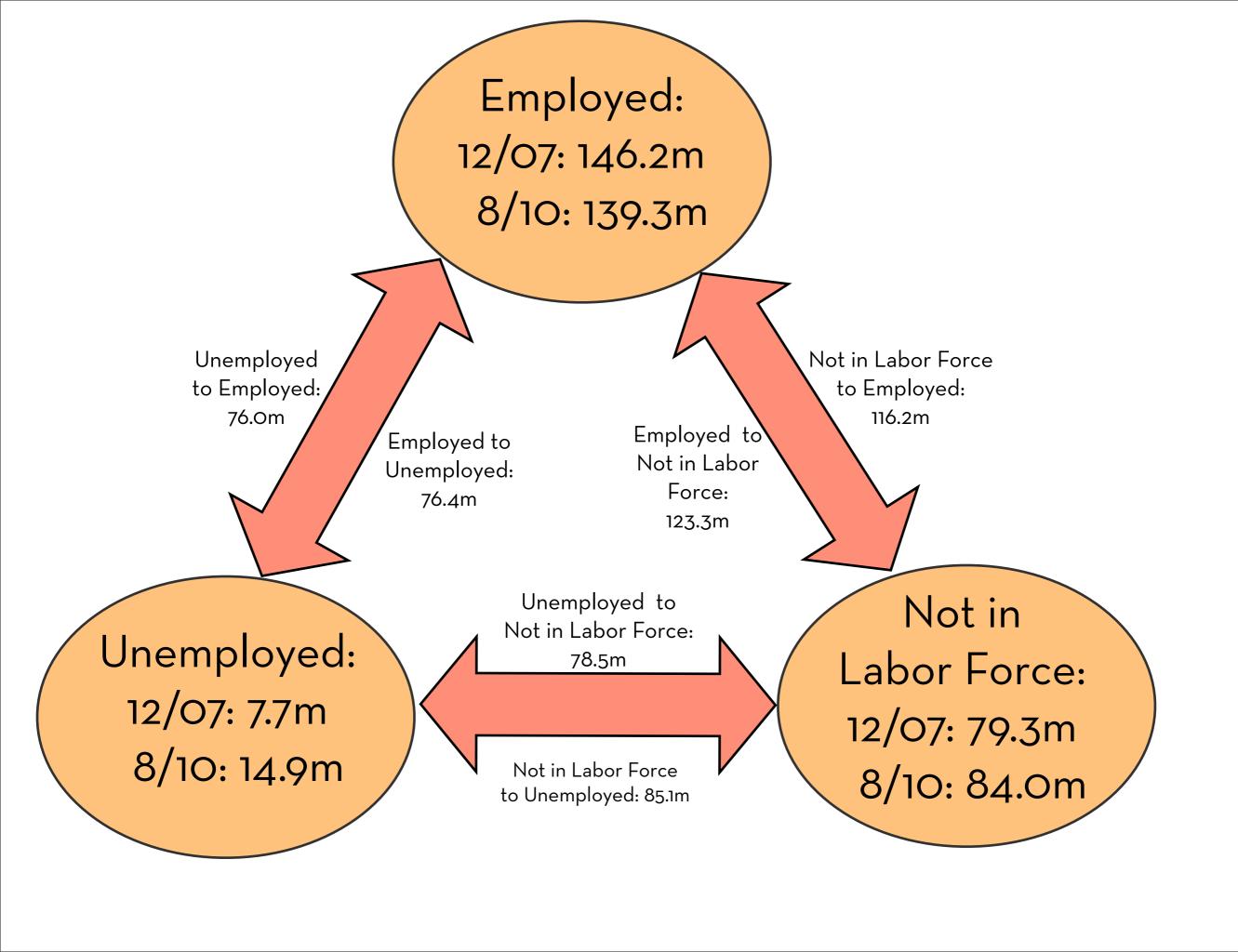
The Stagnating Labor Market

Mike Konczal, Roosevelt Institute October 22nd, 2010

"...of all the aspects of social misery nothing is so heartbreaking as unemployment..."

