Good Evening Colleagues and Fellow Veterans,

Typically we send out the latest BLS statistics the first Friday of the month … however many of us at VA and Department of Labor were involved in the government shutdown. As a result, BLS didn't release the September 2013 and 3rd Quarter data until this morning. As you can see from the table below, for the month of September the National unemployment rate decreased slightly to 7.2%, while Veteran unemployment increased slightly to 6.5%. We've attached our monthly and quarterly 'cheat sheets' for your convenience and use.

Cohort (% of total)	**Rate**	**Change**
National	**7.2%**	**-0.1%**
>27 Weeks		
All Veterans (100%)	**6.5%**	0.3%
Male	6.3%	0.3%
Female	7.5%	-0.2%
Post-9/11 Veterans (34%)	**10.1%**	0.1%
Male	9.7%	-0.2%
Female	11.6%	1.3%
18-24 Veterans* (5%)	**22.8%**	4.4%
Male	28.8%	6.4%
Female**	9.9%	0.1%
25-34 Veterans (25%)	**12.1%**	1.4%
Male	11.2%	1.0%
Female	15.7%	3.3%
35-44 Veterans (14%)	**4.7%**	-1.4%
Male	5.4%	-0.2%
Female	1.0%	-7.9%
45-54 Veterans (21%)	**5.3%**	0.6%
Male	5.0%	0.7%
Female	6.7%	-0.4%
55+ Veterans (35%)	**5.6%**	0.2%
Male	5.5%	-0.1%
Female	6.8%	3.9%

The quarterly BLS data was also released today, and 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 3rd quarter data going back each year to 2010.

Quarter	All Veterans
3Q-2010	8.4%
3Q-2011	8.1%
3Q-2012	6.7%
3Q-2013	6.4%

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Note: We apologize in advance if we are unable to respond directly to your questions.

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

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September-13

Unemployment

Cohort (% of total)	Rate	Change	Level	Change	Non-Vets
National	7.2%	-0.1%	11.3M	-200,000	-
>27 Weeks			4.1M	200,000	-
All Veterans (100%)	6.5%	0.3%	708,000	37,000	6.8%
Male	6.3%	0.3%	600,000	34,000	7.1%
Female	7.5%	-0.2%	108,000	3,000	6.5%
Post-9/11 Veterans (34%)	10.1%	0.1%	244,000	18,000	-
Male	9.7%	-0.2%	191,000	8,000	-
Female	11.6%	1.3%	53,000	10,000	-
18-24 Veterans* (5%)	22.8%	4.4%	36,000	7,000	14.0%
Male	28.8%	6.4%	31,000	7,000	15.8%
Female**	9.9%	0.1%	5,000	0	12.0%
25-34 Veterans (25%)	12.1%	1.4%	176,000	29,000	7.0%
Male	11.2%	1.0%	130,000	18,000	7.0%
Female	15.7%	3.3%	46,000	12,000	6.9%
35-44 Veterans (14%)	4.7%	-1.4%	96,000	-24,000	5.5%
Male	5.4%	-0.2%	93,000	-1,000	5.4%
Female	1.0%	-7.9%	3,000	-23,000	5.6%
45-54 Veterans (21%)	5.3%	0.6%	151,000	18,000	5.3%
Male	5.0%	0.7%	119,000	16,000	5.3%
Female	6.7%	-0.4%	32,000	2,000	5.2%
55+ Veterans (35%)	5.6%	0.2%	250,000	8,000	5.1%
Male	5.5%	-0.1%	228,000	-4,000	5.1%
Female	6.8%	3.9%	22,000	13,000	5.1%

* 7,000 enrolled in school (19% of all unemployed 18-24)

