

Unemployment Rate For the Six Largest Metropolitan Regions Combined** Weekly measure*	
1991	%
January	5.233
February	5.411
March	5.898
April	5.766
May	5.708
June	4.866
July	3.822
August	4.038
September	4.353
October	4.267
November	4.453
December	4.152
1992	%
January	4.860
February	6.364
March	6.214
April	5.866
May	6.530
June	5.165
July	5.181
August	5.902
September	5.748
October	5.777
November	5.825
December	4.508
1993	%
January	5.996
February	5.778
March	5.887
April	6.121
May	5.396
June	4.951
July	5.232
August	5.338
September	5.055
October	4.895
November	4.745
December	4.396

1994	%
January	5.542
February	5.375
March	5.907
April	5.376
May	5.183
June	5.426
July	5.462
August	5.496
September	5.050
October	4.530
November	4.006
December	3.420
1995	%
January	4.423
February	4.252
March	4.422
April	4.352
May	4.499
June	4.592
July	4.836
August	4.901
September	5.197
October	5.095
November	4.729
December	4.446
1996	%
January	5.264
February	5.708
March	6.388
April	6.031
May	5.918
June	5.928
July	5.584
August	5.563
September	5.236
October	5.147
November	4.560
December	3.827
1997	%
January	5.143
February	5.554
March	5.975
April	5.750
May	6.002
June	6.090
July	5.972
August	5.953
September	5.633
October	5.717
November	5.358
December	4.842

1998	%
January	7.255
February	7.425
March	8.186
April	7.943
May	8.209
June	7.905
July	8.023
August	7.801
September	7.655
October	7.453
November	7.049
December	6.325
1999	%
January	7.733
February	7.511
March	8.161
April	8.025
May	7.703
June	7.846
July	7.544
August	7.682
September	7.371
October	7.538
November	7.321
December	6.284
2000	%
January	7.633
February	8.166
March	8.059
April	7.842
May	7.796
June	7.413
July	7.176
August	7.145
September	6.682
October	6.754
November	6.192
December	4.836
2001	%
January	5.700
February	5.727
March	6.466
April	6.517
May	6.861
June	6.387
July	6.192
August	6.182
September	6.159
October	6.558
November	6.408
December	5.605

2002	%
January	6.838
February	6.983
March	12.9
April	12.5
May	11.9
June	11.6
July	11.9
August	11.7
September	11.5
October	11.2
November	10.9
December	10.5
2003***	%
January	11.2
February	11.6
March	12.1
April	12.4
May	12.8
June	13.0
July	12.8
August	13.0
September	12.9
October	12.9
November	12.2
December	10.9
2004	%
January	11.7
February	12.0
March	12.8
April	13.1
May	12.2
June	11.7
July	11.2
August	11.4
September	10.9
October	10.5
November	10.6
December	9.6
2005	%
January	10.2
February	10.6
March	10.8
April	10.8
May	10.2
June	9.4
July	9.4
August	9.4
September	9.6
October	9.6
November	9.6
December	8.3

2006	%
January	9.2
February	10.1
March	10.4
April	10.4
May	10.2
June	10.4
July	10.7
August	10.6
September	10.0
October	9.8
November	9.5
December	8.4
2007	%
January	9.3
February	9.9
March	10.1
April	10.1
May	10.1
June	9.7
July	9.5
August	9.5
September	9.0
October	8.7
November	8.2
December	7.4

Source: The Brazilian Institute of Geography and Statistics (IBGE)

*Unemployment Rate: the number of people seeking employment as a percentage of the total work force, aged 15 years or older. The survey encompasses the week prior to the week within which the interviews are conducted.

** The six metropolitan regions are: Recife, Salvador, Belo Horizonte, Rio de Janeiro, Sao Paulo and Porto Alegre.

*** The IBGE has changed its methodology. Previously it considered the unemployed who were fifteen years of age or older. Beginning January 2003, this data includes the unemployed who are ten years of age or older.

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