

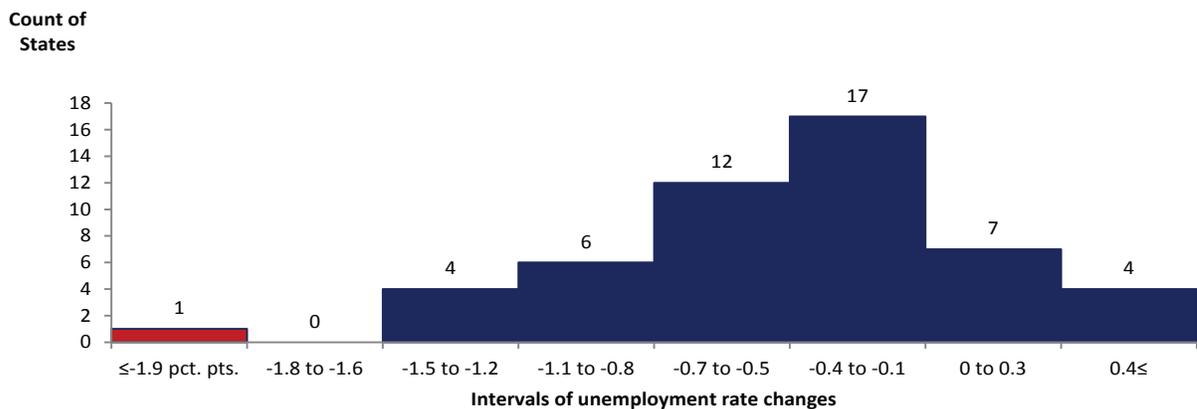


Unemployment Rate Decline by State

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Changes in Unemployment Rates By State 2012-2013, Seasonally Adjusted



- Nevada's unemployment rate dropped 1.9 percentage points from March 2012 to its current rate of 9.7 in March 2013. It was the largest drop of any state in the nation.
- Four states experienced decreases in the range of -1.5 to -1.2 percentage points: Rhode Island (-1.5), Florida (-1.4), California (-1.3) and Idaho (-1.2).
- At the other end of the spectrum, four states registered in the highest bin: Illinois (+0.7), Indiana (+0.5), New Hampshire (+0.4) and Mississippi (+0.4).
- In summary, 40 states experienced unemployment rate decreases from a year earlier, eight states had increases, and three states saw no change.
- Reference here for a ranking of unemployment rates by state:
<http://www.bls.gov/web/laus/laumstrk.htm>
 Note – the link is updated monthly, therefore, data may not match the chart if accessed after May 17, 2013, the release of April's state unemployment data.