b>	<b>July Release</b>	<b>Aug Release</b>
<b>August 2015</b>	<b>1.4</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>1.2</b>
<b>September 2015</b>	<b>1.7</b>	<b>1.6</b>	<b>0.9</b>
<b>October 2015</b>	<b>3.1</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>November 2015</b>	<b>2.8</b>	<b>2.7</b>	<b>3.3</b>
<b>December 2015</b>	<b>1.8</b>	<b>1.8</b>	<b>2.6</b>
<b>January 2016</b>	<b>-1.5</b>	<b>-1.5</b>	<b>-1</b>
<b>February 2016</b>	<b>-2.7</b>	<b>-2.7</b>	<b>-1.8</b>
<b>March 2016</b>	<b>-3.3</b>	<b>-3.4</b>	<b>-2.6</b>
<b>April 2016</b>	<b>-3.2</b>	<b>-3.4</b>	<b>-3.1</b>
<b>May 2016</b>	<b>-3.6</b>	<b>-3.4</b>	<b>-3.7</b>
<b>June 2016</b>	<b>-1.9</b>	<b>-0.1</b>	<b>-0.1</b>
<b>July 2016</b>		<b>1.0</b>	<b>1.3</b>
<b>August 2016</b>			<b>-0.7</b>
<b>Average Monthly Change in Expansion = 4</b> <b>Average Monthly Change in Recession = -20</b>			