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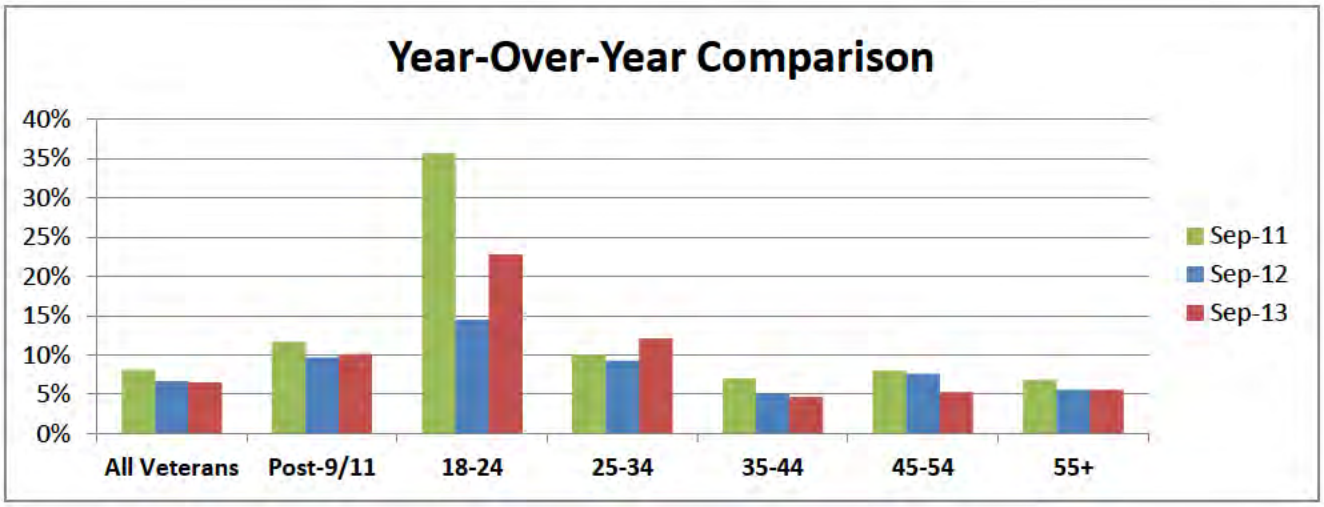
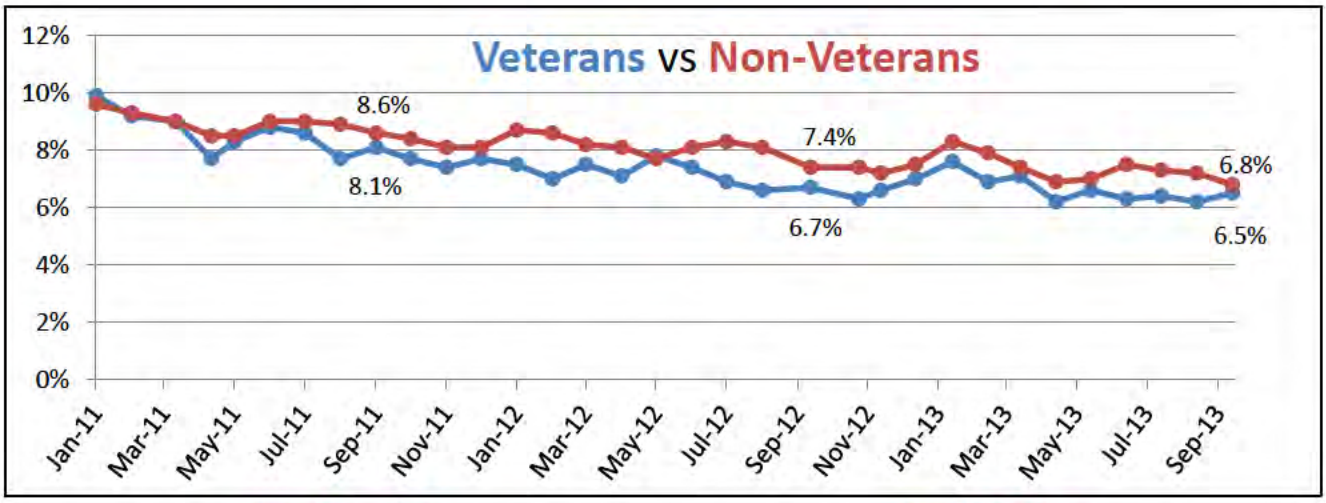
Unemployed by State Data

Highest Levels (32% of total)	Level	Highest Rates	Rate
California	58,000	New Mexico	19.0%
Florida	54,000	Mississippi	16.1%
Texas	50,000	New Jersey	13.1%
New York	37,000	Connecticut	11.6%
Ohio	32,000	New York	10.6%

