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**State Unemployment Rates and Trust Fund Balances**

*October 2008*

	<b>Unemployment Rate</b> October 2008	<b>Trust Fund Balance</b> 9/30/07	<b>Trust Fund Balance</b> 9/30/08	<b>Percent Change</b>	<b>Benefit Months in Reserve</b>
Alabama	5.6	437,221,468	395,510,909	-10%	18
Alaska	7.4	314,895,264	346,883,460	10%	39
Arizona	6.1	1,012,099,695	964,520,109	-5%	33
Arkansas	5.4	187,894,501	151,276,263	-19%	6
California	8.2	3,073,479,236	1,785,177,143	-42%	4
Colorado	5.7	635,951,917	699,891,009	10%	24
Connecticut	6.5	644,653,360	566,678,155	-12%	10
Delaware	5.4	185,443,876	153,777,760	-17%	16
D.C.	7.4	405,374,545	423,003,305	4%	47
Florida	7.0	2,398,991,844	1,767,805,524	-26%	14
Georgia	7.0	1,363,396,847	1,151,445,954	-16%	18
Hawaii	4.5	558,954,946	485,523,001	-13%	35
Idaho	5.3	193,328,447	128,142,069	-34%	9
Illinois	7.3	1,894,239,359	1,849,317,782	-2%	11
Indiana	6.4	401,694,526	90,734,913	-77%	1
Iowa	4.4	728,775,749	756,589,316	4%	25
Kansas	4.9	659,019,105	635,593,152	-4%	28
Kentucky	6.8	274,987,898	194,413,543	-29%	5
Louisiana	5.5	1,443,745,764	1,483,865,282	3%	94
Maine	5.7	476,593,122	466,734,592	-2%	45
Maryland	5.0	1,062,590,271	896,734,097	-16%	20
Massachusetts	5.5	1,326,088,692	1,403,903,117	6%	11
Michigan	9.3	103,628,820	35,772,607	-65%	0
Minnesota	6.0	533,033,769	574,136,535	8%	9
Mississippi	7.2	740,359,776	717,380,713	-3%	58
Missouri	6.5	125,801,898	221,587,987	76%	5
Montana	4.8	272,062,263	282,047,861	4%	40
Nebraska	3.6	278,470,194	296,858,476	7%	39
Nevada	7.6	807,678,921	714,598,216	-12%	20
New Hampshire	4.1	252,261,368	196,299,604	-22%	24
New Jersey	6.0	762,102,546	792,885,471	4%	4
New Mexico	4.4	587,228,808	543,833,426	-7%	44
New York	5.7	630,537,692	809,720,930	28%	2
North Carolina	7.0	459,099,749	439,807,768	-4%	5
North Dakota	3.4	127,581,007	137,638,260	8%	42
Ohio	7.3	582,829,058	333,956,121	-43%	3

Oklahoma	4.3	832,172,942	856,197,907	3%	62
Oregon	7.3	1,914,936,984	2,121,558,729	11%	38
Pennsylvania	5.8	1,742,026,625	1,483,767,107	-15%	7
Puerto Rico	12.0	549,568,158	539,025,573	-2%	31
Rhode Island	9.3	182,177,692	114,033,183	-37%	5
South Carolina	8.0	249,586,500	102,548,768	-59%	3
South Dakota	3.3	24,426,329	28,245,182	16%	18
Tennessee	7.0	602,368,360	558,644,390	-7%	14
Texas	5.6	2,105,307,233	1,671,382,804	-21%	15
Utah	3.5	819,484,866	851,274,532	4%	69
Vermont	5.2	184,517,945	153,974,838	-17%	18
Virgin Islands	5.9	25,186,292	15,161,691	-40%	15
Virginia	4.4	814,180,135	731,007,954	-10%	21
Washington	6.3	3,697,741,019	4,117,672,604	11%	58
West Virginia	4.7	257,097,001	249,994,403	-3%	21
Wisconsin	5.1	664,114,965	413,611,285	-38%	5
Wyoming	3.3	237,019,567	258,691,478	9%	76

*(Based on information from the Bureau of Public Debt, U.s. Department of Labor, National Employment Law Project, and State Websites)*

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