

Who Are Coastal Maine's Unemployed and Underemployed?

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Two Different Economic Stories:

Maine continues record low-unemployment streak

October was the 46th consecutive month in which Maine's unemployment rate has been below 4 percent.

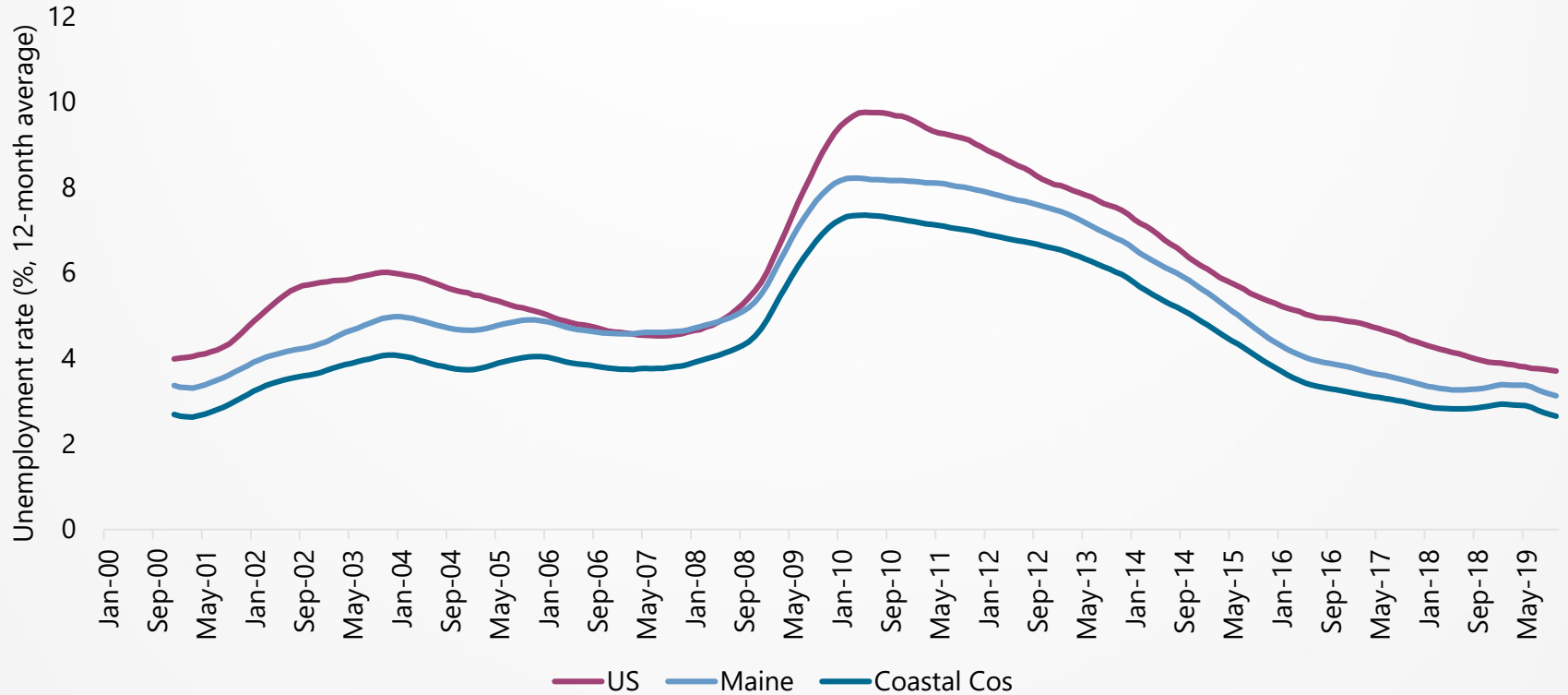
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Maine Has The Highest Food Insecurity Rate In New England. Here's How 1 Food Bank Is Addressing That

