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## Data used for unpublished unemployment rates (thousands)

84,382 87,034 89,429 91,949 93,775 96,158 99,009 102,251	Official unemployed (b) 5,016 4,882 4,365 5,156	Want a job now (c) 4,423 4,493 4,510	economic reasons (d) 2,452 2,430	ployed and underemployed (b+c+d) 11,891	Official U-5b rate (b/a) 5.9%	lished Rate 1 (b+c)/a 11.2%	lished Rate 2 (b+c+d)/a
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96,158 99,009		4,514	2,751	12,421	5.6%	10.5%	13.5%
99,009	7,929	5,271	3,541	16,741	8.5%	14.1%	17.9%
	7,406	5,233	3,334	15,973	7.7%	13.1%	16.6%
102.251	6,991	5,775	3,368	16,134	7.1%	12.9%	16.3%
	6,202	5,446	3,298	14,946	6.1%	11.4%	14.6%
104,962	6,137	5,427	3,372	14,936	5.8%	11.0%	14.2%
106,940	7,637	5,675	4,064	17,376	7.1%	12.4%	16.2%
108,670	8,273	5,835	4,499	18,607	7.6%	13.0%	17.1%
110,204	10,678	6,559	5,852	23,089	9.7%	15.6%	21.0%
111,550	10,717	6,503	5,997	23,217	9.6%	15.4%	20.8%
113,544	8,539	6,070	5,512	20,121	7.5%	12.9%	17.7%
115,461	8,312	5,933	5,334	19,579	7.2%	12.3%	17.0%
117,834	8,237	5,825	5,345	19,407	7.0%	11.9%	16.5%
119,865	7,425	5,714	5,122	18,261	6.2%	11.0%	15.2%
121,669	6,701	5,373	4,965	17,039	5.5%	9.9%	14.0%
123,869	6,528	5,395	4,656	16,579	5.3%	9.6%	13.4%
124,787	6,874	5,473	4,860	17,207	5.5%	9.9%	13.8%
125,303	8,426	5,736	6,046	20,208	6.7%	11.3%	16.1%
126,982	9,384	6,181	6,385	21,950	7.4%	12.3%	17.3%
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	9.301	6.2091	6,493	22,003	7.3%	12.2%	17.3%
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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>The want a job now figure is compiled quarterly. The figure used for monthly calculation of the Unpublished Rate 1 is that from the most recent available quarter.

## **Explanatory Note**

In January, over 6.2 million jobless and 6.1 million more semiemployed people were ignored by the U.S. government's Bureau of Labor Statistics in its calculation of the official (U-5b) unemployment rate. To bring out the truth, EIR is publishing the rates you would see if the government didn't cover up.

The widely publicized official unemployment rate is based on a monthly statistical sampling of approximately 57,000 households. But in order for someone to be counted as *unemployed*, the respondent member of the household (often not the person who is out of work) must be able to state what specific effort that person made in the last four weeks to find a job. If no specific effort can be cited, the jobless person is classified as "not in the labor force" and ignored in the official unemployment

But nearly 6 million of these discarded people are also reported on the monthly survey indicating that they "want a regular job now." EIR's *Unpublished Rate* 1 is calculated by adding these discarded jobless to the officially "unemployed." The *Unpublished Rate* 2 includes, in addition, over 6 million more people forced into part-time work for economic reasons such as slack work or inability to find a full-time job. These people show up as *employed* in the official statistics even if they worked only *one hour* during the survey week.

For comparability with the official rate, the EIR rates are calculated on the same base figure, the BLS defined civilian labor force. This figure comprises allicivilians classified as either employed or unemployed. For a number of reasons the civilian labor force can be considered as a bloated figure. Its use as the divisor in unemployment rate calculations thus further masks the depth of the unemployment problem. Large segments of the population, who might not under healthy economic conditions be forced to seek work, have become a part of the civilian labor force over the past 25 years of "post-industrial society" economy. This includes young mothers, the elderly, and many college students.

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