

Age Distribution of the Unemployed Workforce, 1948-2014 (%)

Year	16-24	25-34	35-49	50+	50-54	55+	55-61	62+	62-64	65+
1948	38.0	20.1	--	--	--	14.0	--	--	--	4.1
1950	32.7	21.4	--	--	--	15.4	--	--	--	4.2
1955	29.7	20.2	--	--	--	16.7	--	--	--	4.2
1960	33.6	19.5	--	--	--	13.4	--	--	--	3.2
1965	42.5	15.7	--	--	--	12.6	--	--	--	3.1
1966	44.6	15.3	--	--	--	12.4	--	--	--	3.2
1967	45.4	16.1	21.0	17.5	6.1	11.5	--	--	--	2.9
1968	49.0	15.7	18.8	16.4	5.5	10.9	--	--	--	3.1
1969	49.9	16.0	18.6	15.5	5.3	10.2	--	--	--	2.5
1970	48.2	17.5	19.0	15.3	5.2	10.1	--	--	--	2.5
1971	47.7	18.6	18.6	15.2	5.4	9.8	--	--	--	2.2
1972	50.0	18.0	17.5	14.6	4.8	9.8	--	--	--	2.3
1973	51.4	19.8	15.7	13.1	4.5	8.7	--	--	--	2.0
1974	51.1	20.2	16.0	12.6	4.5	8.1	--	--	--	1.9
1975	45.8	22.4	17.7	14.1	5.5	8.5	--	--	--	2.0
1976	46.4	23.1	16.7	13.9	5.0	8.9	5.4	3.4	1.4	2.0
1977	47.1	23.6	16.0	13.3	4.8	8.5	4.9	3.6	1.5	2.1
1978	49.4	22.9	15.7	11.9	4.4	7.5	4.4	3.1	1.2	2.0
1979	48.8	23.6	15.8	11.8	4.5	7.3	4.5	2.8	1.1	1.7
1980	45.9	26.5	17.0	10.6	4.1	6.5	4.3	2.2	0.9	1.2
1981	45.2	26.7	17.5	10.5	4.0	6.6	4.5	2.1	0.9	1.2
1982	40.9	28.4	19.2	11.5	4.4	7.1	5.1	2.0	1.0	1.0
1983	38.8	28.7	20.5	12.0	4.6	7.4	5.2	2.1	1.1	1.1
1984	39.1	27.8	21.1	12.0	4.3	7.8	5.5	2.3	1.1	1.1
1985	38.6	28.2	21.5	11.7	4.4	7.4	5.2	2.1	1.0	1.1
1986	37.7	29.0	21.8	11.5	4.4	7.0	4.9	2.1	1.0	1.1
1987	37.7	28.7	22.6	11.0	4.4	6.6	4.6	2.0	0.9	1.1
1988	37.1	28.8	23.1	11.0	4.1	6.9	4.5	2.4	1.1	1.3
1989	36.9	28.4	23.3	11.4	4.2	7.2	4.6	2.6	1.2	1.4
1990	35.6	28.3	25.1	10.9	4.0	7.0	4.4	2.6	1.1	1.5
1991	34.0	28.4	26.2	11.5	4.7	6.8	4.5	2.3	1.0	1.3
1992	32.0	28.1	27.2	12.7	5.2	7.5	4.9	2.5	1.2	1.4
1993	32.2	26.8	28.3	12.7	5.4	7.3	4.9	2.4	1.2	1.2
1994	33.7	25.9	27.3	13.2	5.2	8.0	4.9	3.1	1.2	1.9
1995	35.0	24.9	27.7	12.4	4.6	7.8	4.6	3.2	1.2	2.1
1996	35.2	24.3	27.9	12.6	5.1	7.5	4.5	3.0	1.1	1.9
1997	36.0	23.3	27.8	12.9	5.5	7.4	4.5	2.9	1.0	1.9
1998	36.8	22.9	27.4	12.9	5.4	7.5	4.5	3.0	1.0	2.0
1999	37.5	21.7	26.9	13.9	5.6	8.3	5.1	3.2	1.1	2.1
2000	36.9	21.2	27.3	14.5	6.0	8.6	5.0	3.5	1.2	2.3
2001	34.9	22.0	28.1	15.0	6.4	8.6	5.5	3.1	1.2	1.9
2002	32.0	22.6	28.8	16.6	7.1	9.5	6.3	3.2	1.3	1.9
2003	31.3	22.3	29.3	17.1	6.8	10.2	6.8	3.4	1.3	2.1
2004	32.4	21.9	28.2	17.5	6.9	10.6	7.0	3.6	1.4	2.2
2005	33.2	21.9	27.3	17.6	6.9	10.7	6.8	3.9	1.5	2.4
2006	33.6	21.7	27.1	17.6	6.8	10.8	6.9	3.9	1.6	2.3
2007	33.1	21.8	26.0	19.1	7.3	11.8	7.5	4.2	1.6	2.7
2008	31.7	21.8	26.5	19.9	8.0	12.0	7.5	4.5	1.5	3.0
2009	26.4	23.0	28.5	22.1	8.7	13.4	8.5	4.9	1.9	3.0
2010	26.0	22.8	28.0	23.2	9.0	14.2	9.1	5.2	2.1	3.0
2011	26.4	23.2	26.9	23.5	8.6	14.9	9.2	5.7	2.3	3.4
2012	27.6	22.1	25.9	24.4	8.8	15.6	9.4	6.2	2.3	3.9
2013	29.0	21.8	25.1	24.1	8.6	15.5	9.5	6.0	2.2	3.8
2014	29.7	23.1	23.8	23.4	7.9	15.5	9.2	6.3	2.3	4.0

Source: Urban Institute Program on Retirement Policy calculations from Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2014, "Labor Force Statistics from the Current Population Survey," <http://www.bls.gov/cps/data.htm>.

Note: The unemployed include only those who are out of work and actively looking for work.