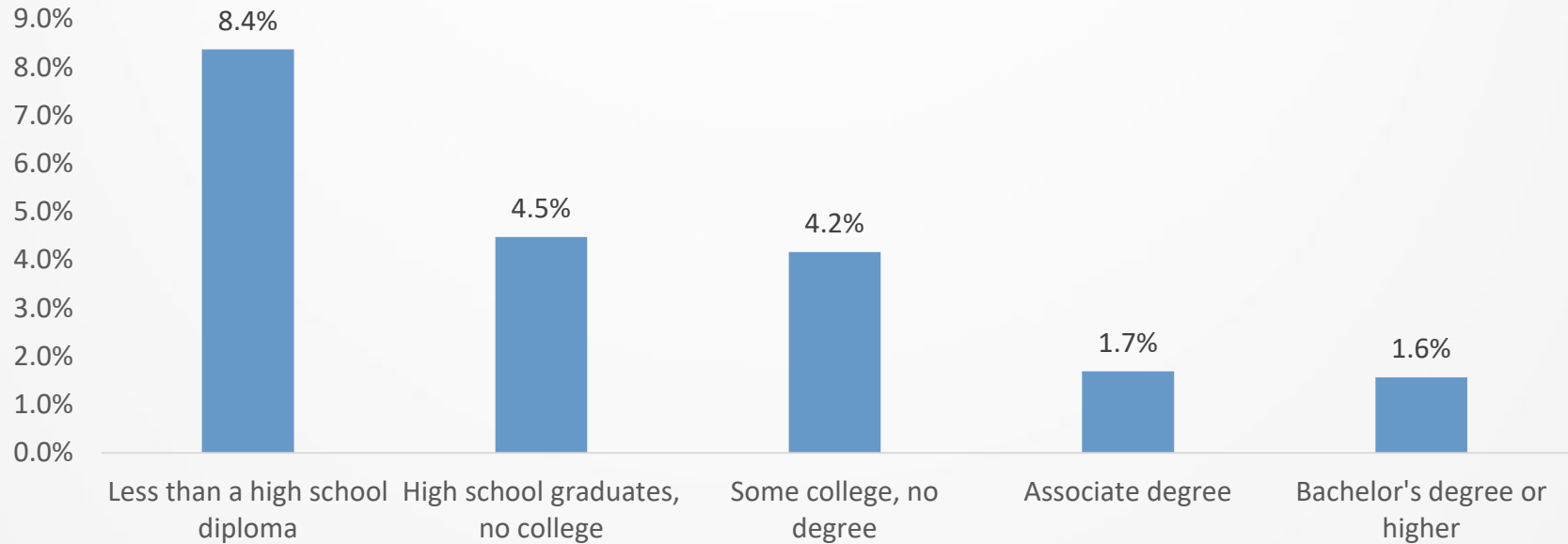
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The Unemployed

