

Colleagues and Fellow Veterans,

Today marks the first Friday of April which means the Bureau of Labor Statistics released their employment statistics. The data included today is for the month of March, 2014, as well as the 1st quarter, 2014. The National unemployment rate remained unchanged at 6.7% while the Veteran unemployment rate decreased slightly from 6.3% in February to 6.0% in March. The Veteran unemployment rate average for the first quarter of this year was 6.0%.

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Employment Facts and Statistics

Office of Economic Opportunity
 Veterans Benefits Administration
 BLS Figures (non-seasonally adjusted)

March-14

Unemployment

Cohort (% of total)	Rate	Change	Level	Change	Non-Vets
National	6.7%	0.0%	10.5M	300,000	-
>27 Weeks			3.7M	100,000	-
All Veterans (100%)	6.0%	-0.3%	650,000	-34,000	6.7%
Male	6.3%	-0.2%	594,000	-14,000	7.0%
Female	4.0%	-1.3%	56,000	-20,000	6.3%
Post-9/11 Veterans (26%)	6.9%	-2.3%	172,000	-51,000	-
Male	7.2%	-1.8%	152,000	-31,000	-
Female	5.2%	-4.7%	20,000	-20,000	-
18-24 Veterans (3%)	14.6%	-2.0%	21,000	-3,000	13.8%
Male	10.3%	-7.4%	11,000	-7,000	15.6%
Female*	25.3%	11.2%	11,000	5,000	11.9%
25-34 Veterans (14%)	6.2%	-5.2%	88,000	-71,000	7.0%
Male	6.8%	-4.9%	81,000	-57,000	7.0%
Female	2.9%	-6.7%	7,000	-14,000	7.1%
35-44 Veterans (21%)	6.4%	1.2%	137,000	25,000	5.3%
Male	6.4%	1.7%	110,000	29,000	5.3%
Female	6.9%	-0.4%	27,000	-4,000	5.3%
45-54 Veterans (26%)	6.1%	0.3%	167,000	8,000	5.1%
Male	6.8%	0.4%	161,000	10,000	5.1%
Female	1.5%	-0.4%	6,000	-2,000	5.0%
55+ Veterans (36%)	5.4%	0.2%	237,000	6,000	4.8%
Male	5.7%	0.3%	232,000	12,000	5.0%
Female	1.6%	-1.4%	6,000	-5,000	4.6%

* Does not meet BLS publication criteria

- 42,000 (10%) of all 18-54 Veterans (413,000) are enrolled in school either part time or full time

Unemployed by State Data

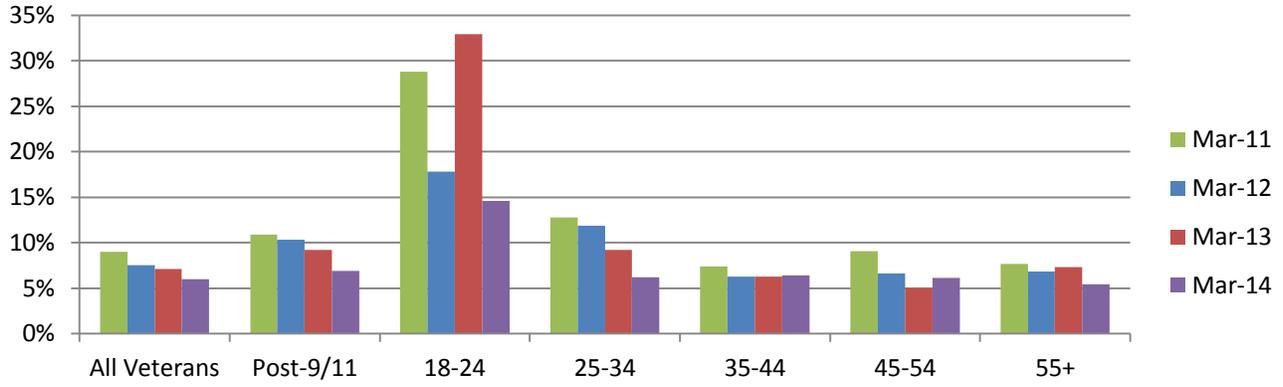
Highest Levels (35% of total)	Level	Highest Rates	Rate
California	80,000	Maryland	12.4%
Georgia	41,000	Michigan	11.6%
Florida	40,000	Kentucky	11.2%
Texas	35,000	Connecticut	10.9%
Michigan	30,000	Montana*	10.9%

