

# Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS)



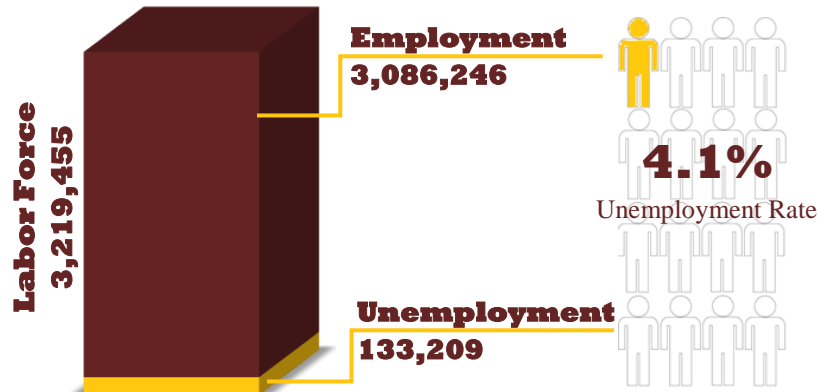
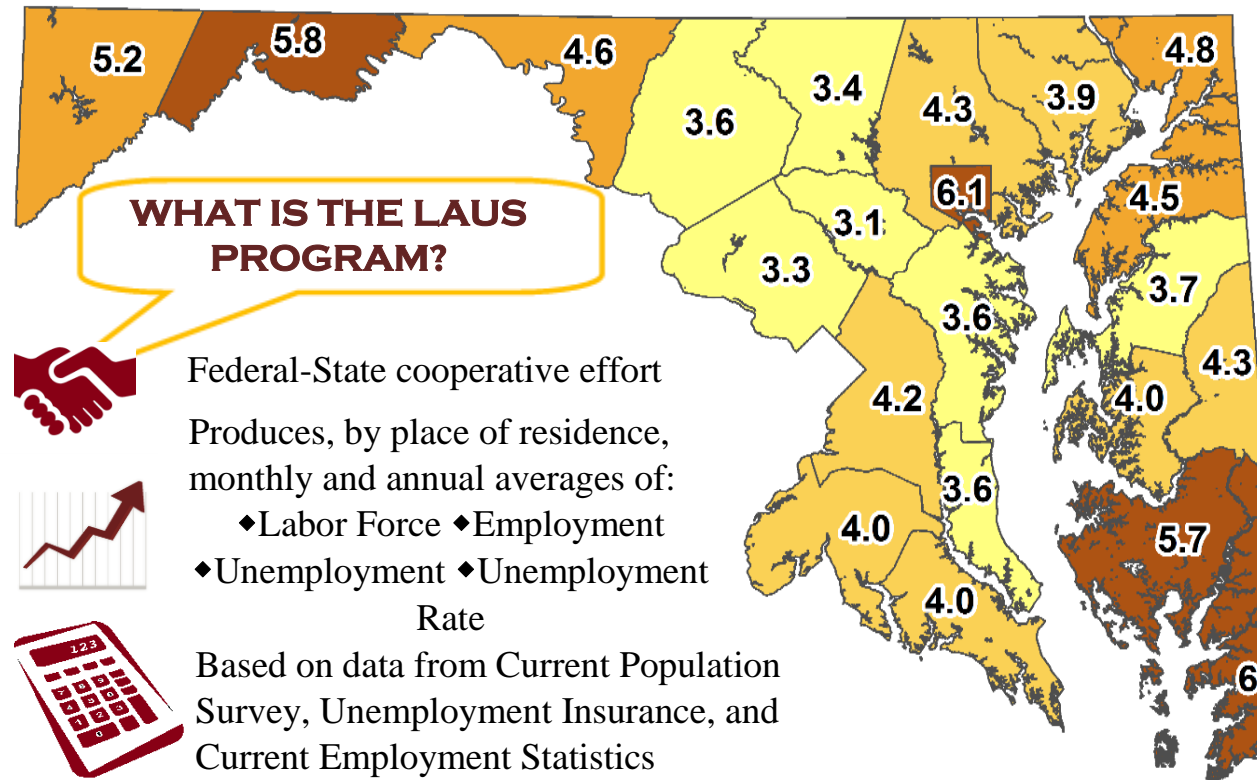
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## 2017 ANNUAL AVERAGE UNEMPLOYMENT AND RATE BY COUNTY (NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)

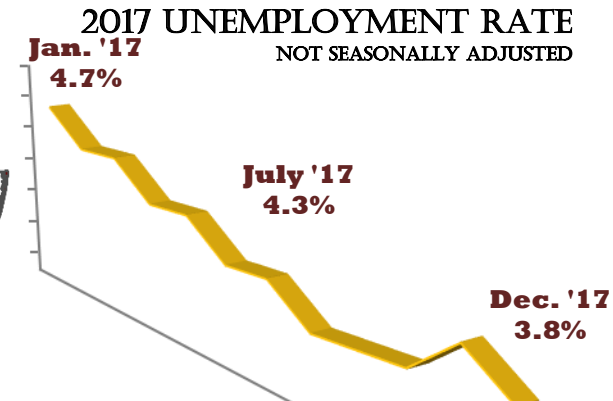
## 2017 ANNUAL AVERAGES FOR MARYLAND



**WHAT IS THE LAUS PROGRAM?**

Federal-State cooperative effort  
Produces, by place of residence, monthly and annual averages of:  
 ♦ Labor Force ♦ Employment  
 ♦ Unemployment ♦ Unemployment Rate

Based on data from Current Population Survey, Unemployment Insurance, and Current Employment Statistics



### HOW IS LAUS DATA USED?

- Federal government uses to allocate funds to states
- State and local government uses for planning
- Private sector uses data as an economic indicator
- Academics use for research

### HOW CAN I USE LAUS DATA?

- Find out the unemployment rate for your county
- Compare your state or county rate to neighboring areas or to the nation
- Use in researching potential residence locations

### WHERE AND WHEN CAN I GET THE DATA?

- Data is available at:
  - <http://www.dllr.maryland.gov/lmi/laus>
  - <http://www.bls.gov/lau/>
- State numbers are typically released 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of the following month with area numbers the next week.