

Good Afternoon Colleagues,

Today is the first Friday of the month ... meaning the monthly Bureau of Labor Statistics data has been released. Attached is our monthly 'cheat sheet' for your information/use. Veteran unemployment rate remained lower than the non-veteran unemployment rate for the 10th consecutive month.

- **National unemployment 7.6% (7.7% in Feb. 2013)**
- **Veteran unemployment 7.1% (6.9% in Feb. 2013)**

The quarterly BLS data was also released today, because the BLS data is not seasonally adjusted, it is often best to compare data to prior years during the same time period, so below you will find a comparison of the 1st quarter data going back each year to 2010.

Rate-All	1Q-10	1Q-11	1Q-12	1Q-13
All	9.6%	9.4%	7.3%	7.2%
Post-9/11	13.3%	12.8%	9.0%	10.1%
18-24	25.0%	29.8%	16.7%	33.5%
25-34	15.8%	14.2%	10.4%	9.8%
35-44	8.4%	7.1%	6.9%	6.4%
45-54	9.3%	9.2%	6.7%	5.1%
55+	8.1%	8.2%	6.6%	7.2%

Rate-Male	1Q-10	1Q-11	1Q-12	1Q-13
All	9.6%	9.4%	7.3%	7.1%
Post-9/11	13.2%	13.4%	8.5%	9.4%
18-24	26.9%	29.8%	17.3%	28.7%
25-34	16.5%	15.2%	10.1%	10.0%
35-44	8.4%	7.3%	7.0%	6.2%
45-54	9.4%	8.9%	6.5%	5.1%
55+	8.1%	8.2%	6.7%	7.2%

Rate-Female	1Q-10	1Q-11	1Q-12	1Q-13
All	9.4%	9.3%	7.4%	8.1%
Post-9/11	13.9%	9.8%	11.7%	13.6%
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35-44	7.8%	5.8%	6.5%	7.4%
45-54	8.6%	10.9%	8.3%	5.2%
55+	9.1%	8.6%	3.6%	7.2%

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Unemployment

Cohort (% of total)	Rate	Change	Level	Change
National	7.6%	-0.1%	11.7M	-300,000
>27 Weeks			4.6M	-200,000
All Veterans (100%)	7.1%	0.2%	783,000	11,000
Male	7.0%	0.1%	672,000	3,000
Female	8.0%	0.6%	111,000	8,000
Post-9/11 Veterans (26%)	9.2%	-0.2%	207,000	4,000
Male	8.7%	-0.3%	164,000	2,000
Female	11.8%	0.2%	44,000	3,000
18-24 Veterans* (6%)	32.9%	-3.3%	45,000	-15,000
Male	33.1%	2.4%	35,000	-2,000
Female**	32.2%	-19.0%	10,000	-13,000
25-34 Veterans (17%)	9.2%	0.4%	133,000	8,000
Male	9.4%	0.3%	111,000	4,000
Female	8.1%	0.5%	22,000	4,000
35-44 Veterans (17%)	6.3%	0.0%	133,000	-2,000
Male	6.4%	0.0%	112,000	-1,000
Female	6.0%	-0.1%	21,000	0
45-54 Veterans (17%)	5.0%	0.4%	137,000	9,000
Male	4.6%	0.0%	109,000	0
Female	6.9%	2.3%	29,000	10,000
55+ Veterans (43%)	7.3%	0.3%	335,000	10,000
Male	7.2%	0.1%	305,000	2,000
Female	9.2%	2.9%	29,000	7,000

* 7,000 enrolled in school (15%)

