



## April Unemployment by the Numbers

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According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) monthly labor report for April 2011, the unemployment rate reached 9 percent for the first time since January. The BLS report reiterates a sad fact that Americans already know: Democrats' runaway spending and record deficits have failed.

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**9%:** The unemployment rate for the month of April.

**26:** The number of consecutive months that unemployment has been at or above 8 percent.

**19.3%:** The rate of underemployment at the end of April according to Gallup's monthly [employment survey](#). This accounts for the unemployed, those unable to find full-time work and those discouraged from looking for work.

**13,747,000:** The number of unemployed Americans looking for work in the month of January.

**44,199,391:** The number of Americans receiving [food stamps](#), the highest number of participants in history.

**38.3:** The average number of weeks that job seekers have been unemployed.

**8,600,000:** The number of Americans who are working only part-time because they cannot find full time employment.

**5,839,000:** The number of Americans unemployed and searching for work for more than 27 weeks.

**2,466,000:** The number of unemployed Americans who want work, but who have stopped looking because of the state of the economy.

**1,346,000:** The number of job seekers that are new entrants to the workforce and have yet to find a job.

**24.9%:** The unemployment rate among job seekers between the ages of 16 and 19.

**16.1%:** The unemployment rate among African Americans.

**11.8%:** The unemployment rate among Hispanics and Latinos.

**14.6%:** The unemployment rate among Americans without high school diplomas.

**6.8%:** The level at which the Obama administration [claimed](#) unemployment would be today if the "stimulus" was signed into law.

**1,809,000:** The number of net jobs the economy has shed since the Democrats' "stimulus" was signed into law in February 2009.

**\$1,161,000,000,000:** The total cost of the Democrats' "stimulus." CBO estimates the cost of the bill will reach [\\$814 billion](#) and interest on the debt for the bill will be at least [\\$347 billion](#).

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