

Colleagues and Fellow Veterans,

As with the first Friday of every month, the BLS employment statistics were released today. Please click the link below to see our 'cheat sheet' for additional information.

Bottom line: National unemployment went down from 6.7% to 6.3%; Veteran unemployment went from 6.0% to 5.6%.

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Please Remember:

- If you would like to review prior messages sent through this listserv, click http://benefits.va.gov/vow/economic_opportunity.htm.
- If you would like to research, find, access, and, in time, manage your VA benefits and personal information please visit and/or register at <https://www.ebenefits.va.gov/ebenefits-portal/ebenefits.portal>.
- If you are seeking employment in the federal government, particularly the VA, our VA for Vets high-tech tools and resources can help. Visit online at <http://vaforvets.va.gov/Pages/default.aspx> or call 1-855-824-8387.



Employment Facts and Statistics

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

April-14

Unemployment

Cohort (% of total)	Rate	Change	Level	Change	Non-Vets
National	6.3%	-0.4%	9.8M	733,000	-
>27 Weeks			3.5M	287,000	-
All Veterans (100%)	5.6%	-0.4%	603,000	-47,000	5.7%
Male	5.6%	-0.7%	522,000	-72,000	6.0%
Female	5.8%	1.8%	81,000	25,000	5.4%
Post-9/11 Veterans (27%)	6.8%	-0.1%	163,000	-9,000	-
Male	6.6%	-0.6%	134,000	-18,000	-
Female	7.7%	2.5%	30,000	10,000	-
18-24 Veterans (2%)	12.8%	-1.8%	14,000	-7,000	11.1%
Male	13.6%	3.3%	13,000	2,000	12.3%
Female*	8.1%	-17.2%	1,000	-10,000	9.8%
25-34 Veterans (17%)	7.3%	1.1%	101,000	13,000	6.2%
Male	7.3%	0.5%	84,000	3,000	6.4%
Female	7.3%	4.4%	17,000	10,000	6.0%
35-44 Veterans (19%)	5.4%	-1.0%	116,000	-21,000	4.6%
Male	5.0%	-1.4%	87,000	-23,000	4.6%
Female	7.2%	0.3%	29,000	2,000	4.6%
45-54 Veterans (25%)	5.5%	-0.6%	150,000	-17,000	4.3%
Male	6.0%	-0.8%	139,000	-22,000	4.3%
Female	2.8%	1.3%	11,000	5,000	4.4%
55+ Veterans (37%)	5.1%	-0.3%	222,000	-15,000	4.3%
Male	4.9%	-0.8%	200,000	-32,000	4.5%
Female	6.6%	5.0%	22,000	16,000	4.2%

* Does not meet BLS publication criteria

- 55,000 (14%) of all 18-54 Veterans (381,000) are enrolled in school either part time or full time

Unemployed by State Data

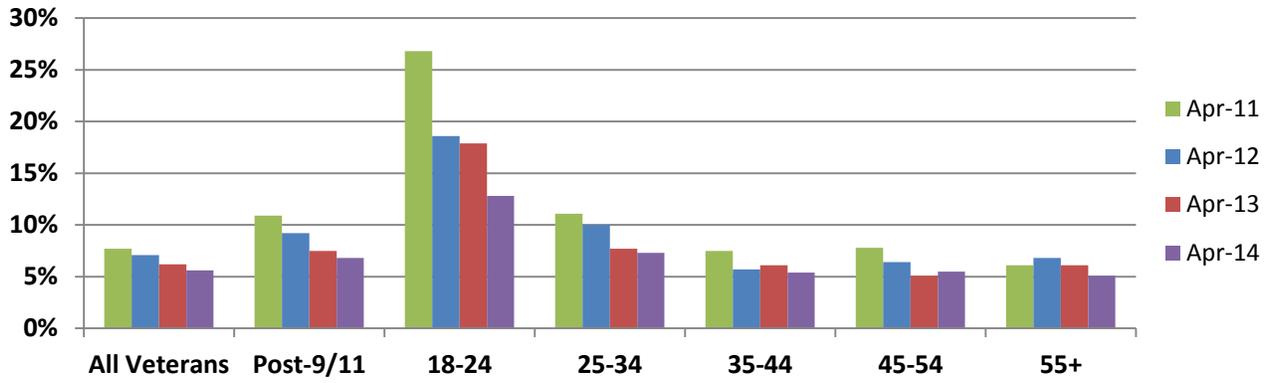
Highest Levels (35% of total)	Level	Highest Rates	Rate
California	79,000	Kansas	11.9%
Florida	38,000	New Mexico	10.7%*
New York	38,000	New York	10.0%
Georgia	29,000	Maryland	9.7%
Texas	29,000	Colorado	9.2%