The Statewide Unemployment Rate Is Very Low



Mainers without a college degree more likely to be unemployed



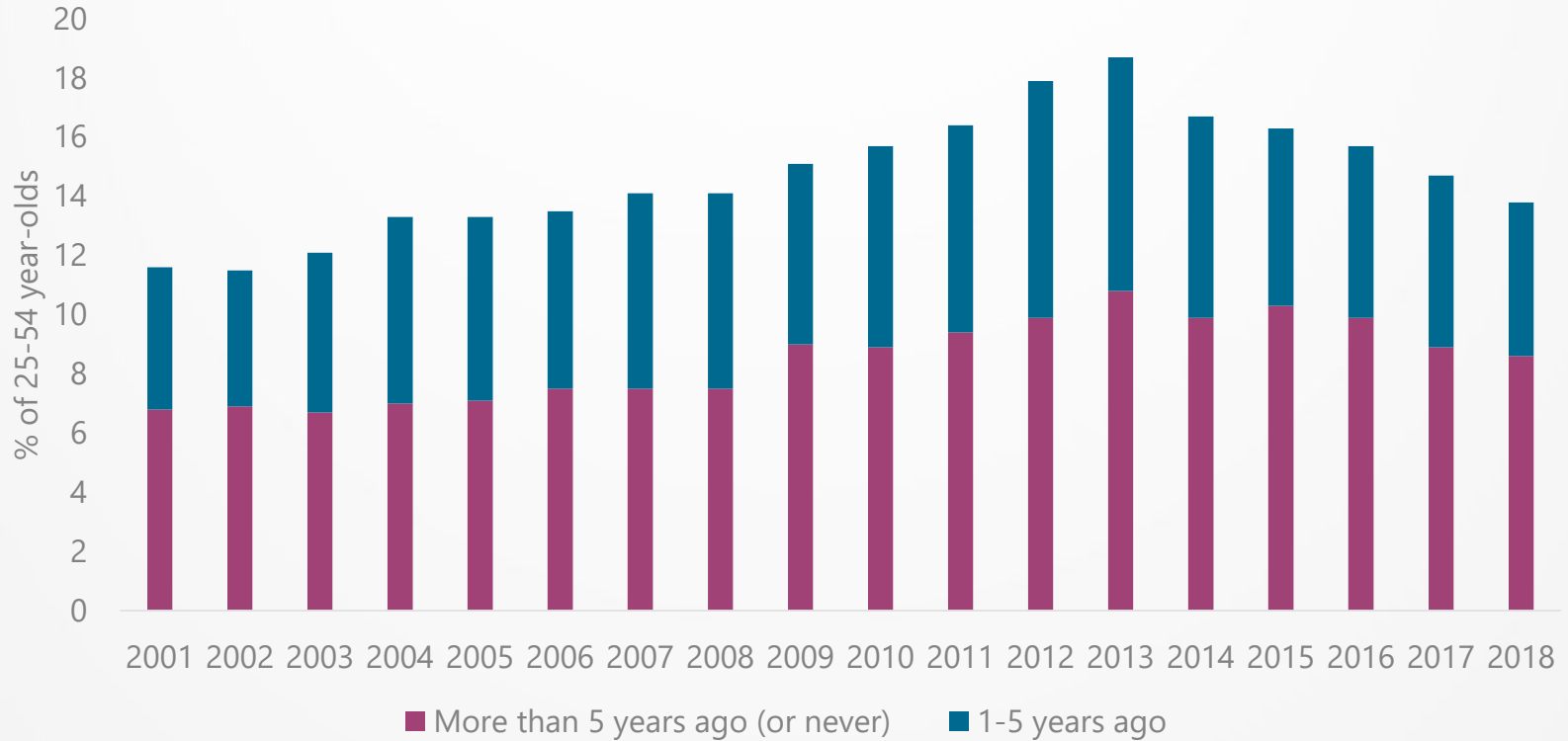
People of Color in Maine are **twice**
as likely to be unemployed as
white, non-Hispanic Mainers

