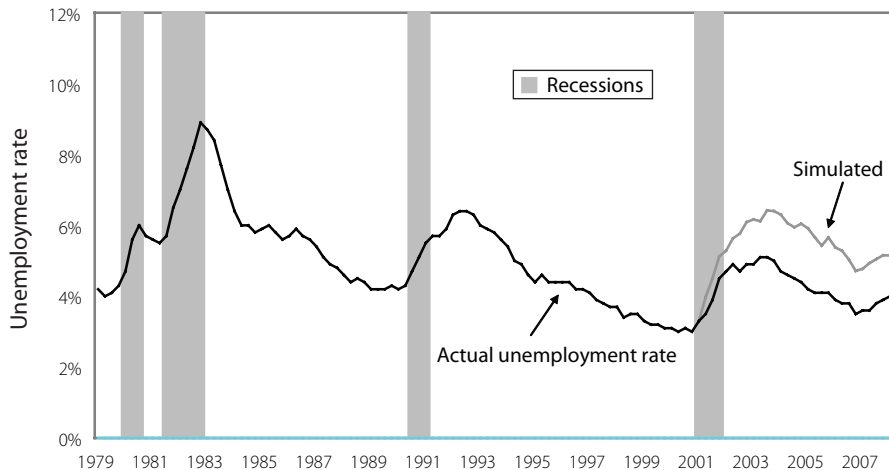


Actual and simulated* unemployment rates (age 25-54), 1979-2007



* What the unemployment would be if all workers making up the decline in the labor force participation rate from 2001 to 2007 had instead been in the labor force and unemployed.

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

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