Employment Sector

Sector	+/-	Sector	+/-
Professional/Business	32,000	Healthcare	7,000
Transportation/Warehouse	23,000	Manufacturing	Even
Construction	20,000	Government	Even
Wholesale Trade	16,000	Leisure/Hospitality	-7,000
Retail	9,000	Financial	-8,000





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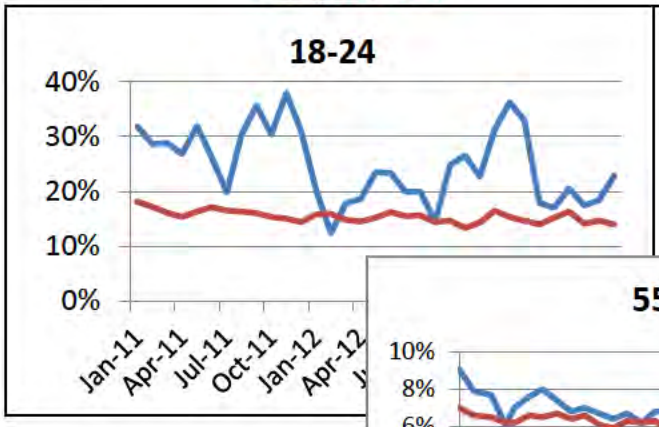

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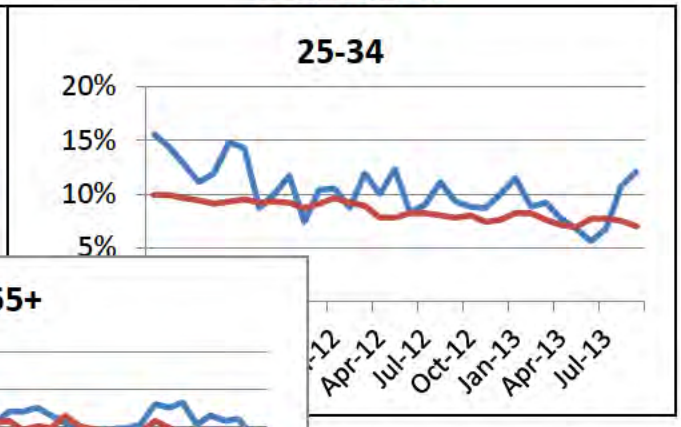

