

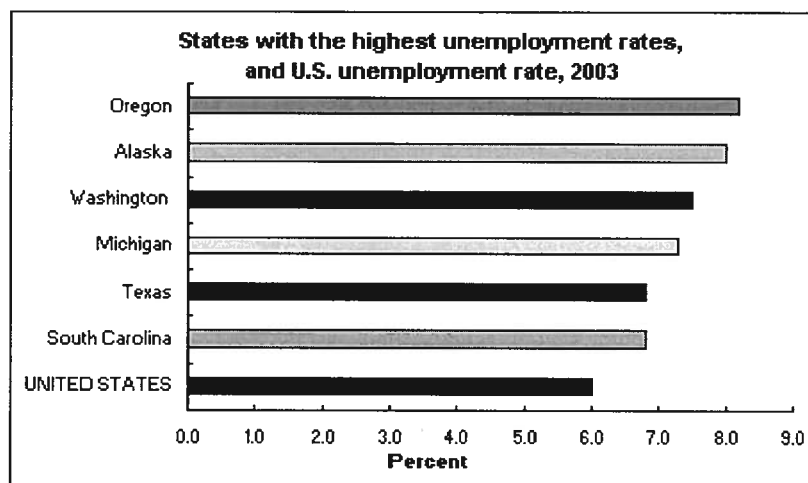


## TED: The Editor's Desk

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# Highest unemployment rate in 2003: Oregon

States in the Pacific division continued to record the highest jobless rates in the nation in 2003: Oregon, 8.2 percent, Alaska, 8.0 percent, and Washington, 7.5 percent.



[Chart data as TXT]

Overall, 17 states and the District of Columbia had rates above the national average of 6.0 percent in 2003, and one state had a rate equal to it. Four of the five Pacific states and three of the four West South Central states recorded rates above the U.S. figure.

These data are from the [Local Area Unemployment Statistics](#) program. To learn more, see [State and Regional Unemployment, 2003 Annual Averages \(PDF\) \(TXT\)](#), news release USDL 04-289.

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