

# JOBS

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crease since the 1980 recession.

Women and blacks accounted for a disproportionately large share of the total.

If the 1.5 million discouraged workers had been added to the 10.8 million officially listed as unemployed during August, the jobless total would have been 12.3 million, and the rate much higher than 9.8 percent.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics considers people unemployed if they had no job during the survey week, were available for work and made a specific effort to find employment sometime during the prior four weeks.

Workers on strike — such as the 1,500 professional football players — are off the job because of bad weather or personal reasons.

## Political Rally Planned for Reid

Southern Nevada Congressional candidate Harry Reid will hold a political rally at the Operation Life Building located at Owens and H Avenues, on Saturday, Oct. 16.

Reid, a Democrat, in speaking with the SENTINEL on Wednesday confirmed the rally personally. It will be held from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. on the outside of the newly constructed Operation Life Center. Everyone is invited and Reid expects a heavy turnout.

The unemployment rate does not take into account full-time workers who were forced to part-time status. They still are considered as employed.

The bureau adjusts raw data obtained in a survey of 60,000 households for seasonal conditions such as weather, harvests, reduced or expanded production, major holidays, and the opening and closing of schools.

It estimates the figures to have a 90 percent confidence level for statistical error, meaning a possible error of 194,000 people in the monthly unemployed total, and possible error of 0.19 percentage points in the unemployment rate.

The household survey is conducted in 3,000 counties and cities, with each household questioned during the week that includes the 12th day of the month.

## 4.4 Million Ask Benefits

Nearly 4.4 million Americans claimed unemployment insurance benefits in mid-September, the Labor Department reported Thursday — a figure adding credence to expectations for at least a 10 percent overall jobless rate last month.

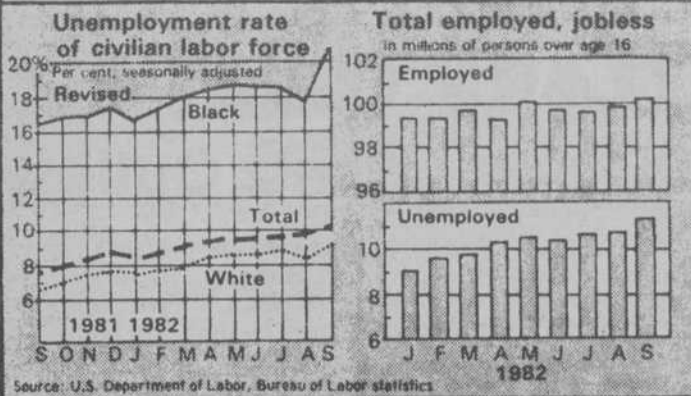
The department's Bureau of Labor Statistics will release the new seasonally adjusted unemployment rate today.

New claims for benefits in state programs dropped slightly to 697,000 Americans in latest figures.

The seasonally adjusted total of 4,392,000 workers who claimed unemployment insurance benefits during the week ended Sept. 18 was well under half of the 10.8 million people officially listed as unemployed.

The report reflected the situation in the same week the Census Bureau surveyed households to determine the September unemployment rate.

## Employment in the U.S.



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## Who's Out of Work

### By race

Whites	9.0
Blacks	20.2
Hispanic	14.6

### By age, sex

Adult men	9.6
Adult women	8.3
Teenagers	23.7
Black teens	48.5
White teens	20.4

### By occupation

White-collar	4.8
Blue-collar	15.6
Service workers	10.7
Farm workers	5.1

### By industry

Construction	22.6
Manufacturing	13.8
Government	4.9
Trade	9.8

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