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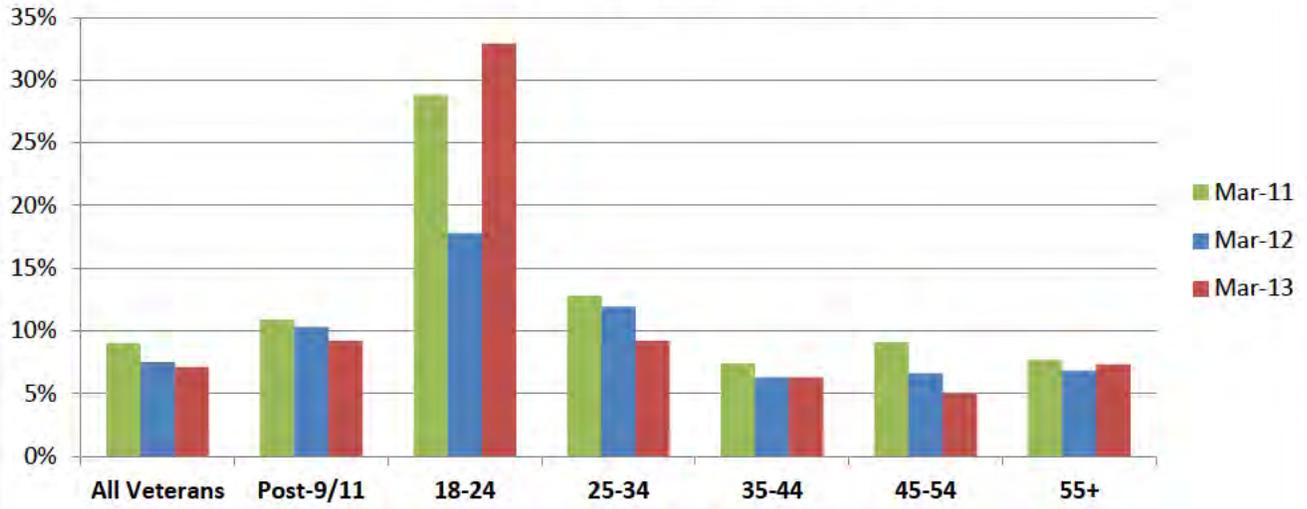
Unemployed by State Data

Highest Levels (32% of total)	Level	Highest Rates	Rate
California	68,000	Indiana	14.9%
Texas	62,000	Connecticut	14.8%
Pennsylvania	49,000	Pennsylvania	11.5%
Georgia	40,000	Colorado	11.3%
Illinois	38,000	Kansas	11.1%