Labor force drop-outs

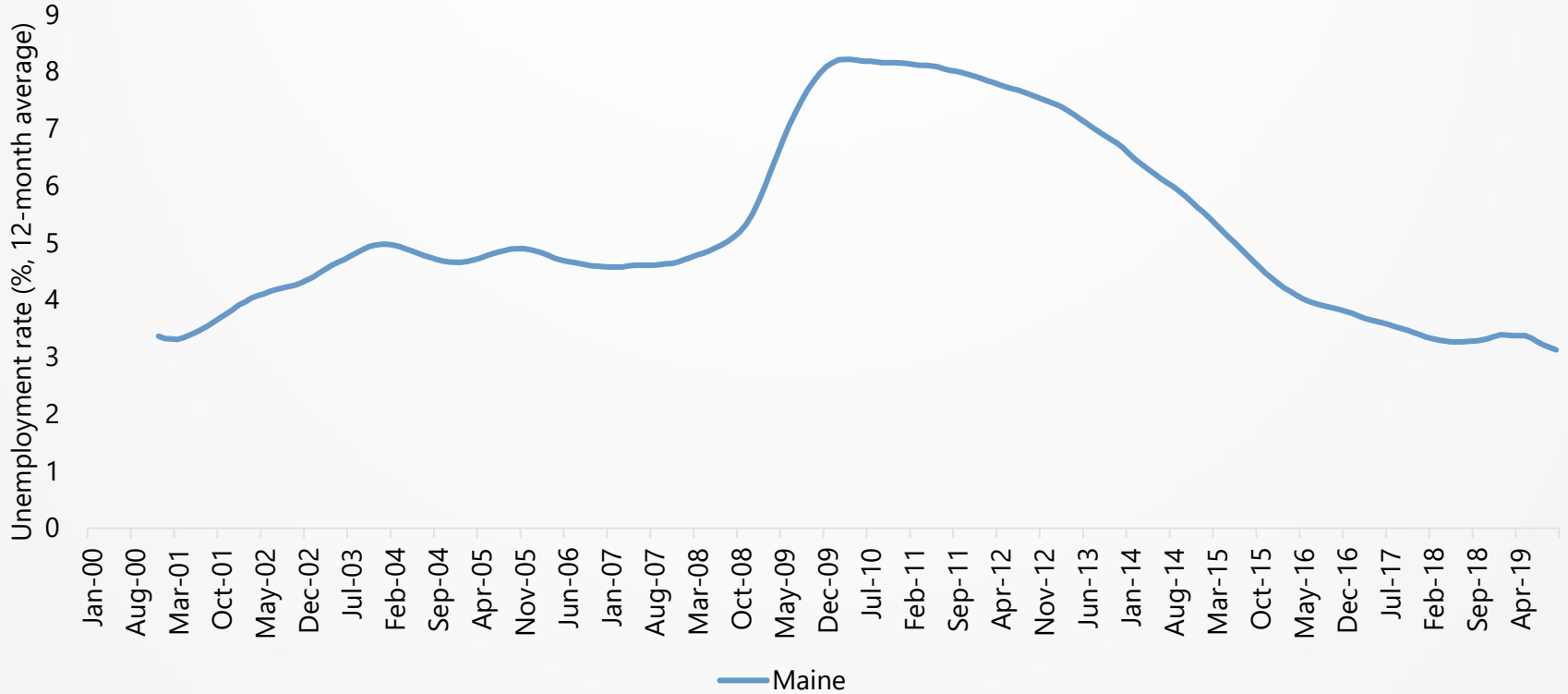
Still some room for labor force growth



Long-Term Unemployment is Shrinking

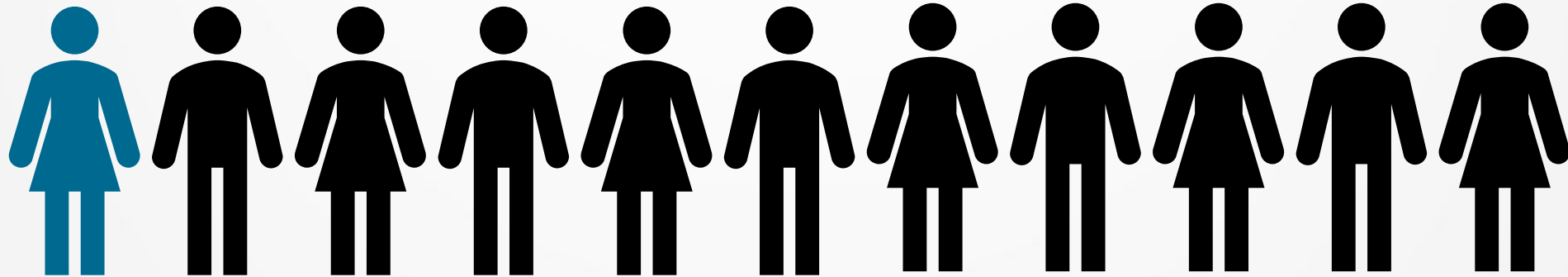


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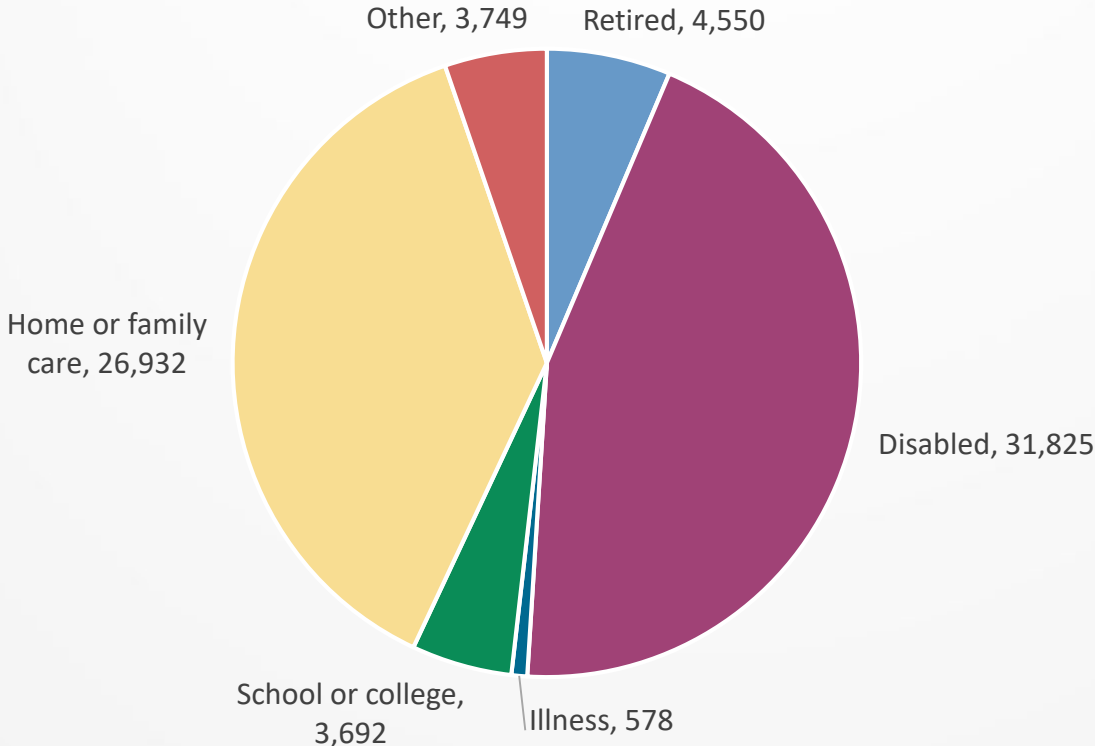
26,000

