

USA TODAY/GALLUP POLL

EFFECTS OF UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNDEREMPLOYMENT

Results are based on telephone interviews conducted December 21, 2010-January 9, 2011, on the Gallup Daily tracking survey, with a random sample of –15,120—adults, aged 18+, living in all 50 U.S. states and the District of Columbia, selected using random-digit dial sampling.

For results based on the sample of – 1,145—unemployed Americans (not currently working and either actively looking for work or not actively looking for work now but saying they want to work 30 or more hours per week and plan to actively look for work in the future), one can say with 95% confidence that the margin of error is ±4 percentage points.

For results based on the sample of – 675—underemployed Americans (currently working a part-time job but wanting to work a full-time job), one can say with 95% confidence that the margin of error is ±5 percentage points.

Interviews are conducted with respondents on landline telephones and cellular phones, with interviews conducted in Spanish for respondents who are primarily Spanish-speaking. Each daily sample of 1,000 national adults includes a minimum quota of 200 cell phone respondents and 800 landline respondents, with additional minimum quotas among landline respondents for gender within region. Landline respondents are chosen at random within each household on the basis of which member had the most recent birthday.

Samples are weighted by gender, age, race, Hispanic ethnicity, education, region, adults in the household, cell phone only status, cell phone mostly status and phone lines. Demographic weighting targets are based on the March 2010 Current Population Survey figures for the age 18+ non-institutionalized population living in U.S. telephone households. All reported margins of sampling error include the computed design effects for weighting and sample design.

In addition to sampling error, question wording and practical difficulties in conducting surveys can introduce error or bias into the findings of public opinion polls.

For more details on Gallup's polling methodology, visit www.gallup.com

1. (*Asked of unemployed respondents*) In the past four weeks, have you actively been looking for employment? "Actively looking" means applying for jobs, searching for jobs, and the like.

*2010 Dec 21-
2011 Jan 9*

	<u>Yes, actively looking</u>	<u>No, not ^</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
Unemployed	81	19	*

^ Note: Given the definition of unemployment used in the study, all those who say they are not actively looking for employment said they plan to actively look for employment in the future. Those who are not actively looking and do not plan to look are considered to be out of the workforce and are not considered unemployed.

2. *(Asked of unemployed respondents)* Do you think that in the next four weeks you will have a job?

(Asked of underemployed respondents) Do you think that in the next four weeks you will have a job that requires you to work 30 hours or more per week, or not?

<i>2010 Dec 21- 2011 Jan 9</i>	<u>Yes, will</u>	<u>No, will not</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
Unemployed	41	49	10
Underemployed	34	63	4

3. *(Asked of unemployed respondents actively looking for work)* How many weeks have you been actively looking for employment?

BASED ON -907—UNEMPLOYED RESPONDENTS ACTIVELY LOOKING FOR WORK; ±4 PCT PTS

<i>2010 Dec 21- 2011 Jan 9</i>	<u>Five weeks or less</u>	<u>Six-10 weeks</u>	<u>11-26 weeks</u>	<u>27-52 weeks</u>	<u>More than 52 weeks</u>	<u>No opinion</u>	<u>Mean</u>	<u>Median</u>
	26	21	20	14	16	4	26.9	12

4. *(Asked of unemployed respondents)* Since the time you lost your most recent job, how many different jobs would you say you have applied for?

(Asked of underemployed respondents) Since the time you lost your most recent full-time job, how many different full-time jobs would you say you have applied for?

<i>2010 Dec 21- 2011 Jan 9</i>	<u>None</u>	<u>1-5</u>	<u>6-10</u>	<u>11-50</u>	<u>More than 50</u>	<u>No opinion</u>	<u>Mean</u>	<u>Median</u>
Unemployed	12	28	18	23	16	4	44.9	7
Underemployed	34	25	10	16	6	9	18.9	3

5. *(Asked of unemployed respondents)* Now, I'd like to ask you about any interviews you have done with a specific employer about a specific job. How many of those interviews have you done since you lost your most recent job? Please include any job interviews done in person, on the phone or online?