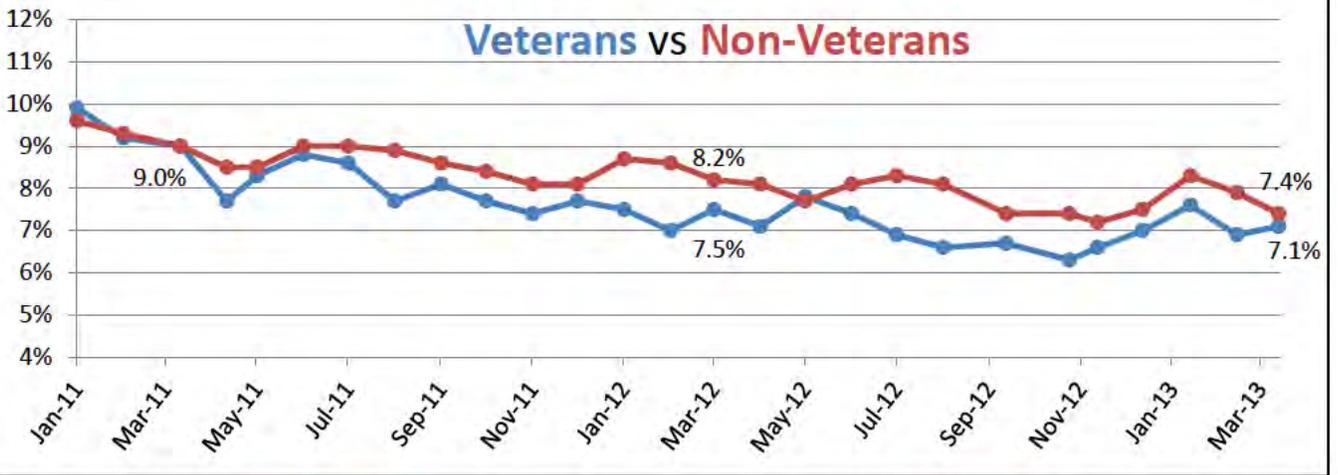
Employment Sector

Sector	+/-	Sector	+/-
Professional/Business	51,000	Wholesale Trade	Even
Construction	18,000	Financial	Even
Health Care	23,000	Transportation/Warehousing	Even
Information	Even	Government	-12,000
Manufacturing	Even	Retail	-24,000

Year-Over-Year Comparison



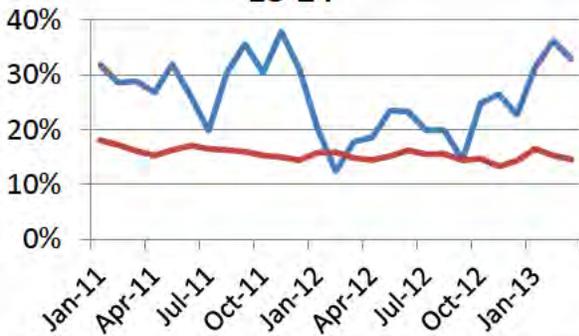
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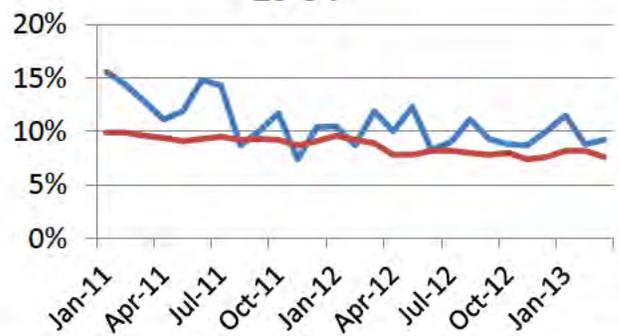
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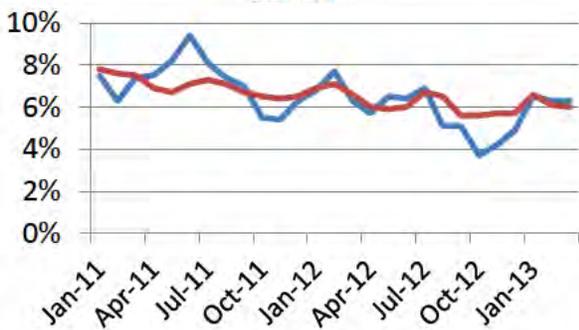
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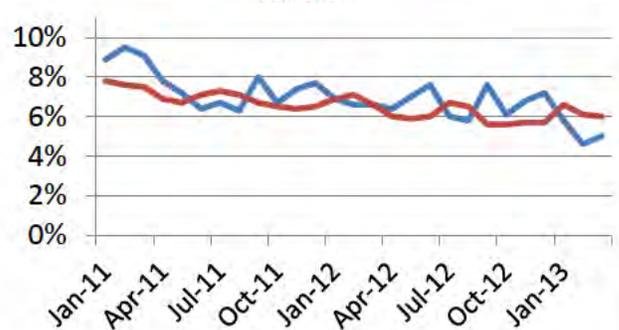
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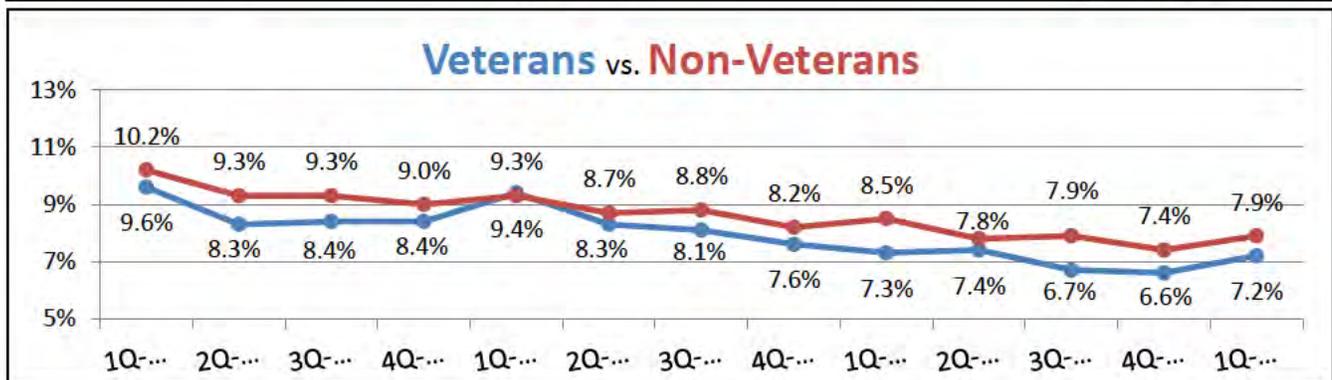
Cohort (% of total)	Rate	Change	Level	Change
All Veterans (100%)	7.2%	0.6%	800,000	78,000
Male	7.1%	0.8%	687,000	69,000
Female	8.1%	-1.2%	112,000	8,000
Post-9/11 Veterans (23%)	10.1%	-0.1%	221,000	6,000
Male	9.4%	-0.1%	171,000	-1,000
Female	13.6%	-1.1%	50,000	7,000
18-24 Veterans* (7%)	33.5%	8.9%	52,000	-5,000
Male	28.7%	7.1%	33,000	-11,000
Female**	47.8%	2.8%	19,000	5,000
25-34 Veterans (17%)	9.8%	0.6%	139,000	19,000
Male	10.0%	1.1%	117,000	16,000
Female	8.9%	-2.7%	22,000	3,000
35-44 Veterans (17%)	6.4%	2.1%	135,000	51,000
Male	6.2%	2.0%	110,000	39,000
Female	7.4%	2.4%	26,000	13,000
45-54 Veterans (18%)	5.1%	-1.6%	142,000	-50,000
Male	5.1%	-1.1%	120,000	-33,000
Female	5.2%	-4.1%	22,000	-18,000
55+ Veterans (41%)	7.2%	1.2%	331,000	62,000
Male	7.2%	1.3%	307,000	58,000
Female	7.2%	-0.8%	24,000	4,000
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* 18k in school (35%)

