

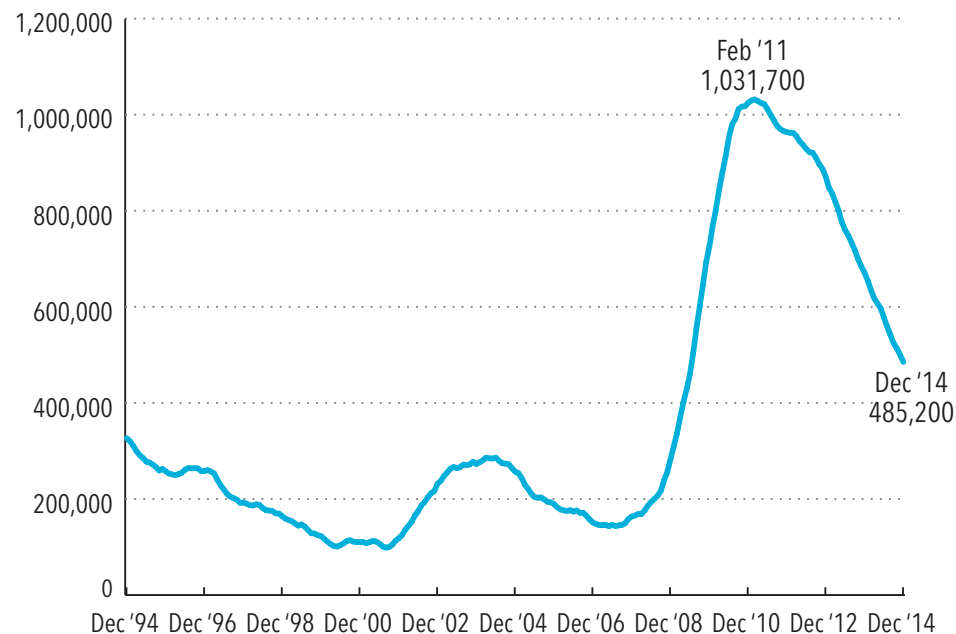


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The Number of Californians Out of Work for At Least Six Months Continues to Decline as the Economy Improves

Number of California Workers Unemployed 27 Weeks or Longer



Note: Data reflect 12-month averages ending in the month displayed. Figures are rounded to the nearest 100.
Source: Employment Development Department

- **One major labor market challenge early in the current economic recovery was persistent long-term unemployment.**

Following the end of the Great Recession in February 2010, many workers remained unemployed for six months or longer in the absence of available jobs.

- **Long-term unemployment rose to recorded highs following the Great Recession.** The number of Californians who had been out of work for at least six months reached more than 1 million by February 2011.

- **Long-term unemployment continues to fall.** While long-term unemployment remains more common *today* than at any point following the 2001 recession, it has nevertheless fallen by more than half since 2011. As of December 2014, the number of Californians out of work for at least six months was 485,200.