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Series D 85-86. Unemployment: 1890 to 1970

[In thousands of persons 16 years old and over except, prior to 1947, 14 years old and over. Annual averages]

Year	Un- employed	Percent of civilian labor force	Year	Un- employed	Percent of civilian labor force	Year	Un- employed	Percent of civilian labor force	Year	Un- employed	Percent of civilian labor force	Year	Un- employed	Percent of civilian labor force
	85	86		85	86		85	86		85	86		85	86
1970-----	4,088	4.9	1954-----	3,532	5.5	1938-----	10,390	19.0	1922-----	2,859	6.7	1906-----	574	1.7
1969-----	2,832	3.5	1953 ¹ -----	1,834	2.9	1937-----	7,700	14.3	1921-----	4,918	11.7	1905-----	1,381	4.3
1968-----	2,817	3.6	1952-----	1,883	3.0	1936-----	9,030	16.9				1904-----	1,691	5.4
1967-----	2,975	3.8	1951-----	2,055	3.3				1920-----	2,132	5.2	1903-----	1,204	3.9
1966-----	2,875	3.8				1935-----	10,610	20.1	1919-----	546	1.4	1902-----	1,097	3.7
			1950-----	3,288	5.3	1934-----	11,340	21.7	1918-----	536	1.4	1901-----	1,205	4.0
1965-----	3,366	4.5	1949-----	3,637	5.9	1933-----	12,830	24.9	1917-----	1,848	4.6			
1964-----	3,786	5.2	1948-----	2,276	3.8	1932-----	12,060	23.6	1916-----	2,043	5.1	1900-----	1,420	5.0
1963-----	4,070	5.7	1947-----	2,311	3.9	1931-----	8,020	15.9				1899-----	1,819	6.5
1962 ¹ -----	3,911	5.5	1946-----	2,270	3.9				1915-----	3,377	8.5	1898-----	3,351	12.4
1961-----	4,714	6.7				1930-----	4,340	8.7	1914-----	3,120	7.9	1897-----	3,890	14.5
			1945-----	1,040	1.9	1929-----	1,550	3.2	1913-----	1,671	4.8	1896-----	3,782	14.4
1960 ^{1*} -----	3,852	5.5	1944-----	670	1.2	1928-----	1,982	4.2	1912-----	1,759	4.6	1895-----	3,510	13.7
1959-----	3,740	5.5	1943-----	1,070	1.9	1927-----	1,519	3.3	1911-----	2,518	6.7			
1958-----	4,602	6.8	1942-----	2,660	4.7	1926-----	801	1.8				1894-----	4,612	18.4
1957-----	2,859	4.3	1941-----	5,560	9.9				1910-----	2,150	5.9	1893-----	2,860	11.7
1956-----	2,750	4.1				1925-----	1,453	3.2	1909-----	1,824	5.1	1892-----	728	3.0
			1940-----	8,120	14.6	1924-----	2,190	5.0	1908-----	2,780	8.0	1891-----	1,265	5.4
1955-----	2,852	4.4	1939-----	9,480	17.2	1923-----	1,049	2.4	1907-----	945	2.8	1890-----	904	4.0

* Denotes first year for which figures include Alaska and Hawaii.

¹ See headnote for series D 11-25.