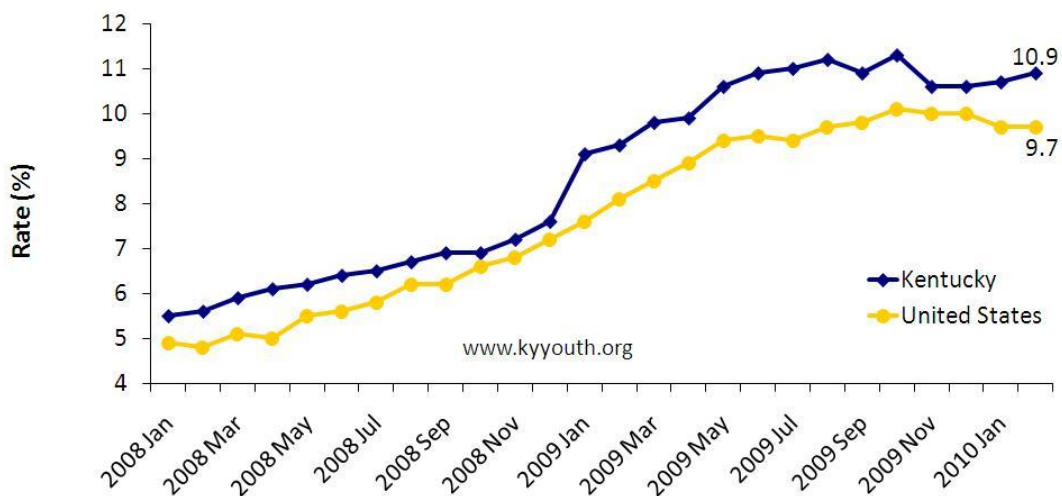


**Kentucky's Unemployment Rate Continues to Increase**  
February Rate Nears 11 Percent

Kentucky's unemployment rate is now back to 10.9 percent for the month of February. The loss of an estimated 7,500 jobs contributed to the increase of 0.2 percentage points since January. Approximately 38,000 jobs have been lost since February of last year. Additionally, more than 123,000 jobs have been lost since January 2008, when Kentucky started to feel the effects of the national recession.

**KY and U.S. Unemployment Rate**



SOURCE: Workforce Kentucky; [workforcekentucky.ky.gov](http://workforcekentucky.ky.gov)

According to multiple reports, job losses could have been much worse, without the help of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. Nearly 10,600 Kentucky jobs have been created or retained as of January 2010, according to reports submitted by recipients of Recovery Act dollars in Kentucky ([Recovery.gov](http://Recovery.gov)). In addition, according to the most recent report by the Council of Economic Advisors, Kentucky has benefited from the creation or retention of 27,000 jobs through December 2009 when both direct and indirect effects of the provisions of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act are measured ([Economic Impact of ARRA - Jan. 2010](#)).



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