(Asked of underemployed respondents) Now, I'd like to ask you about any interviews you have done with a specific employer about a specific full-time job. How many of those interviews have you done since you lost your most recent full-time job? Please include any job interviews done in person, on the phone or online?

<i>2010 Dec 21- 2011 Jan 9</i>	<u>None</u>	<u>1-5</u>	<u>6-10</u>	<u>11-50</u>	<u>More than 50</u>	<u>No opinion</u>	<u>Mean</u>	<u>Median</u>
Unemployed	37	42	10	8	1	2	5.2	2
Underemployed	40	41	7	6	1	5	4.3	1

6. *(Asked of unemployed respondents)* Do you think the next job you get will be one you want, or do you think you will have to settle for a job you don't really want?

(Asked of underemployed respondents) Do you think the next full-time job you get will be one you want, or do you think you will have to settle for a full-time job you don't really want?

<i>2010 Dec 21- 2011 Jan 9</i>	<u>Job you want</u>	<u>Will have to settle for job</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
Unemployed	35	60	5
Underemployed	44	42	15

9. *(Asked of unemployed respondents)* Thinking about your most recent job, could you tell me the general category of work you did in your most recent job? *[OPEN-ENDED]*

(Asked of underemployed respondents) Thinking about your most recent full-time job, could you tell me the general category of work you did in your most recent full-time job? *[OPEN-ENDED]*

<i>2010 Dec 21-2011 Jan 9</i>	<u>Unemployed</u>	<u>Underemployed</u>
Service	25	20
Professional	12	14
Construction or mining	8	6
Sales	7	7
Clerical or office work	7	5
Manager, Executive or official	6	7
Manufacturing or production	5	4
Transportation	3	3
Farming, Fishing or Forestry	1	2
Business owner	1	1
Installation or repair	1	1
Other	17	16
No opinion	7	13

10. *(Asked of unemployed respondents)* In your previous job, what was your total MONTHLY pay before taxes? [OPEN-ENDED]

(Asked of underemployed respondents) In your previous full-time job, what was your total MONTHLY pay before taxes? [OPEN-ENDED]

<i>2010 Dec 21- 2011 Jan 9</i>	<u>Under \$2,000</u>	<u>\$2,000- \$4,999</u>	<u>\$5,000- \$7,499</u>	<u>\$7500 or more</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
Unemployed	48	25	4	3	20
Underemployed	36	26	5	4	28

11. *(Asked of unemployed respondents)* What is the lowest level of monthly pay, before taxes, you would take in order to get a job? [OPEN-ENDED]

(Asked of underemployed respondents) What is the lowest level of monthly pay, before taxes, you would take in order to get a full-time job? [OPEN-ENDED]

<i>2010 Dec 21- 2011 Jan 9</i>	<u>Under \$2,000</u>	<u>\$2,000- \$4,999</u>	<u>\$5,000- \$7,499</u>	<u>\$7500 or more</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
Unemployed	57	20	3	1	20
Underemployed	41	24	4	3	29

12. *(Asked of unemployed respondents)* Which of the following applies to you – you are currently receiving unemployment benefits, you were receiving unemployment benefits since you have been out of work, but no longer are, or you have not received unemployment benefits since you have been out of work?

<i>2010 Dec 21- 2011 Jan 9</i>	<u>Currently receiving</u>	<u>No longer receiving</u>	<u>Have not received</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
Unemployed	21	11	62	6

13. *(Asked of unemployed respondents currently receiving unemployment benefits)* For how many weeks have you been receiving unemployment benefits?

BASED ON –283—UNEMPLOYED RESPONDENTS CURRENTLY RECEIVING UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS; ±7 PCT PTS

<i>2010 Dec 21- 2011 Jan 9</i>	<u>Five weeks or less</u>	<u>Six-10 weeks</u>	<u>11-26 weeks</u>	<u>27-52 weeks</u>	<u>More than 52 weeks</u>	<u>No opinion</u>	<u>Mean</u>	<u>Median</u>
	19	8	30	21	20	3	31.9	24