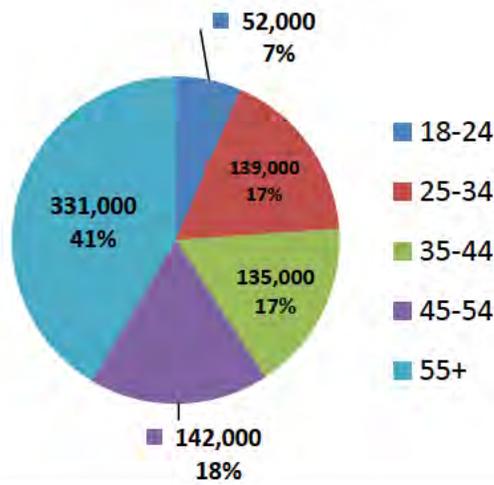
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Unemployed by State Data

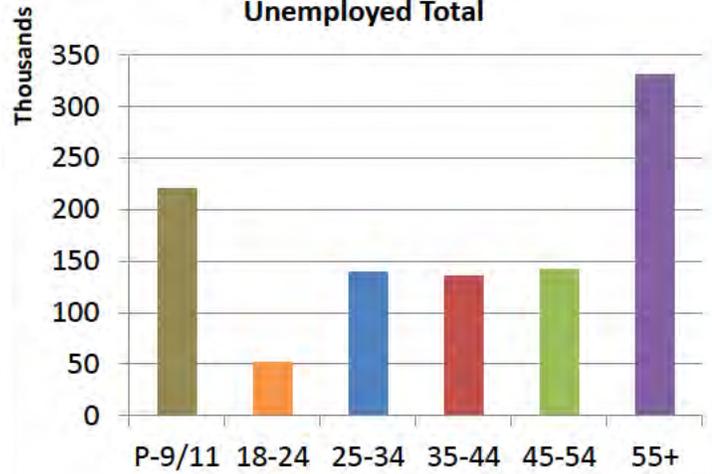
Highest Levels (33% of total)	Level	Highest Rates	Rate
California	76,000	Indiana	13.8%
Texas	61,000	New Jersey	12.4%
Pennsylvania	49,000	West Virginia	12.1%
Georgia	42,000	Pennsylvania	11.0%
Ohio	38,000	Montana	10.2%



Unemployed by Age

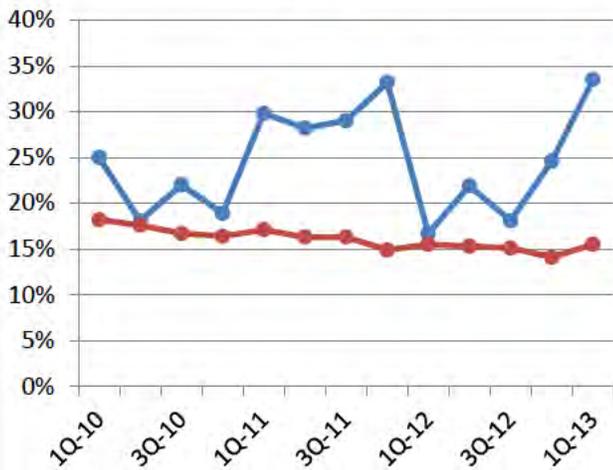


Unemployed Total



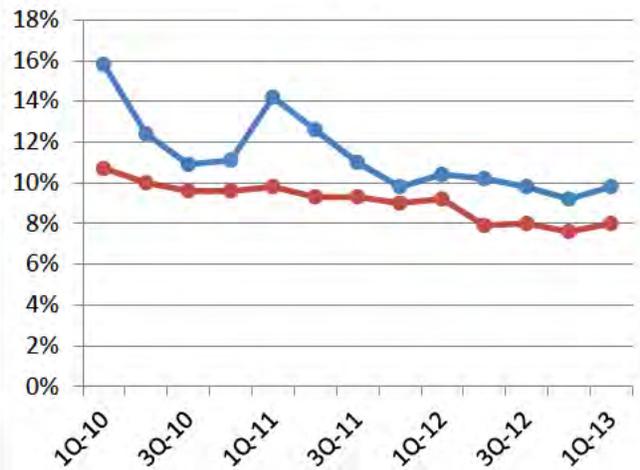
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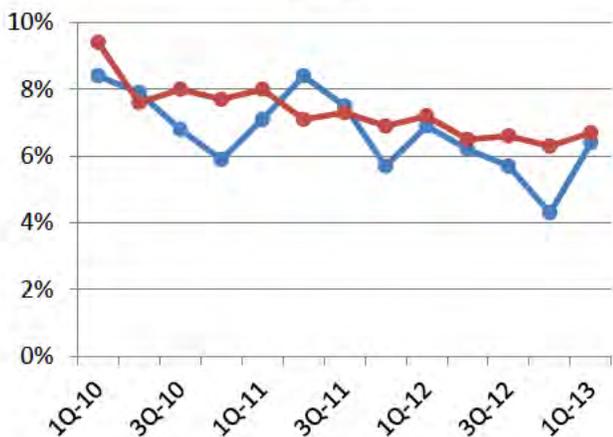


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