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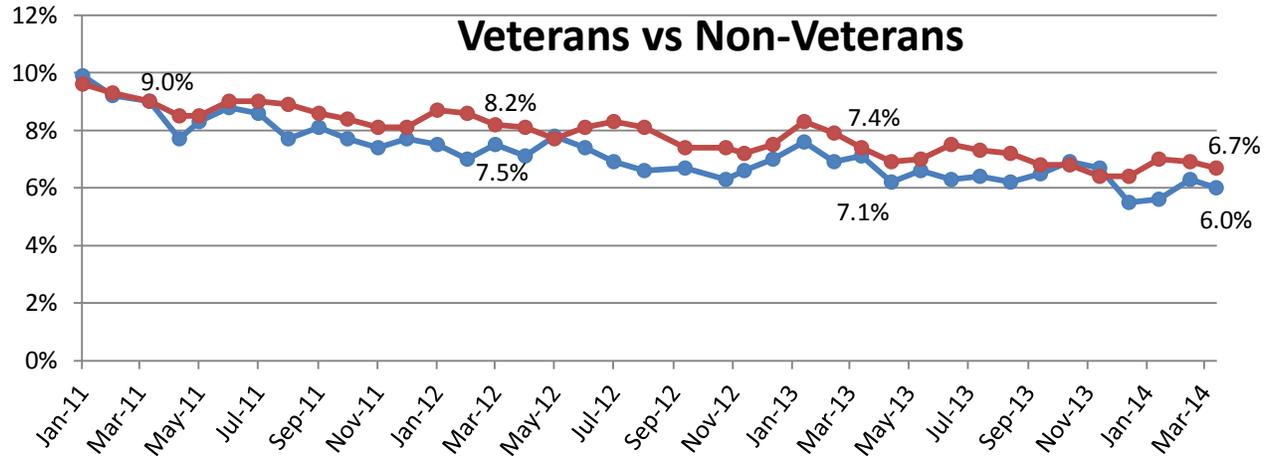
Employment Sectors

Sector	+/-	Sector	+/-
Professional/Business	57,000	Government	Even
Leisure/Hospitality	30,000	Financial	Even
Construction	19,000	Manufacturing	Even
Healthcare	19,000	Transportation/Warehousing	Even
Wholesale Trade	Even	Retail	Even

Year-Over-Year Comparison



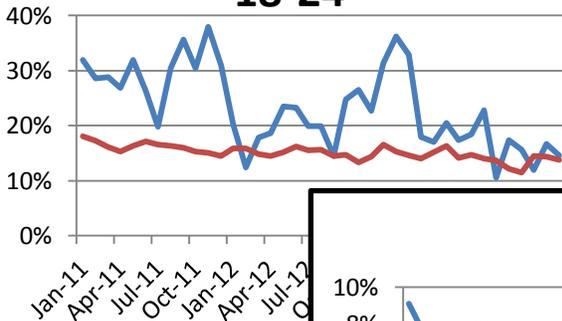
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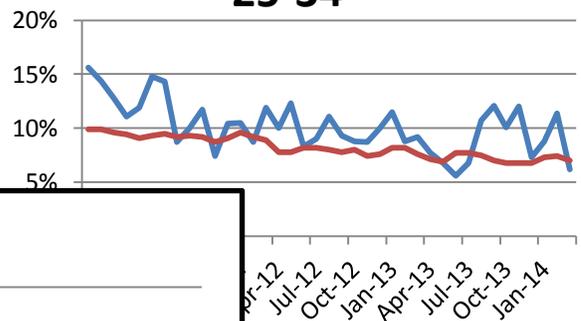
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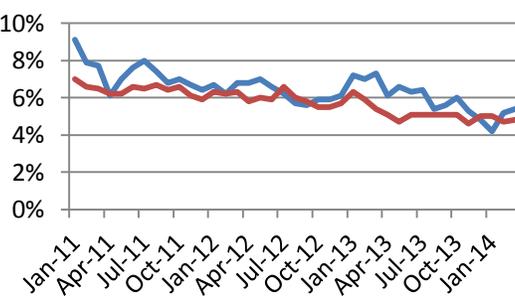
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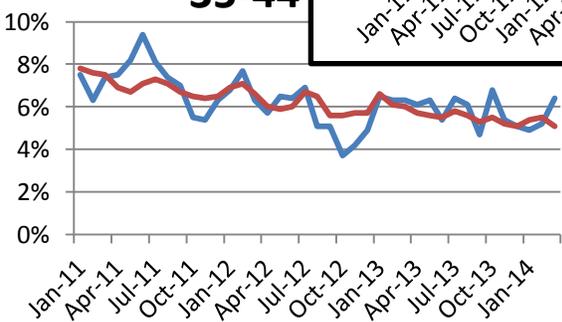
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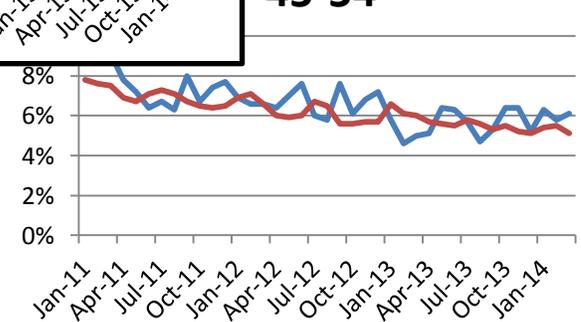
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1st Quarter 2014

