



October 2016 Veteran Employment Update
Veterans' Employment & Training Service
U.S. Department of Labor

Each month, the Veterans' Employment & Training Service (VETS) reviews data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics to provide this overview of veteran & nonveteran employment statistics.

Table 1. Unemployment Rates by Cohort⁽¹⁾

Cohort	Unemployment Rate (%)		
	Oct-15	Oct-16	Change (+/-)
Veterans & Nonveterans <i>(16+, seasonally adjusted)</i>	5.0	4.9	-0.1
All Veterans, ages 18+	3.9	4.3	0.4
<i>Male</i>	3.7	4.1	0.4
<i>Female</i>	5.4	5.6	0.2
All Nonveterans, ages 18+	4.7	4.5	-0.2
Veterans, ages 18-24	10.4	13.5	3.1
<i>Male</i>	9.0	13.1	4.1
<i>Female</i>	NDA	NDA	NDA
Nonveterans, ages 18-24	10.1	9.2	-0.9
Veterans, ages 25-34	5.7	5.6	-0.1
<i>Male</i>	5.5	5.3	-0.2
<i>Female</i>	7.1	7.1	0.0
Nonveterans, ages 25-34	5.2	5.0	-0.2
Veterans, ages 35-44	4.0	3.4	-0.6
<i>Male</i>	3.4	3.8	0.4
<i>Female</i>	7.1	1.3	-5.8
Nonveterans, ages 35-44	3.9	3.7	-0.2
Veterans, ages 45-54	2.7	3.6	0.9
<i>Male</i>	2.6	2.8	0.2
<i>Female</i>	2.9	8.0	5.1
Nonveterans, ages 45-54	3.5	3.2	-0.3
Veterans, ages 55-64	4.0	4.1	0.1
<i>Male</i>	4.3	3.8	-0.5
<i>Female</i>	2.1	5.9	3.8
Nonveterans, ages 55-64	3.2	3.3	0.1
Post-9/11 Veterans, ages 18+	4.6	4.7	0.1
<i>Male</i>	4.1	4.7	0.6
<i>Female</i>	7.2	4.5	-2.7

NDA: No Data Available

Table 2. All Employees by Industry Sector⁽²⁾ from October 15 - October 16(p)
(Veterans and Nonveterans)

Industry	Change (+/-)
Education and health services	590,000
Professional and business services	544,000
Trade, transportation, and utilities	348,000
Leisure and hospitality	283,000
Government	195,000
Construction	175,000
Financial activities	174,000
Other services	81,000
Information	8,000
Manufacturing	-58,000
Mining and logging	-101,000

Note: Unless otherwise noted, data in tables are not seasonally adjusted. Some data points, specifically those related to female veterans, do not meet the Bureau of Labor Statistics' criteria for publishing. Instead, results should be viewed over a longer period of time to better understand trends in unemployment rates. VETS has provided the 24-month unemployment trends on page 2 of this document.

Table 3. State Unemployment Rates⁽³⁾
(Veterans and Nonveterans)

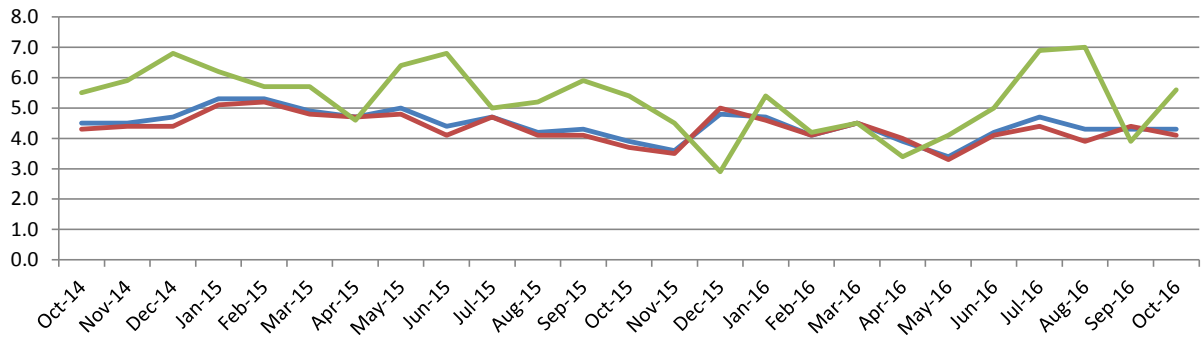
State	Sep 2015	Sep 2016	Change (+/-)
Alabama	5.9	5.7	-0.2
Alaska	5.8	6.4	0.6
Arizona	6.2	5.6	-0.6
Arkansas	4.6	3.9	-0.7
California	5.6	5.3	-0.3
Colorado	3.2	3.0	-0.2
Connecticut	5.1	5.1	0.0
Delaware	4.8	4.3	-0.5
District of Columbia	6.8	6.5	-0.3
Florida	5.3	5.0	-0.3
Georgia	5.6	5.3	-0.3
Hawaii	3.7	3.2	-0.5
Idaho	3.6	3.4	-0.2
Illinois	5.3	5.4	0.1
Indiana	4.1	4.2	0.1
Iowa	3.2	3.7	0.5
Kansas	3.7	4.0	0.3
Kentucky	4.9	4.8	-0.1
Louisiana	6.0	6.7	0.7
Maine	3.5	3.4	-0.1
Maryland	5.0	4.0	-1.0
Massachusetts	4.9	3.3	-1.6
Michigan	4.6	4.4	-0.2
Minnesota	3.2	3.4	0.2
Mississippi	6.1	5.8	-0.3
Missouri	4.3	4.7	0.4
Montana	3.4	3.5	0.1
Nebraska	2.8	3.1	0.3
Nevada	6.6	5.4	-1.2
New Hampshire	3.0	2.6	-0.4
New Jersey	5.1	5.2	0.1
New Mexico	6.4	6.7	0.3
New York	4.8	5.1	0.3
North Carolina	5.4	4.8	-0.6
North Dakota	2.1	2.4	0.3
Ohio	4.3	4.8	0.5
Oklahoma	4.1	5.4	1.3
Oregon	5.2	4.9	-0.3
Pennsylvania	4.6	5.4	0.8
Rhode Island	5.1	5.1	0.0
South Carolina	5.7	4.9	-0.8
South Dakota	2.7	2.4	-0.3
Tennessee	5.5	5.0	-0.5
Texas	4.5	4.9	0.4
Utah	3.2	2.9	-0.3
Vermont	3.7	3.4	-0.3
Virginia	4.1	4.0	-0.1
Washington	5.2	5.1	-0.1
West Virginia	5.9	5.3	-0.6
Wisconsin	4.0	3.5	-0.5
Wyoming	3.7	4.6	0.9