- Jane Addams (1910) Twenty Years at Hull-House





Employed:

12/07: 146.2m

8/10: 139.3m

Unemployed to Employed:

94-00: 29.6%

2010: 17.1%

Employed to Unemployed:

94-00: 1.3%

2010: 1.7%

Not in Labor Force to Employed:

94-00: 4.9%

2010: 4.2%

Unemployed to Not in Labor Force:

Employed to

Not in Labor

Force:

94-00: 2.7%

2010: 2.6%

94-00: 23.5%

2010: 19.3%

12/07: 7.7m

Unemployed:

8/10: 14.9m

Not in Labor Force to Unemployed:

94-00: 2.6% 2010: 3.7%

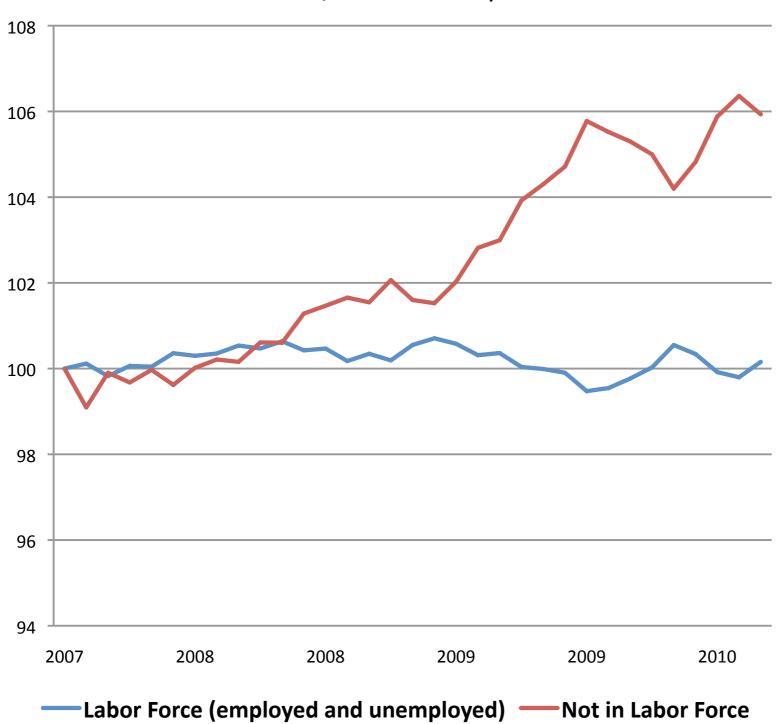
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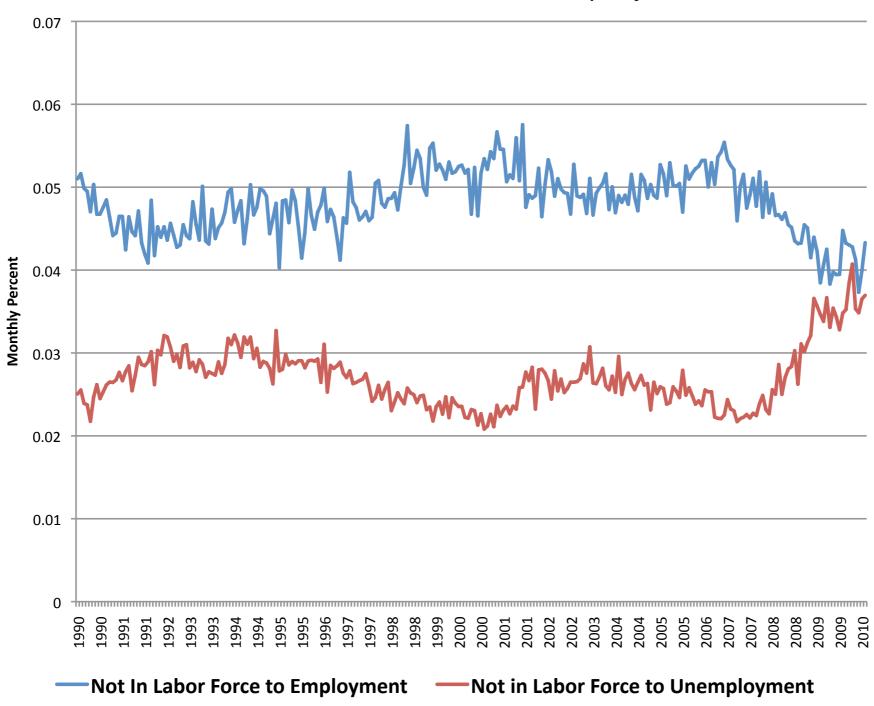
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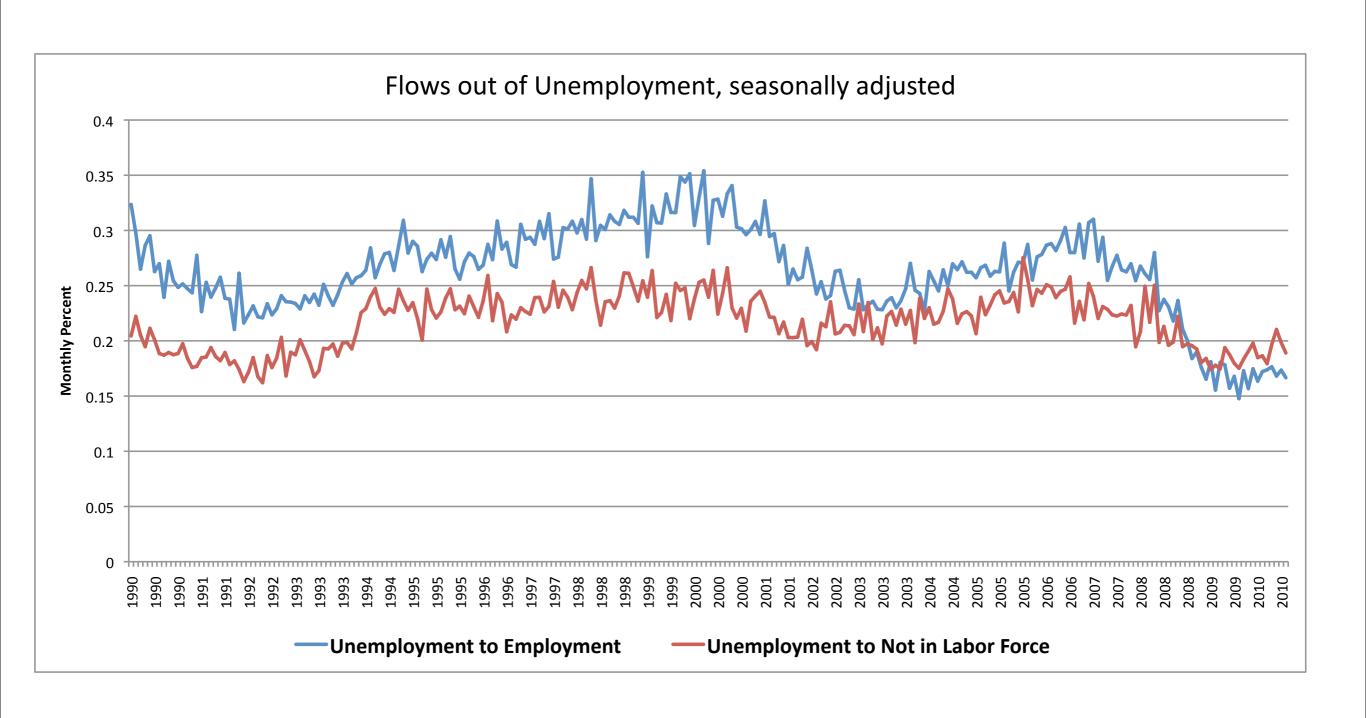
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Growth of Labor Force Sectors (normalized to 12/2007 value)

