

## NEWS RELEASE

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### Idaho's Involuntary Part-Time Workers Drop Slightly in 2014

The percentage of Idaho workers forced to take part-time jobs because they cannot find full-time work dropped slightly in 2014, new estimates from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics show. But Idaho's improvement was not as great as in other states.

The government on Thursday estimated that 4.7 percent of the state's workforce and potential workforce were in part-time jobs because that was the only work they could find. That was down from 5 percent in 2013 and 6.9 percent at the peak of the recession in 2009.

That translated into just under 37,000 people involuntarily working part-time jobs in 2014 on top of the 37,000 who were officially unemployed during the year. Nearly 39,000 workers were in part-time jobs in 2013, when there were 47,000 officially unemployed in Idaho.

In 2009 in the depth of the recession, over 52,000 workers were working part time because they could not find full-time work.

But Idaho's ranking among the states rose from 16<sup>th</sup> highest in 2013 to 10<sup>th</sup> in 2014. In 2009, Idaho ranked third in the percentage of workers forced to accept part-time jobs.

Nationally, the percentage of involuntary part-time workers dropped 5 percent in 2013 to 4.5 percent in 2014.

The percentage of people who have dropped out of the labor force or have not been actively looking for work, however, declined for the first time in four years, dropping from a recession high 1.2 percent to 0.9 percent or from about 9,300 people to 7,000. Only seven other states had a lower percentage of discouraged workers.

Idaho's discouraged worker percentage had been at 1.2 percent since 2011.

### Percentage of Workforce Underemployed or Not Employed

	2014			2013		
	Unemployed Workers	Part-Time Workers	Discourage Workers	Unemployed Workers	Part-Time Workers	Discourage Workers
US	6.2%	4.5%	1.3%	7.4%	5.0%	1.4%
Alabama	7.1%	4.0%	1.5%	6.9%	3.5%	1.8%
Alaska	7.1%	3.1%	1.3%	6.6%	4.1%	1.4%
Arizona	7.0%	6.1%	1.6%	8.0%	6.0%	2.0%
Arkansas	6.0%	3.3%	0.9%	7.8%	4.1%	1.8%
California	7.5%	6.2%	1.5%	8.9%	6.9%	1.5%

Colorado	4.9%	3.7%	0.8%	6.6%	4.9%	1.0%
Connecticut	6.6%	4.6%	1.4%	7.7%	4.8%	1.4%
Delaware	5.8%	4.1%	1.3%	7.0%	5.1%	1.4%
DC	7.8%	2.9%	1.2%	8.6%	3.7%	1.8%
Florida	6.3%	5.3%	1.2%	7.1%	5.7%	1.5%
Georgia	7.2%	4.5%	1.6%	8.2%	4.9%	1.7%
Hawaii	4.4%	4.6%	1.2%	4.8%	4.9%	1.8%
Idaho	4.7%	4.7%	0.9%	6.5%	5.0%	1.2%
Illinois	7.0%	4.5%	1.2%	9.1%	5.6%	1.3%
Indiana	6.1%	4.0%	1.2%	7.7%	4.5%	1.0%
Iowa	4.6%	3.5%	0.7%	4.7%	3.7%	0.8%
Kansas	4.6%	3.5%	1.0%	5.6%	4.2%	1.2%
Kentucky	6.5%	3.9%	1.3%	8.1%	5.3%	1.6%
Louisiana	6.4%	3.5%	1.4%	7.0%	4.1%	1.6%
Maine	5.7%	4.8%	1.4%	6.8%	5.8%	1.1%
Maryland	5.8%	3.5%	1.4%	6.7%	4.1%	1.7%
Massachusetts	5.8%	4.5%	1.2%	7.0%	4.8%	1.4%
Michigan	7.2%	5.3%	1.4%	8.6%	5.2%	1.5%
Minnesota	4.0%	3.7%	1.0%	4.9%	4.7%	1.0%
Mississippi	7.7%	4.2%	1.7%	8.8%	4.5%	1.3%
Missouri	6.4%	4.3%	1.1%	6.6%	4.0%	1.0%
Montana	4.6%	4.6%	1.1%	5.5%	5.0%	1.1%
Nebraska	3.3%	2.9%	0.8%	4.1%	3.3%	0.6%
Nevada	7.7%	5.9%	1.7%	9.8%	6.4%	1.9%
New Hampshire	4.2%	4.5%	1.0%	5.2%	4.7%	1.0%
New Jersey	6.7%	4.4%	1.3%	8.2%	4.9%	1.6%
New Mexico	7.0%	4.1%	2.1%	7.2%	4.5%	2.0%
New York	6.4%	4.5%	1.5%	7.6%	4.6%	1.6%
North Carolina	6.2%	4.5%	1.4%	7.9%	5.4%	1.4%
North Dakota	2.8%	1.9%	0.7%	2.9%	2.1%	0.6%
Ohio	5.6%	4.1%	1.2%	7.6%	4.7%	1.3%
Oklahoma	4.5%	2.7%	1.4%	5.6%	3.4%	1.2%
Oregon	7.1%	5.9%	1.2%	7.9%	7.4%	1.2%
Pennsylvania	5.7%	4.4%	1.5%	7.5%	4.4%	1.5%
Rhode Island	7.7%	4.5%	1.3%	9.2%	5.0%	1.3%
South Carolina	6.4%	4.3%	1.8%	7.6%	4.4%	2.0%
South Dakota	3.5%	2.2%	0.7%	3.6%	2.8%	0.7%

Tennessee	6.6%	5.1%	1.4%	8.0%	5.4%	1.3%
Texas	5.0%	3.8%	1.1%	6.3%	4.0%	1.0%
Utah	3.9%	3.4%	0.9%	4.4%	4.4%	0.9%
Vermont	4.2%	3.7%	0.9%	4.3%	4.0%	1.0%
Virginia	5.2%	3.9%	1.3%	5.6%	4.6%	1.3%
Washington	6.3%	5.0%	1.2%	7.0%	5.7%	1.3%
West Virginia	6.6%	4.3%	1.5%	6.6%	4.1%	1.3%
Wisconsin	5.6%	3.5%	1.2%	6.7%	4.4%	1.0%
Wyoming	4.4%	2.5%	0.6%	4.6%	2.9%	0.9%

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

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