Mainers aged 25-54 in the Coastal Counties haven't worked in the past year



That's 9% of the prime-age population

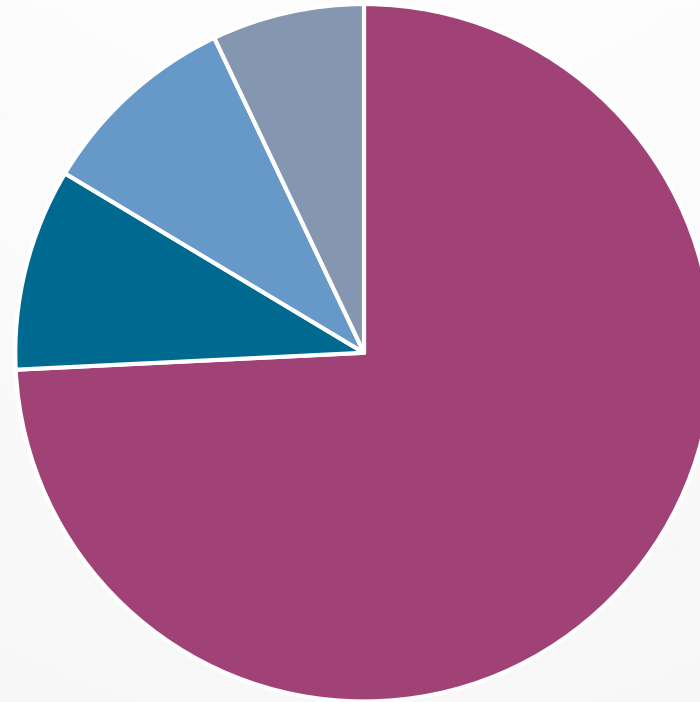
Potential workers held back by health, family obligations



Reasons not in the labor force for 25-54 year-olds in Maine, year ending October 2019