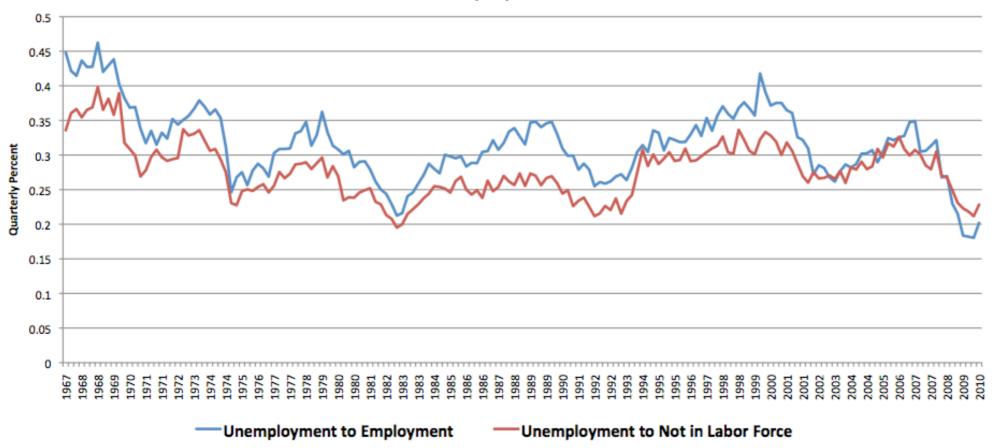


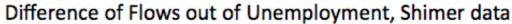
Flows into the Labor Force, seasonally adjusted