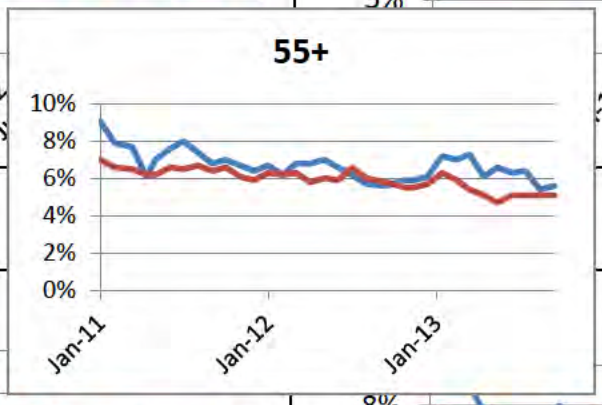

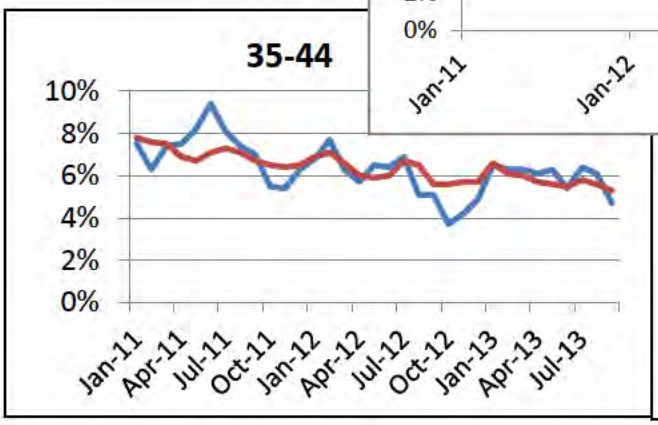

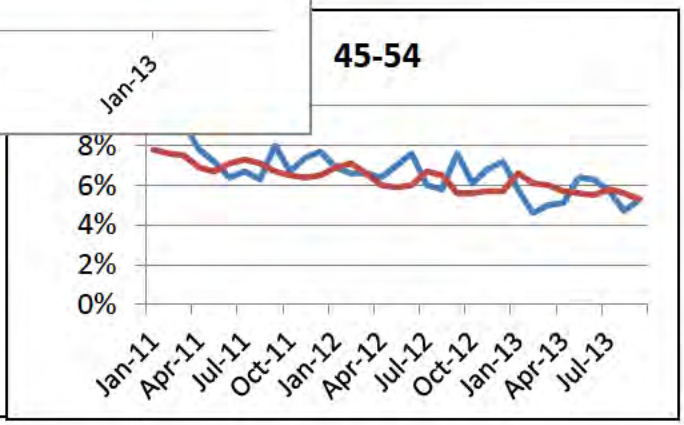

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3rd Quarter 2013

Unemployment

Cohort (% of total)	Rate	Change	Level	Change	Non-Vets
All Veterans (100%)	**6.4%**	**0.0%**	**694,000**	-14,000	**7.1%**
Male	6.2%	-0.2%	592,000	-29,000	7.3%
Female	7.3%	1.2%	102,000	16,000	7.0%
Post-9/11 Veterans (31%)	**9.3%**	**1.9%**	**212,000**	**47,000**	-
Male	9.1%	1.7%	171,000	33,000	-
Female	10.1%	3.0%	41,000	15,000	-
18-24 Veterans* (5%)	**19.5%**	**1.0%**	**31,000**	**2,000**	**14.3%**
Male	23.7%	0.0%	26,000	-1,000	15.8%
Female**	9.4%	4.8%	4,000	2,000	12.6%
25-34 Veterans (20%)	**9.9%**	**3.2%**	**138,000**	**45,000**	**7.4%**
Male	9.4%	2.7%	106,000	29,000	7.3%
Female	12.3%	5.3%	33,000	17,000	7.4%
35-44 Veterans (17%)	**5.7%**	-0.2%	**117,000**	-9,000	**5.7%**
Male	5.7%	0.3%	97,000	5,000	5.3%
Female	6.1%	-2.3%	20,000	-14,000	6.1%
45-54 Veterans (21%)	**5.2%**	-0.7%	**149,000**	-17,000	**5.6%**
Male	4.9%	-1.3%	118,000	-32,000	5.3%
Female	7.1%	3.1%	31,000	15,000	5.8%
55+ Veterans (37%)	**5.8%**	-0.5%	**259,000**	-34,000	**5.1%**
Male	5.9%	-0.5%	246,000	-29,000	5.1%
Female	4.2%	-1.2%	14,000	-4,000	5.1%