The Underemployed

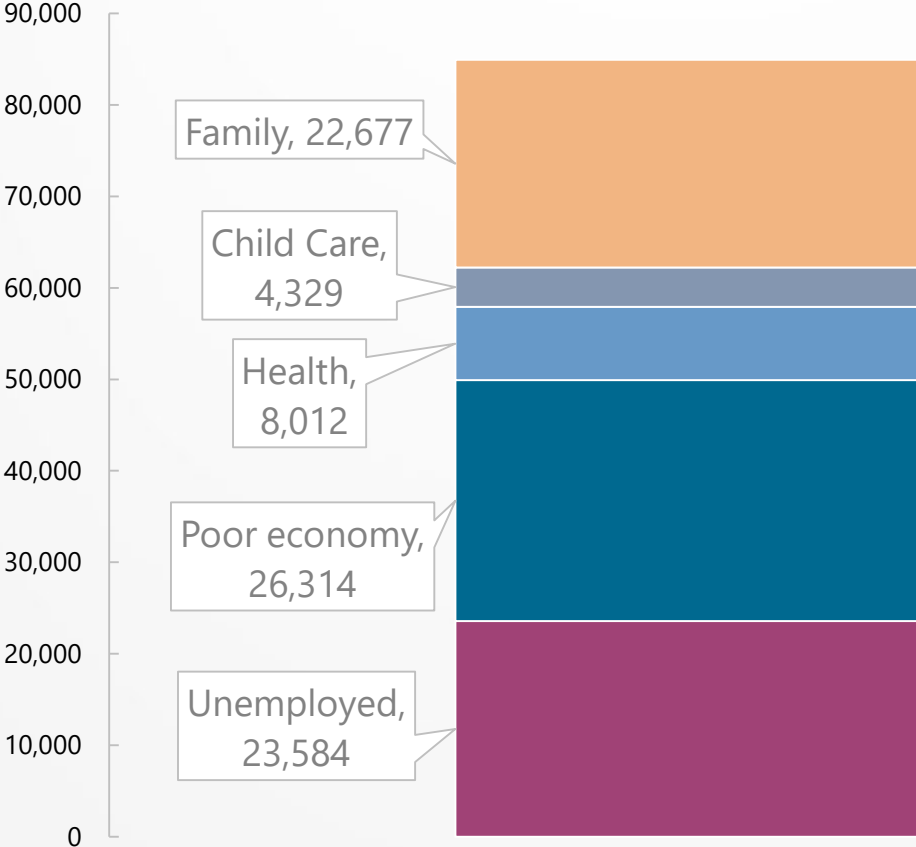
One Quarter of Prime-Age Mainers Don't Have Full-Time, Year-Round Work



2018, workers
25-54 years old

■ FT, YR ■ PT, YR ■ FT, PY ■ PT, PY

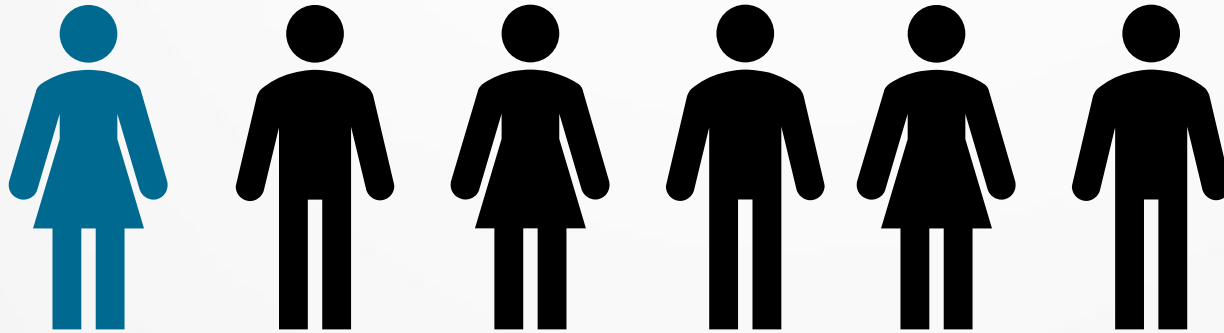
Underemployed Part-Timers Outnumber the Unemployed