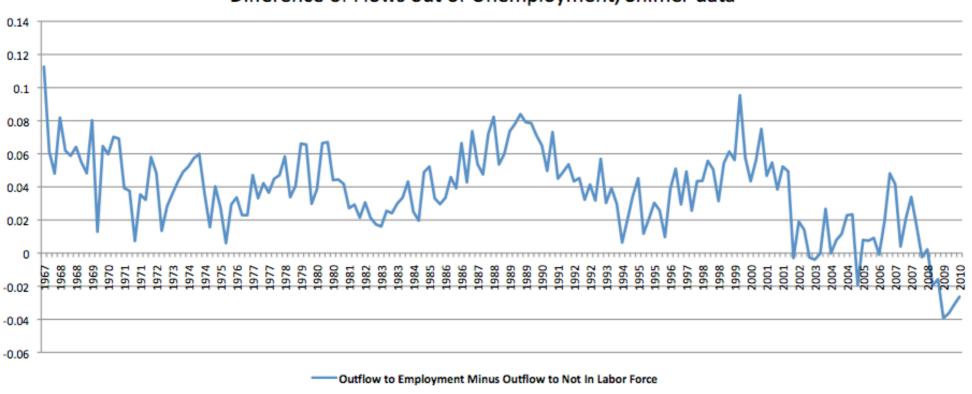




Flows out of Unemployment, Shimer data

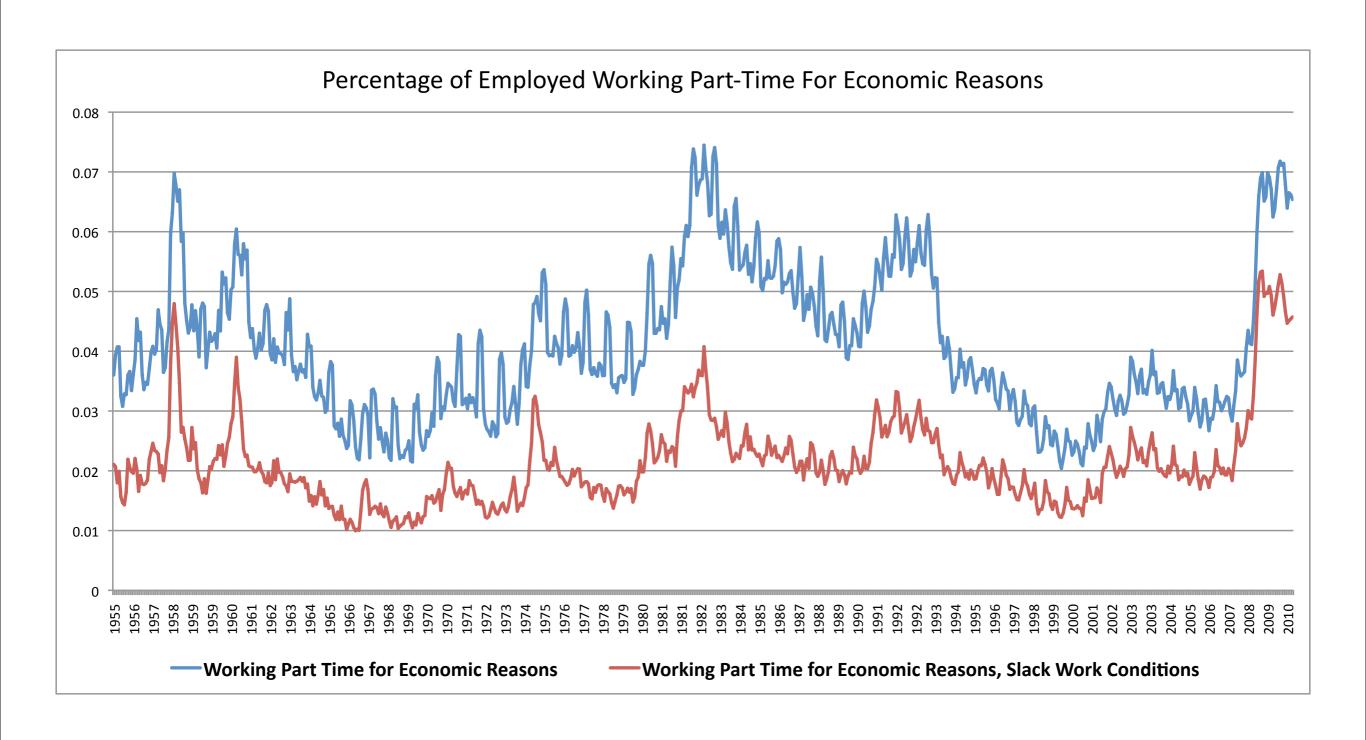


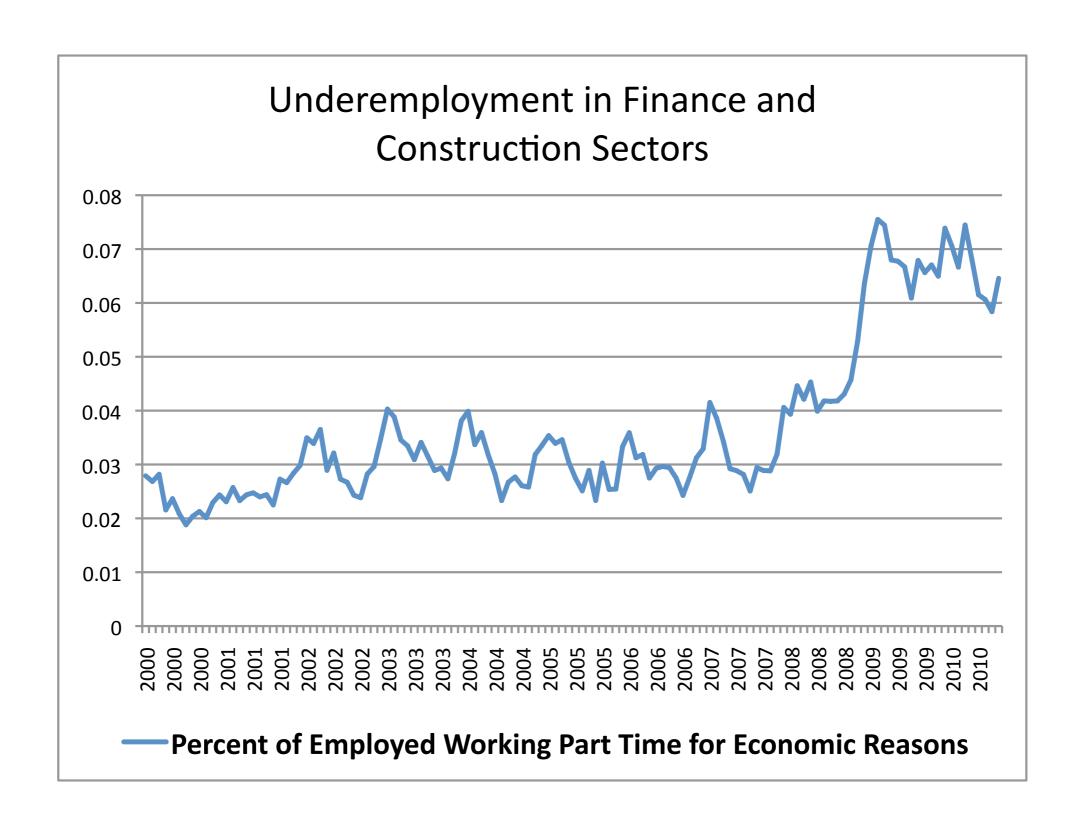


