

# Labor Force Statistics from the Current Population Survey

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**Unemployment Rate:**  
8.1% in Aug 2012

**Change in Unemployment Level:**  
-250,000 in Aug 2012

**Change in Employment Level:**  
-119,000 in Aug 2012

**Change in Civilian Labor Force Level:**  
-368,000 in Aug 2012

**Civilian Labor Force**

**Participation Rate:**  
63.5% in Aug 2012

**Employment-Population Ratio:**  
58.3% in Aug 2012

## ANNUAL AVERAGES

**Unemployment Rate:**  
8.9% for 2011

**Unemployment Level:**  
13,747,000 for 2011

Historical Data  
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#### Employment Characteristics of Veterans—2011

*March 20, 2012*

The unemployment rate for veterans of Gulf War era II (September 2001 forward) was 12.1 percent in 2011. Twenty-six percent of Gulf War-era II veterans reported having a service-connected disability in August 2011, compared with about 14 percent of all veterans.  
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