Barriers to Work

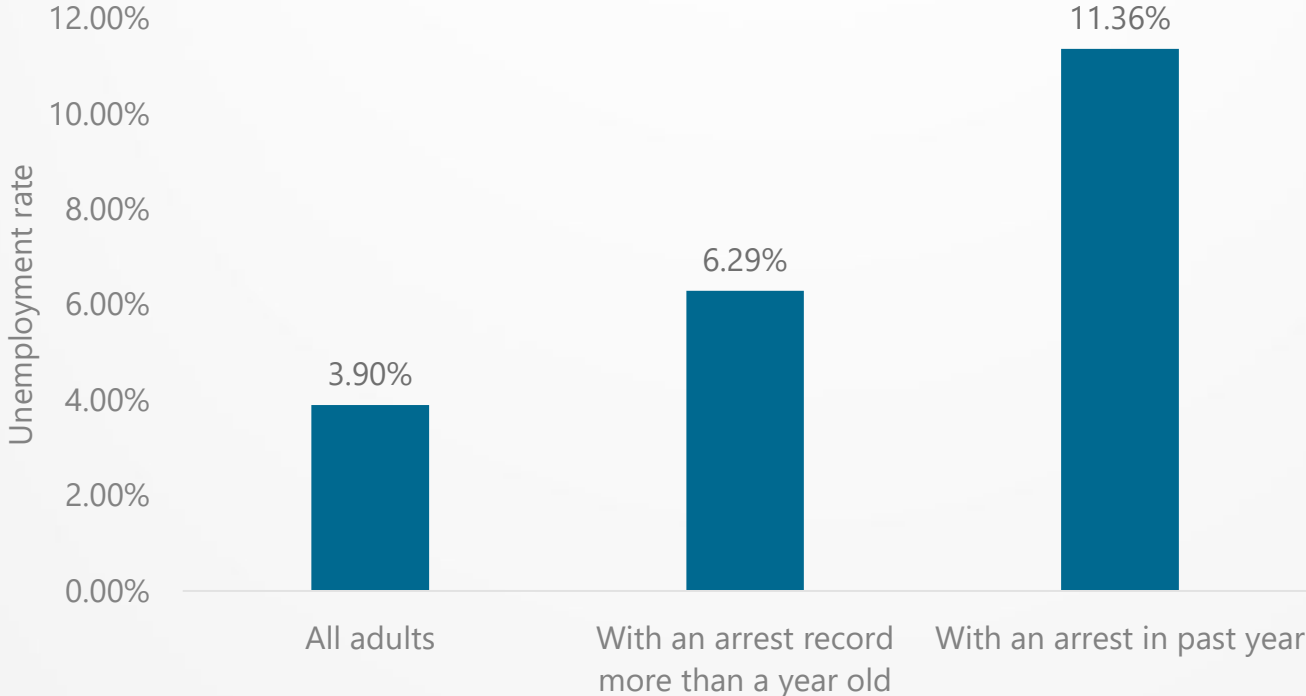
140,000

Mainers aged 18-64 have an arrest record



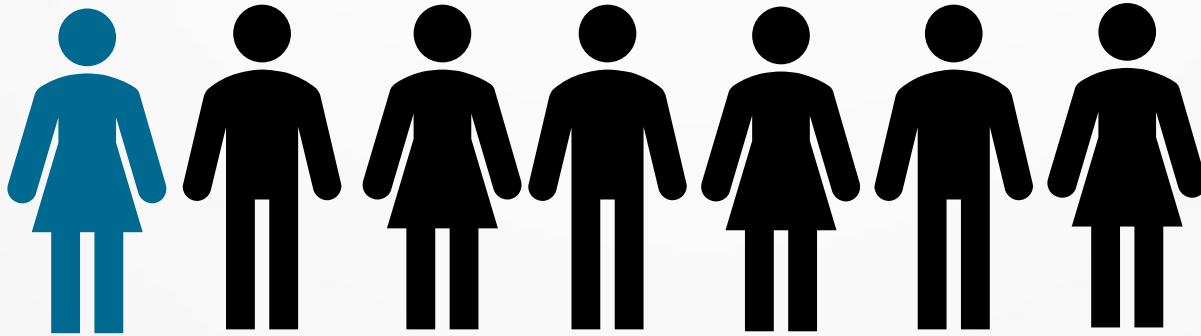
That's 17% of the working-age population

Mainers with Recent Arrest Records More Likely to Be Unemployed



119,000

Mainers aged 18-64 report having frequent episodes of poor mental health



That's 15% of the working-age population

Questions?



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