
Unemployment Picture Mixed for Older Workers

55+ Workers Show Improvement over January

(CLEVELAND) — The Bureau of Labor Statistics ([BLS](#)) **February** unemployment numbers fell slightly as the nation's unemployment rate rose to 4.1 percent – although adding 151,000 jobs. Data for older workers was mixed.

There was good news for the oldest group of workers (55 and above). Their unemployment rate fell to 2.9 percent – the first time it fell below three percent since October. Likewise, the total number of unemployed 55 and older fell to 1.11 million – down six percent, the lowest since September.

The 50-54 age didn't fare as well. In February, the unemployment rate for this group rose to 3.2 percent from 3.1 percent in January. The number of unemployed 50-54 rose three percent to 516,000 while their unemployment rate rose to 3.2 percent – the highest since March, 2024.

Overall, the number of unemployed over age 50 fell three percent from 1.68 million in January, to 1.63 million in February. The Laborforce Participation Rate also dropped in February to 62.4 percent – the lowest point since January, 2023.

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