Sources:

- (1) Current Population Survey (CPS)
- (2) Current Employment Statistics (CES) program
- (3) Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS) program
- (p) Preliminary

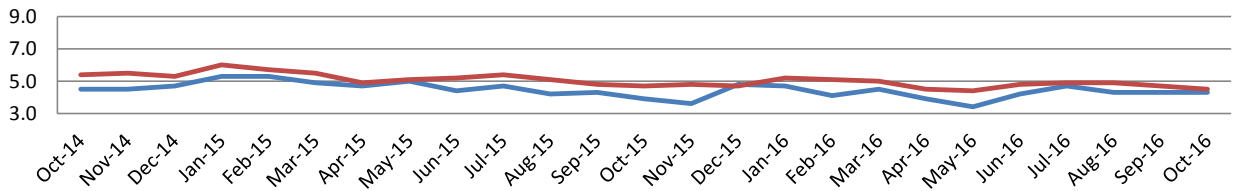
24-Month Unemployment Trends by Veteran Status, Gender, and Post-9/11 Era of Service

Unemployment Rate for Veterans by Gender



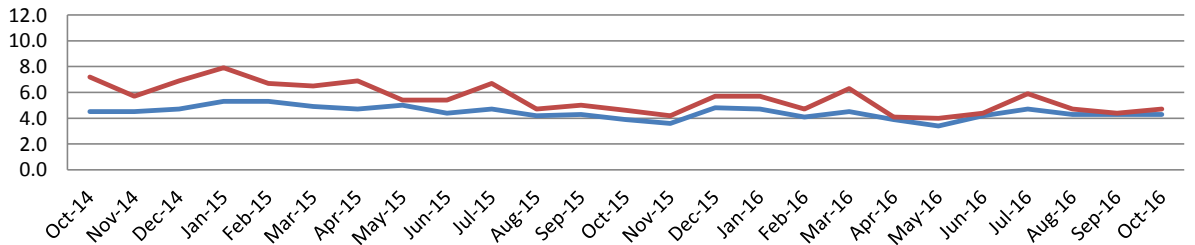
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— Veterans	4.5	4.5	4.7	5.3	5.3	4.9	4.7	5.0	4.4	4.7	4.2	4.3	3.9	3.6	4.8	4.7	4.1	4.5	3.9	3.4	4.2	4.7	4.3	4.3	4.3
— Male Veterans	4.3	4.4	4.4	5.1	5.2	4.8	4.7	4.8	4.1	4.7	4.1	4.1	3.7	3.5	5.0	4.6	4.1	4.5	4.0	3.3	4.1	4.4	3.9	4.4	4.1
— Female Veterans	5.5	5.9	6.8	6.2	5.7	5.7	4.6	6.4	6.8	5.0	5.2	5.9	5.4	4.5	2.9	5.4	4.2	4.5	3.4	4.1	5.0	6.9	7.0	3.9	5.6

Unemployment Rate, Veterans and Nonveterans



	Oct-14	Nov-14	Dec-14	Jan-15	Feb-15	Mar-15	Apr-15	May-15	Jun-15	Jul-15	Aug-15	Sep-15	Oct-15	Nov-15	Dec-15	Jan-16	Feb-16	Mar-16	Apr-16	May-16	Jun-16	Jul-16	Aug-16	Sep-16	Oct-16
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— Nonveterans	5.4	5.5	5.3	6.0	5.7	5.5	4.9	5.1	5.2	5.4	5.1	4.8	4.7	4.8	4.7	5.2	5.1	5.0	4.5	4.4	4.8	4.9	4.9	4.7	4.5

Unemployment Rate, All Veterans and Post-9/11 Era Veterans



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— Post-9/11 Veterans	7.2	5.7	6.9	7.9	6.7	6.5	6.9	5.4	5.4	6.7	4.7	5.0	4.6	4.2	5.7	5.7	4.7	6.3	4.1	4.0	4.4	5.9	4.7	4.4	4.7