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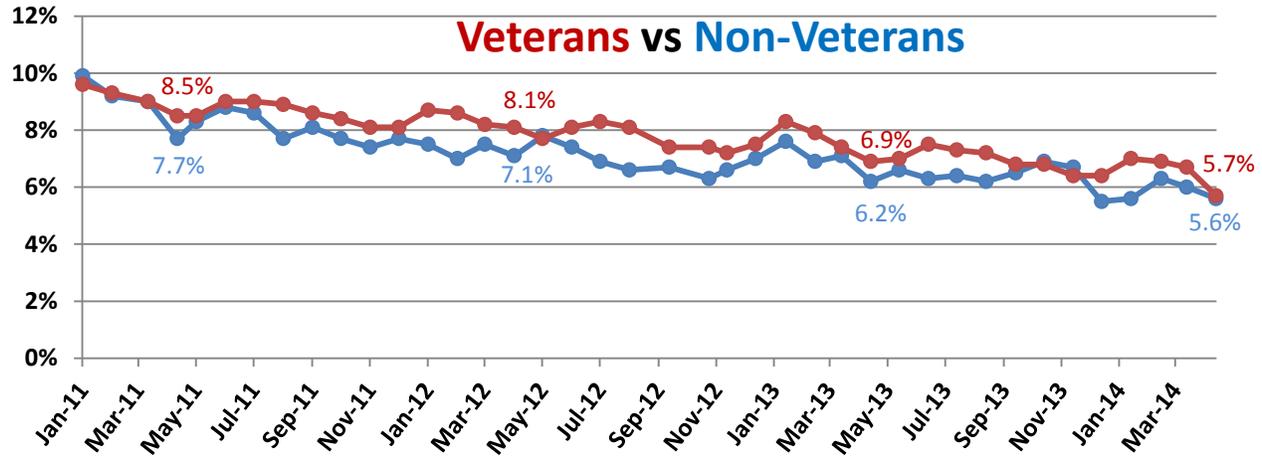
Employment Sectors

Sector	+/-	Sector	+/-
Professional/Business	75,000	Mining	10,000
Retail	35,000	Government	Even
Construction	32,000	Financial	Even
Healthcare	19,000	Manufacturing	Even
Wholesale Trade	16,000	Transportation/Warehousing	Even

Year-Over-Year Comparison



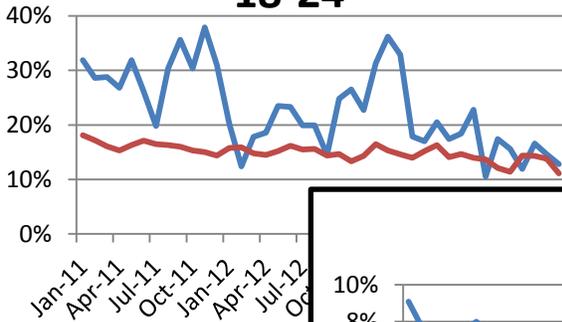
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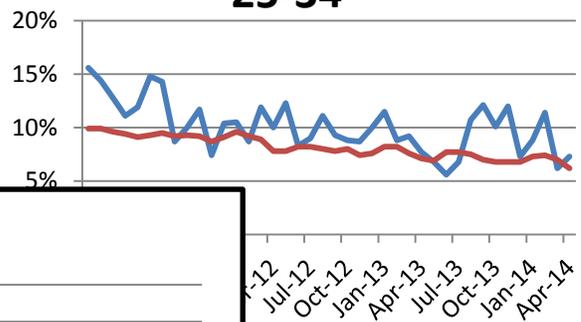
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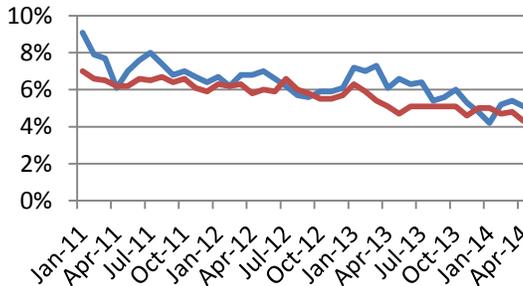
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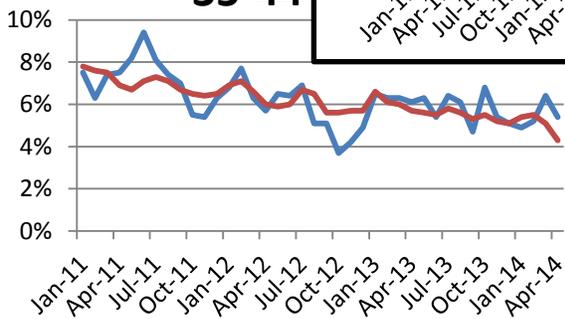
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35-44



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