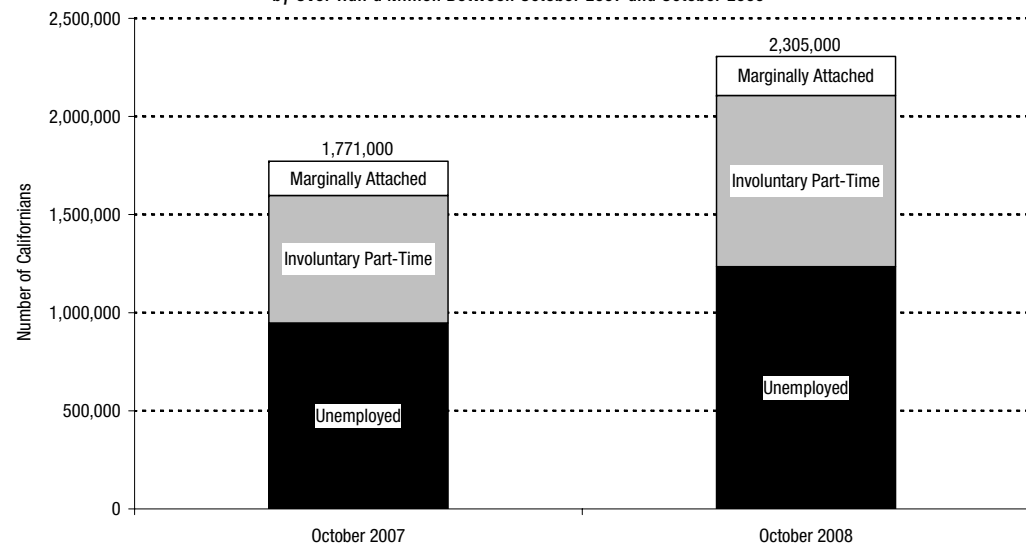


# More Than 2.3 Million Californians Are Unemployed or Underemployed

- More than 1.2 million Californians were officially counted as unemployed during the past year, on average. But that figure does not include nearly 200,000 people who wanted to work, but had not searched in the past four weeks for a job, known as the marginally attached. It also did not include the additional 872,000 Californians who were underemployed – those who worked part-time even though they usually worked or wanted to work full-time.
- On average, the number of unemployed and underemployed Californians rose by over half a million during the past year. The number of underemployed Californians rose by 34.2 percent (222,000), the number of unemployed Californians jumped by 30.3 percent (287,000), and there was a 14.4 percent (25,000) increase in the number of those who wanted to work, but had not recently searched for a job.

The Number of Unemployed and Underemployed Californians Increased by Over Half a Million Between October 2007 and October 2008



Note: Data reflect 12-month moving averages ending October 2007 and October 2008. "Marginally attached" Californians are those who want to work, are available for work, and have searched for work within the past 12 months, excluding the most recent four weeks.  
Source: Employment Development Department