

Table SLBR-6

## Unemployment rate, by selected groups: 1990–2019

(Percent)

| Year | Total (16 years or older) | Bachelor's degree or higher | S&E occupations (bachelor's degree or higher) | S&E technicians and computer programmers (any education level) |
|------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|---|--|
| 1990 | 5.6                       | 2.5                         | 1.4   | 3.7  |
| 1991 | 6.8                       | 3.0                         | 2.5   | 4.2  |
| 1992 | 7.5                       | 3.2                         | 3.0   | 4.1  |
| 1993 | 6.9                       | 3.1                         | 2.9   | 4.3  |
| 1994 | 6.1                       | 2.8                         | 2.9   | 3.6  |
| 1995 | 5.6                       | 2.6                         | 2.1   | 2.6  |
| 1996 | 5.4                       | 2.4                         | 1.7   | 3.0  |
| 1997 | 4.9                       | 2.1                         | 1.3   | 2.0  |
| 1998 | 4.5                       | 2.1                         | 1.3   | 2.5  |
| 1999 | 4.2                       | 2.0                         | 1.4   | 2.1  |
| 2000 | 4.0                       | 1.8                         | 1.5   | 2.6  |
| 2001 | 4.7                       | 2.4                         | 2.1   | 4.0  |
| 2002 | 5.8                       | 3.1                         | 3.9   | 5.4  |
| 2003 | 6.0                       | 3.2                         | 4.0   | 5.6  |
| 2004 | 5.5                       | 2.9                         | 2.5   | 4.6  |
| 2005 | 5.1                       | 2.5                         | 2.0   | 2.8  |
| 2006 | 4.6                       | 2.2                         | 1.7   | 2.9  |
| 2007 | 4.6                       | 2.2                         | 1.5   | 2.1  |
| 2008 | 5.8                       | 2.8                         | 2.1   | 3.9  |
| 2009 | 9.3                       | 4.8                         | 4.4   | 6.5  |
| 2010 | 9.6                       | 5.0                         | 3.7   | 6.9  |
| 2011 | 8.9                       | 4.6                         | 3.4   | 5.1  |
| 2012 | 8.1                       | 4.2                         | 3.0   | 4.7  |
| 2013 | 7.4                       | 3.9                         | 2.8   | 4.3  |
| 2014 | 6.2                       | 3.4                         | 2.8   | 4.0  |
| 2015 | 5.3                       | 2.8                         | 2.4   | 3.3  |
| 2016 | 4.9                       | 2.6                         | 2.0   | 3.5  |
| 2017 | 4.4                       | 2.5                         | 2.0   | 3.2  |
| 2018 | 3.9                       | 2.3                         | 1.8   | 2.8  |
| 2019 | 3.7                       | 2.3                         | 1.9   | 2.3  |

**Note(s):**

Please see the *Science and Engineering Indicators 2020* "Science and Engineering Labor Force" report, [Technical Appendix](#) tables SA3-3 and SA3-4 for definitions of S&E occupations and S&E technicians and computer programmers.