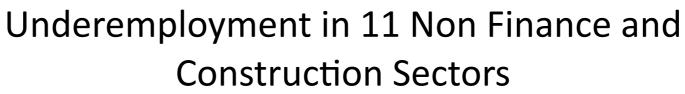


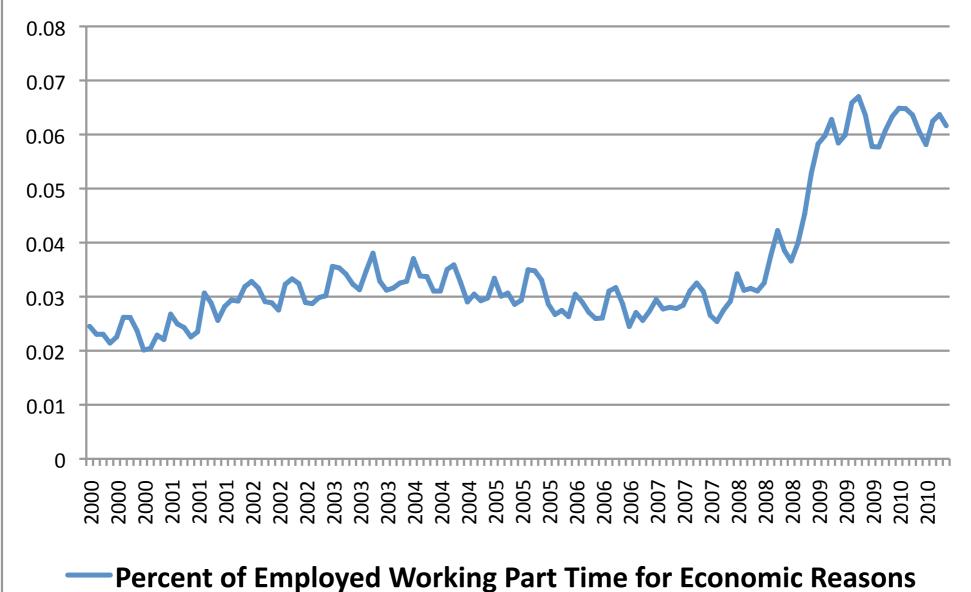
Data: Figure 5, Bureau of Labor Statistics CPS, Seasonally Adjusted, Roosevelt Institute.