* 6k in school (19% of all 18-24)
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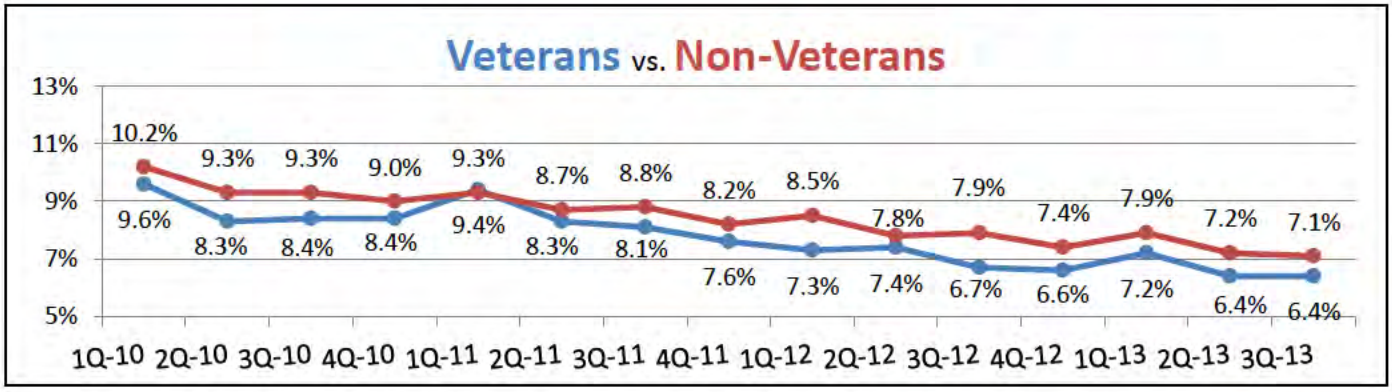
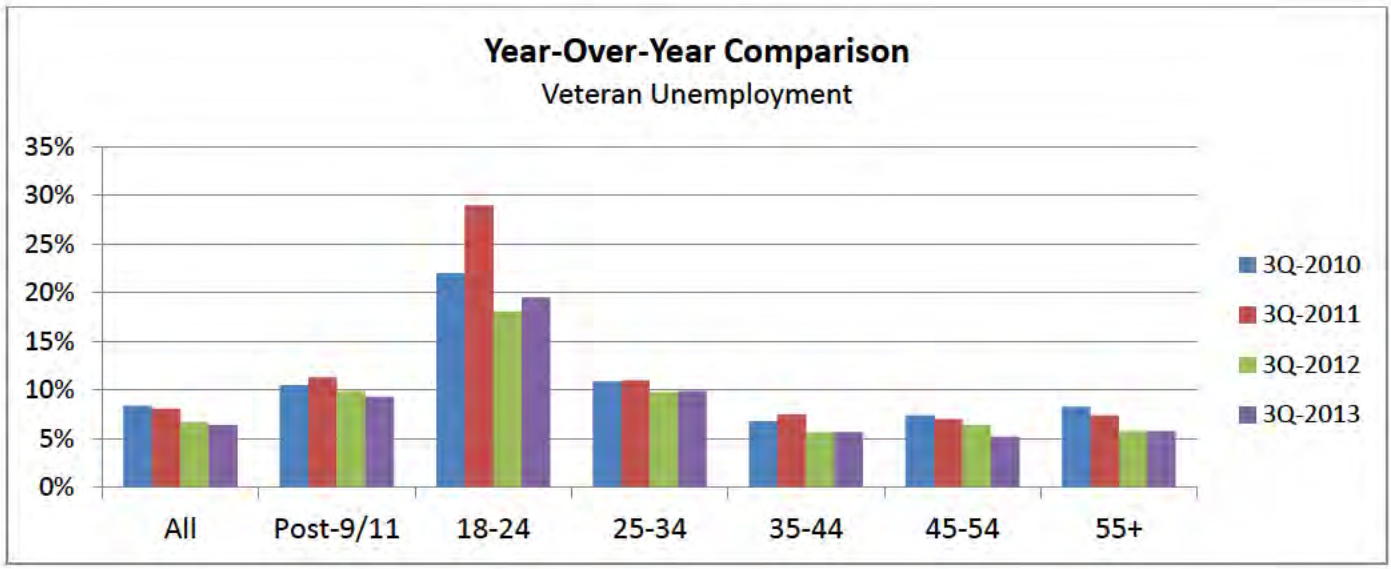
Unemployment by State

Highest Levels (33% of total)	Level	Highest Rates	Rate
California	67,000	New Mexico	15.8%
Florida	62,000	New Jersey	10.6%
Texas	42,000	Nevada	10.6%
New York	36,000	Mississippi	10.5%
Ohio	31,000	New York	10.3%




