

Appendix table 3-8  
**Unemployment rate for S&E and other occupations: 1983–2002**  
 (Percent)

Year	All U.S. workers	All S&E occupations	S&E technicians	Computer programmers
1983 .....	9.9	3.0	6.1	3.1
1984 .....	7.4	2.1	3.6	1.4
1985 .....	7.0	1.8	3.8	2.0
1986 .....	6.9	2.2	3.8	2.4
1987 .....	6.2	2.2	3.4	3.1
1988 .....	5.5	1.8	2.9	3.0
1989 .....	5.2	1.5	3.3	1.5
1990 .....	5.7	1.9	4.3	3.1
1991 .....	7.2	2.6	4.6	3.5
1992 .....	7.9	3.2	5.5	2.9
1993 .....	7.2	3.5	5.7	2.8
1994 .....	6.2	3.0	4.4	2.5
1995 .....	5.6	2.3	3.8	1.5
1996 .....	5.4	1.8	3.8	1.2
1997 .....	4.9	1.5	2.0	1.9
1998 .....	4.4	1.6	2.9	1.6
1999 .....	4.1	1.4	2.4	2.6
2000 .....	3.9	1.6	3.0	1.7
2001 .....	4.8	2.4	3.2	5.1
2002 .....	5.8	3.9	5.4	6.5

SOURCE: National Bureau of Economic Research's Merged Outgoing Rotation Group Files from the Bureau of Labor Statistics' Current Population Survey.

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