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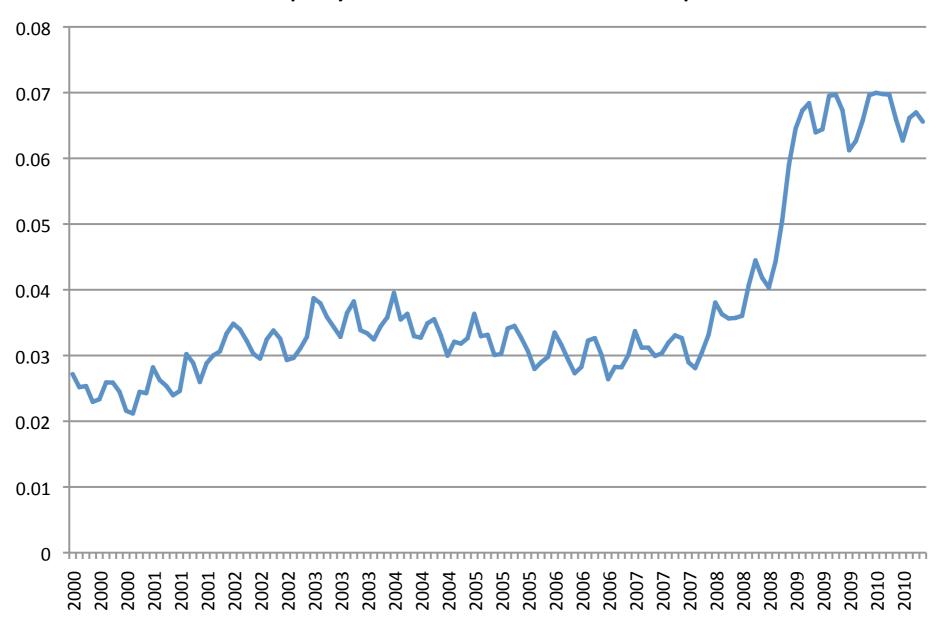






| Sector | Average Underemployment 2000-2007 | Average Underemployment, 2010 | Ratio |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|-------|
| Mining | 1.01% | 1.46% | 1.44 |
| Construction | 4.64% | 11.49% | 2.47 |
| Durable Goods Manufacturing | 1.48% | 3.05% | 2.05 |
| NonDurable Goods Manufacturing | 2.42% | 4.09% | 1.69 |
| Wholesale and retail trade | 3.44% | 8.63% | 2.51 |
| Transportation and utilities | 2.63% | 5.03% | 1.91 |
| Information | 1.82% | 4.16% | 2.29 |
| Financial Activities | 1.25% | 2.46% | 1.96 |
| Professional and business services | 3.03% | 5.75% | 1.89 |
| Education and health services | 2.29% | 4.60% | 2.01 |
| Leisure and hospitality | 6.47% | 13.59% | 2.10 |
| Other Services | 3.91% | 8.19% | 2.10 |
| Public Administration | 0.67% | 1.89% | 2.82 |

Underemployment across Nine Occupations



—Percent of Employed Working Part-Time for Economic Reasons

| Occupation | Average Underemployment 2000-2007 | Average Underemployment, 2010 | Ratio |
|--|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|-------|
| Management, business, and financial operations occupations | 1.13% | 2.58% | 2.29 |
| Professional and related occupations | 1.73% | 3.68% | 2.12 |
| Service occupations | 5.69% | 11.46% | 2.01 |
| Sales and related occupations | 3.45% | 8.11% | 2.35 |
| Office and administrative support occupations | 2.17% | 5.43% | 2.50 |
| Construction and extraction occupations | 6.03% | 15.03% | 2.49 |
| Installation, maintenance, and repair occupations | 2.00% | 5.00% | 2.49 |
| Production occupations | 3.04% | 6.03% | 1.99 |
| Transportation and material moving occupations | 4.41% | 8.86% | 2.01 |

