



U-1 through U-6 In Nevada

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Alternative Measures of Labor Underutilization (2012 Annual Average)

Measure	Underutilization Concept	Level
Official Rate	jobless persons available to take a job who have actively sought work in the past four weeks	11.1%
U-1	jobless 15 weeks or longer	6.4%
U-2	job losers and persons losing a temporary job	6.3%
U-3	similar to official rate	11.0%
U-4	U-3 plus discouraged workers	11.9%
U-5	U-4 plus others marginally attached to the labor force	13.3%
U-6	U-5 plus those employed part-time for economic reasons	20.3%

- U-3 is the total of unemployed workers as a percentage of the civilian labor force. This is most similar to the official rate.
- U-4 adds discouraged workers to U-3. Discouraged workers are those people who would like to work, but have stopped looking for work because they believe there are no jobs to be filled. This adds less than one percentage point to the U-3 rate.
- Marginally attached workers, the addition to U-5, have not searched for work for reasons other than belief that there are no jobs to fill.
- Finally, U-6 adds part-time workers (working less than 35 hours per week) who would rather be working full-time, but cannot due to economic reasons including having their hours cut or being unable to find full-time work.