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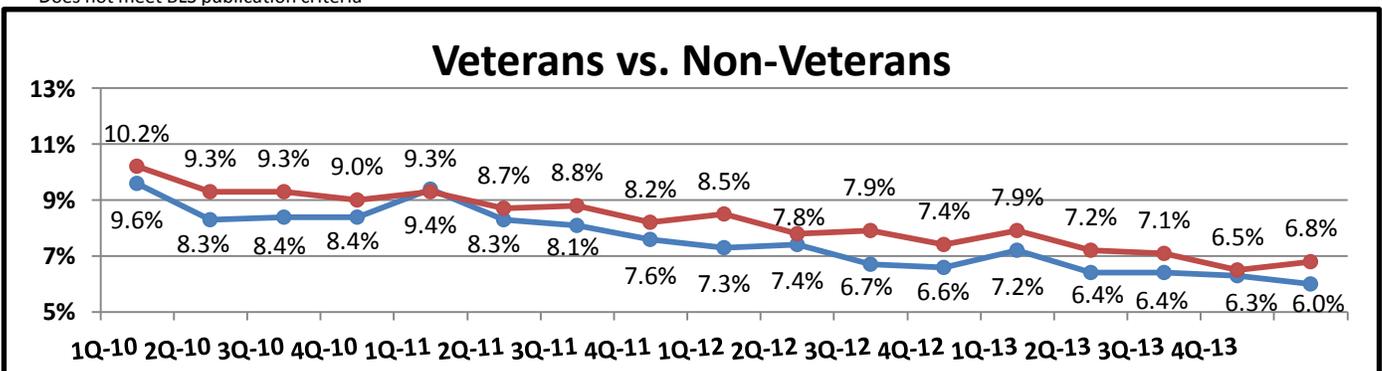
Cohort (% of total)	Rate	Change	Level	Change	Non-Vets
All Veterans (100%)	6.0%	-0.3%	644,000	-44,000	6.8%
Male	6.2%	-0.2%	578,000	-20,000	7.4%
Female	4.6%	-1.7%	66,000	-24,000	6.3%
Post-9/11 Veterans (30%)	8.0%	-1.1%	195,000	-27,000	-
Male	8.1%	-1.3%	165,000	-19,000	-
Female	7.3%	-0.6%	30,000	-8,000	-
18-24 Veterans (5%)	14.4%	0.2%	21,000	-1,000	14.2%
Male	13.8%	-7.0%	14,000	-7,000	16.1%
Female*	16.0%	14.9%	7,000	6,000	12.1%
25-34 Veterans (19%)	8.8%	-1.0%	123,000	-23,000	7.2%
Male	9.2%	-0.5%	107,000	-9,000	7.5%
Female	6.7%	-3.7%	16,000	-14,000	6.9%
35-44 Veterans (18%)	5.5%	-0.3%	118,000	-1,000	5.5%
Male	5.5%	-0.8%	94,000	-14,000	5.7%
Female	5.7%	2.5%	23,000	12,000	5.2%
45-54 Veterans (26%)	6.0%	0.0%	166,000	-1,000	5.3%
Male	6.6%	1.0%	156,000	26,000	5.6%
Female	2.5%	-5.7%	10,000	-27,000	5.0%
55+ Veterans (34%)	4.9%	-0.5%	217,000	-17,000	4.8%
Male	5.1%	-0.4%	207,000	-16,000	5.1%
Female	2.9%	-0.8%	10,000	-1,000	4.6%

