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[Percent]

	Not seasonally adjusted		Seasonally adjusted						
Measure	Dec. 2012	Nov. 2013	Dec. 2013	Dec. 2012	Aug. 2013	Sept. 2013	Oct. 2013	Nov. 2013	Dec. 2013
U-1 Persons unemployed 15 weeks or longer, as a percent of the civilian labor force	4.2	3.7	3.5	4.3	3.8	3.8	3.8	3.7	3.6
U-2 Job losers and persons who completed temporary jobs, as a percent of the civilian labor force	4.3	3.5	3.5	4.2	3.8	3.7	4.0	3.7	3.5
U-3 Total unemployed, as a percent of the civilian labor force (official unemployment rate)	7.6	6.6	6.5	7.9	7.2	7.2	7.2	7.0	6.7
U-4 Total unemployed plus discouraged workers, as a percent of the civilian labor force plus discouraged workers	8.3	7.1	7.0	8.5	7.8	7.7	7.7	7.4	7.2
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	9.2	7.9	7.9	9.4	8.6	8.6	8.6	8.2	8.1
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	14.4	12.7	13.0	14.4	13.6	13.6	13.7	13.1	13.1

NOTE: Persons marginally attached to the labor force are those who currently are neither working nor looking for work but indicate that they want and are available for a job and have looked for work sometime in the past 12 months. Discouraged workers, a subset of the marginally attached, have given a job-market related reason for not currently looking for work. Persons employed part time for economic reasons are those who want and are available for full-time work but have had to settle for a part-time schedule. Updated population controls are introduced annually with the release of January data.

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