

U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics alternative unemployment measures

MEASURE	INCLUDED UNEMPLOYED PERSONS, AS A PERCENTAGE OF THE CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE
U-1	Persons unemployed 15 weeks or longer
U-2	Persons who lost their last jobs or completed temporary jobs
U-3	Persons who do not have a job and have sought work in the past four weeks, "traditional" unemployment rate
U-4	Total U-3 unemployed plus " discouraged " workers who have lost their jobs and want to work, but have not looked for new jobs in the past four weeks because they do not believe that work is available
U-5	Total U-3 unemployed, plus U-4 discouraged workers, plus all other persons marginally attached to the labor force, such as individuals who would like to work but cite family responsibilities or transportation barriers as their reason for not recently seeking a job recently
U-6	Total U-3 unemployed, plus U-4 discouraged workers, plus U-5 marginally attached workers, plus underemployed part-time workers who would prefer to work full-time but are unable to find full-time work

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.