

Stuck: America's Long-Term Unemployed

Latest: July 2026



Notes: Persons unemployed 27 weeks or more as a share of all unemployed, seasonally adjusted. Rising duration with a low unemployment RATE is the signature of a low-hiring labour market. Shaded bars: NBER recessions. The October 2025 US government shutdown interrupted data collection and publication for that reference month. The line breaks there rather than drawing across it.

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