

Americans for Democratic Action

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End the Bush Legacy: Rebuild and Renew America

	January 2001		February 2009		Change in Number Reported Last Month	Change in Number since January 2001
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate		
Real Unemployment Rate			23,144,000	14.8%	+1,559,000	
Reported Unemployment	5,997,000	4.2%	12,467,000	8.1%	+651,000	+6,470,000
Part Time Looking for Full Time Work			8,626,000	5.5%	+787,000	
Marginally Attached Workers			2,051,000	1.2%	-79,000	
Featured populations						
Black Unemployment	1,357,000	8.2%	2,368,000	13.4%	+123,000	+1,011,000
Hispanic Unemployment	987,000	5.8%	2,416,000	10.9%	+284,000	+1,429,000
Women who maintain families	576,000	5.2%	1,003,000	10.3%	-7,000	+427,000
Youth: Ages 16-19	1,139,000	13.8%	1,427,000	21.6%	+68,000	+288,000
Average Length of Unemployment						
In Weeks	12.6		19.8			+7.2
Long Term Unemployment						
27 Weeks and Over	676,000		2,917,000		+270,000	+2,241,000
Percent of Total Unemployed		11.3%		23.1%		
Manufacturing Jobs	17,014,000		12,477,000		-168,000	-4,537,000
Persons in Poverty	32,900,000		37,00,000 ¹			+4,100,000
Food Stamp Recipients	17,318,000 ²		26,736,000 ³			+9,418,000
Health Insurance						
Number NOT covered	41,200,000		45,700,000			+5,400,000
Health Insurance Premiums						
Increase over previous year		11% ⁴		87% ⁵		
Residual Mortgage Debt (Billions)	\$6,019.0		\$11,200 ⁶			+6,481
Mortgage Foreclosures Filings	840,000 ⁷		573,397 ⁸			-266,603
Consumers Debt (Billions)	\$1,738		\$2,515 ⁹			+\$777
Median Household Annual Income	\$47,599 ¹⁰		50,233 ¹¹			+\$2,634
Union Membership						
Number	17,800,000 ¹²		15,700,000 ¹³		-2,100,000	-2,100,000
Percent of Labor Force		13.5% ¹⁴		12% ¹⁵		

Data compiled from U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Census Bureau, the Department of Health and Human Services, the U.S. Department of Agriculture, The Kaiser Commission on Medicaid and the Uninsured, the U.S. Federal Reserve, Freddie Mac, Mortgage Bankers Association of America.



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¹ As of 2006, the latest data available
² Year 2006 participants
³ Increase 2007 over 2000
⁴ Increase 2001 over 2000
⁵ Increase 2007 over 2000
⁶ Based on March 2008 Freddie Mac Forecast
⁷ Year 2001
⁸ Annualized projection based on the

first 1/3 year of 2008
⁹ As of August 2008
¹⁰ As of 2000
¹¹ Year 2007
¹² Year 2001
¹³ Year 2006
¹⁴ Year 2001
¹⁵ Year 2006