



NOTE: Shaded areas represent recessions. Data are seasonally adjusted.

SOURCE: Bureau of Labor Statistics

Chart 5-3. Unemployment rates for adult men and women have stayed quite close since the early 1980s

- The unemployment rates for adult men and adult women have tracked quite closely since the early 1980s. Prior to that time, the jobless rate for adult women tended to be higher than that for men.
- The jobless rate for teenagers is much higher than that for adults, largely
 because teens have less education and training, less experience, and tend to
 move in and out of the job market more frequently.