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 - 53,000 (12%) of all 18-54 Veterans (428,000) are enrolled in school either part time or full time

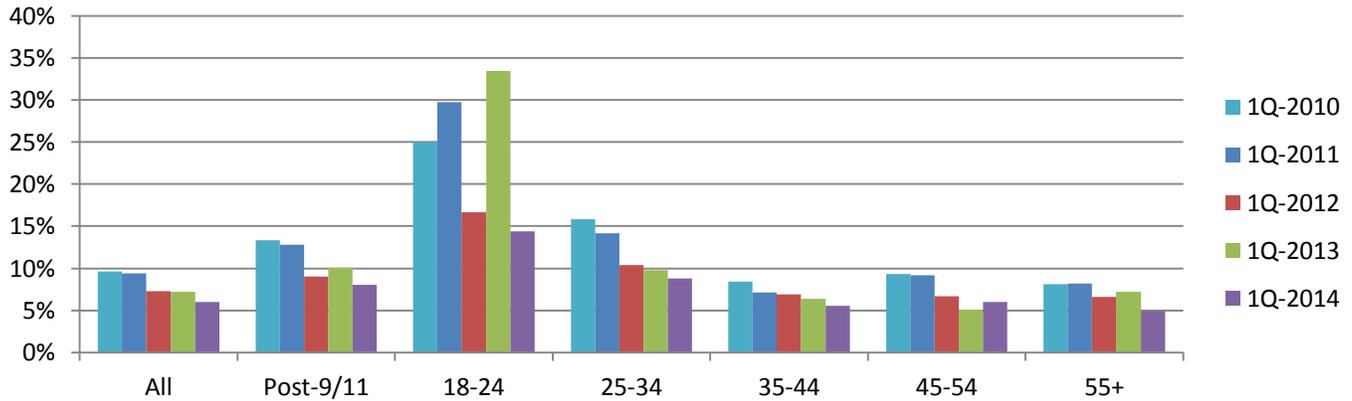
Unemployment by State

Highest Levels (29% of total)	Level	Highest Rates	Rate
California	66,000	Kentucky	10.8%
Georgia	37,000	West Virginia*	8.8%
Florida	34,000	Wisconsin	8.8%
Illinois	32,000	Illinois	8.7%
Texas	32,000	Alabama	8.6%

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Year-Over-Year Comparison Veteran Unemployment

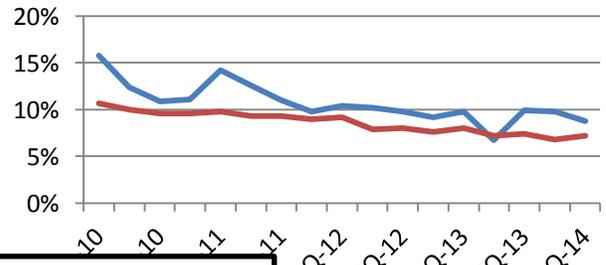
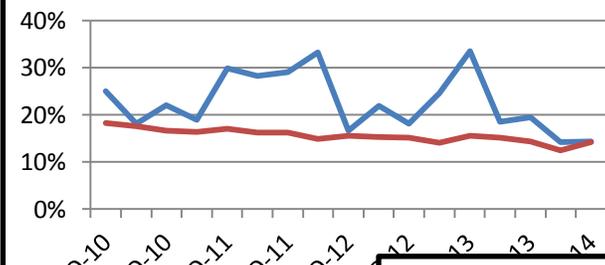


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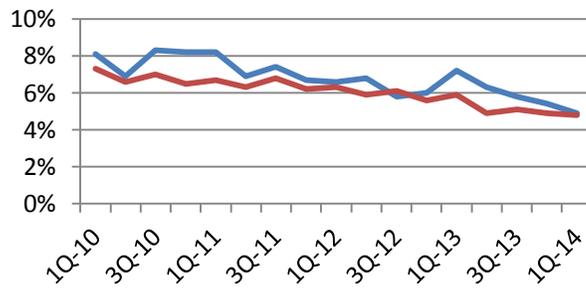
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