Year-Over-Year Comparison
Veteran Unemployment
35%
30%
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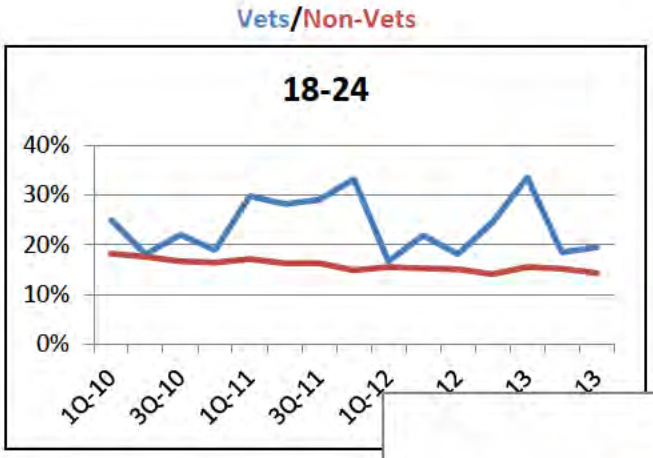
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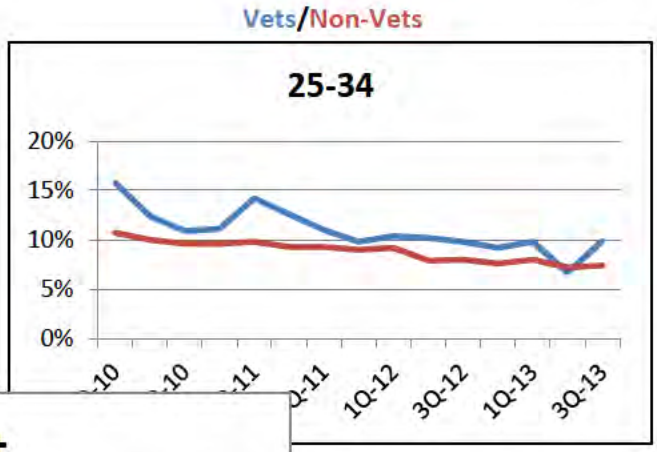
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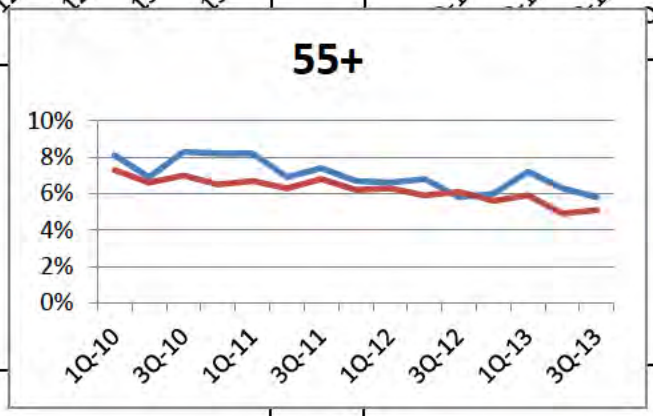
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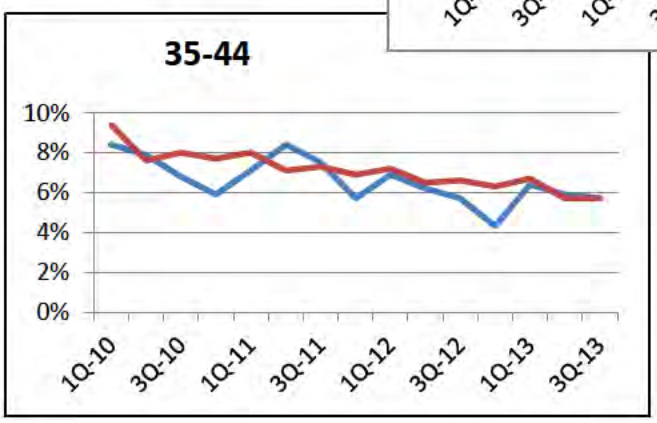
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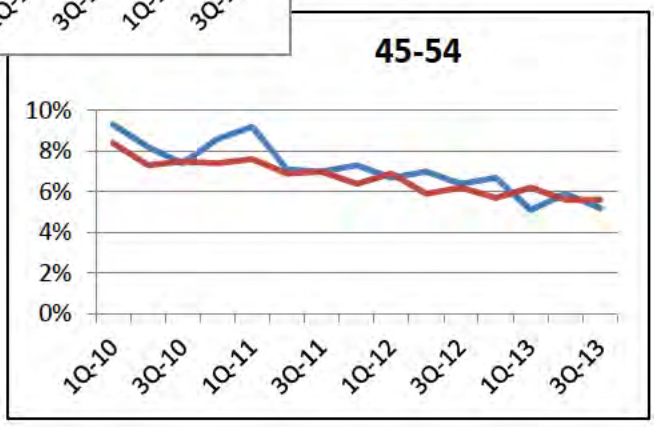
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