

# Real U.S. Unemployment Rate at 23.2%, not 5.5%

## Alternate Unemployment Charts

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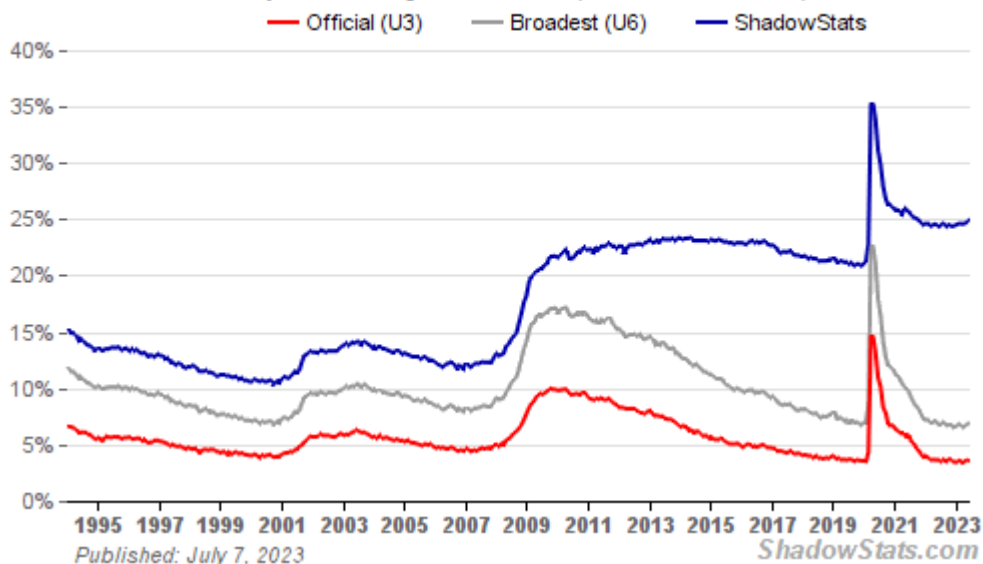
The seasonally-adjusted SGS Alternate Unemployment Rate reflects current unemployment reporting methodology adjusted for SGS-estimated long-term discouraged workers, who were defined out of official existence in 1994. That estimate is added to the BLS estimate of U-6 unemployment, which includes short-term discouraged workers.

The U-3 unemployment rate is the monthly headline number. The U-6 unemployment rate is the Bureau of Labor Statistics' (BLS) broadest unemployment measure, including short-term discouraged and other marginally-attached workers as well as those forced to work part-time because they cannot find full-time employment.

**The ShadowStats Alternate Unemployment Rate for January 2015 is 23.2%.**

### **Unemployment Rate - Official (U-3 & U-6) vs ShadowStats Alternate**

Monthly SA. Through June 2023 (ShadowStats, BLS)



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