

# Redfish Emerging Markets'

## Unemployment Rate Report State by State Summary February 2008

February's Unemployment rate report has **Idaho** leading the pack with a 2.5% unemployment rate, followed by **Hawaii** and red hot **Utah** (Utah tops the non farm employment growth again this month). **South Dakota** and **Montana** (third in non farm employment growth) round out the top five.

As always, the states are ranked in our report today based on a 6 month rolling average of the monthly unemployment rate of each state as provided by the Bureau of Labor Statistics. This report will be updated on or about the 20<sup>th</sup> each and every month.

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| Idaho      | 2.5 |
| Hawaii     | 2.8 |
| Utah       | 2.8 |
| S. Dakota  | 3.0 |
| Montana    | 3.1 |
| Virginia   | 3.2 |
| Nebraska   | 3.2 |
| Wyoming    | 3.2 |
| N. Dakota  | 3.3 |
| Delaware   | 3.3 |
| New Mexico | 3.5 |
| New Hamp.  | 3.5 |
| Alabama    | 3.6 |
| Arizona    | 3.8 |
| Louisiana  | 3.9 |
| Maryland   | 3.9 |
| Iowa       | 3.9 |
| Colorado   | 4.0 |
| Vermont    | 4.1 |
| Florida    | 4.2 |
| Kansas     | 4.2 |
| Texas      | 4.3 |
| New Jersey | 4.3 |
| Penn.      | 4.5 |
| Oklahoma   | 4.5 |
| Mass.      | 4.5 |
| Georgia    | 4.6 |
| Tennessee  | 4.6 |
| Indiana    | 4.7 |

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| Minnesota   | 4.7 |
| Conn.       | 4.7 |
| New York    | 4.8 |
| Washington  | 4.8 |
| W. Virginia | 4.8 |
| N. Carolina | 4.9 |
| Maine       | 4.9 |
| Rhode Is.   | 5.1 |
| Wisconsin   | 5.1 |
| Nevada      | 5.2 |
| Illinois    | 5.3 |
| Missouri    | 5.3 |
| Oregon      | 5.5 |
| California  | 5.6 |
| Kentucky    | 5.6 |
| Arkansas    | 5.7 |
| Ohio        | 5.8 |
| S. Carolina | 5.9 |
| Alaska      | 6.3 |
| Miss.       | 6.4 |
| Michigan    | 7.5 |