

## Underemployment, 2000-07 (in thousands)

|                                    |         |         |         | Difference |         |         |
|------------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|------------|---------|---------|
|                                    | 2000    | 2003    | 2007    | 2000-03    | 2003-07 | 2000-07 |
| <b>Underemployment</b>             |         |         |         |            |         |         |
| <i>Unemployed</i>                  | 5,692   | 8,774   | 7,078   | 3,082      | -1,696  | 1,386   |
| <i>Involuntary part time*</i>      | 3,227   | 4,701   | 4,401   | 1,474      | -300    | 1,174   |
| <i>Discouraged**</i>               | 262     | 457     | 369     | 195        | -88     | 107     |
| <i>Other marginally attached**</i> | 895     | 1,074   | 1,026   | 179        | -48     | 131     |
| <i>Total underemployed</i>         | 10,076  | 15,006  | 12,874  | 4,930      | -2,132  | 2,798   |
| <b>Civilian labor force</b>        | 142,583 | 146,510 | 153,124 | 3,927      | 6,614   | 10,541  |
| <i>Unemployment rate</i>           | 4.0%    | 6.0%    | 4.6%    | 2.0        | -1.4    | 0.6     |
| <i>Underemployment rate***</i>     | 7.0%    | 10.1%   | 8.3%    | 3.1        | -1.8    | 1.3     |

\* Involuntary part-time workers are people employed part-time but who want and are available for full-time work.

\*\* Marginally attached workers are people who currently are neither working nor looking for work but who want and are available for a job and have looked for work sometime in the recent past. Discouraged workers are a subset of the marginally attached who have indicated they are discouraged from looking for work because of weak job prospects.

\*\*\*Total underemployed workers as a percent of the civilian labor force plus all marginally attached workers.

Source: Authors' analysis of BLS (2008c) data.

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