



# Unemployment - *In the Real World*

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## - *How to Lie with Statistic* -

***The book, written by Darrell Huff, illustrates common errors, intentional and unintentional, associated with ‘Cherry picking’ statistics. You must wonder if this book is required reading for the Mainstream Media.***

**Below you will find a *complete picture* of what has been happening in America these last few years, with facts that are not disputed.**

### 2013 Unemployment Facts

- Unemployment was over 8% for 40 straight months after 2008. One out of 5 American men (20%) is out of a job.<sup>1</sup>
- The real unemployment rate (*includes those searching and those who have given up*) is over 23%.<sup>2</sup>
- At the end of 2011, the number of people on welfare in the U.S. (108.5 million) exceeded the number of Americans with full-time jobs (101.7 million).<sup>2</sup>
- Working-age Americans holding a job stood at 58.5% in 2012 (down from 60.6% in January 2009).<sup>2</sup>
- A record 88 million Americans have dropped out of the work force.<sup>2</sup>
- Participation in the job market stands at 63%, a rate not seen in the U.S. since 1981. 58% of jobs created since the end of the 2008 recession have been low-paying.<sup>2</sup>
- In 2013, 75% of all new jobs created were part-time. Only 23% (222,000) were full-time.<sup>2</sup>
- Only 56% of 2010 college graduates found a job (down from 90% in 2006 and 2007).<sup>2</sup>
- Fifty-three percent (53%) of college grads under 25 are unemployed or underemployed (*working below their skills and abilities*).<sup>2</sup> Student loan debt stands at \$1 trillion.<sup>3</sup>
- One out of every 6 African Americans is unemployed. In 2010, only 57% of black men over age 20 were working (*highest unemployment rate since 1972*).<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> U.S. Department of Labor. Bureau of Labor Statistics. [www.bls.gov/](http://www.bls.gov/)

<sup>2</sup> U.S. Department of Commerce. U.S. Census Bureau. [www.census.gov/](http://www.census.gov/)

<sup>3</sup> Student Loan Debt Statistics. American Student Assistance. [www.asa.org/policy/resources/stats/](http://www.asa.org/policy/resources/stats/)