

# Package ‘rUnemploymentData’

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**Title** Data and Functions for USA State and County Unemployment Data

**Description** Contains data and visualization functions for USA unemployment data. Data comes from the US Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS). State data is in `?df_state_unemployment` and covers 2000-2013. County data is in `?df_county_unemployment` and covers 1990-2013. Choropleth maps of the data can be generated with `?state_unemployment_choropleth()` and `?county_unemployment_choropleth()` respectively.

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`animated_county_unemployment_choropleth`*Create an animated choropleth of US County Unemployment Data*

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**Description**

Data comes from `?df_county_unemployment`. The choropleth is rendered with the function `?state_choropleth` in the `choroplethr` package. Note that this command will write files to your local file system - see `?choroplethr_animate` in the `choroplethr` package for details.

**Usage**

```
animated_county_unemployment_choropleth()
```

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`animated_state_unemployment_choropleth`*Create an animated choropleth of US State Unemployment Data*

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**Description**

Data comes from `?df_state_unemployment`. The choropleth is rendered with the function `?state_choropleth` in the `choroplethr` package. Note that this command will write files to your local file system - see `?choroplethr_animate` in the `choroplethr` package for details.

**Usage**

```
animated_state_unemployment_choropleth()
```

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`build_county_df`*Build the data object ?df\_county\_unemployment*

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**Description**

This function is included to allow you to verify the integrity of `?df_county_unemployment`. This will scrape the Bureau of Labor Statistics Website to get the data.

**Usage**

```
build_county_df()
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build_state_df	<i>Build the data object ?df_state_unemployment</i>
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### Description

This function is included to allow you to verify the integrity of ?df\_state\_unemployment. This will scrape the Bureau of Labor Statistics Website to get the data.

### Usage

```
build_state_df()
```

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county_unemployment_choropleth	<i>Render a Choropleth Map of US County Unemployment Rates</i>
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### Description

Data comes from ?df\_county\_unemployment. The choropleth is rendered with the function ?county\_choropleth in the choroplethr package.

### Usage

```
county_unemployment_choropleth(year = 2013, num_colors = 7, zoom = NULL)
```

### Arguments

year	The year of data to use. Must be between 1990 and 2013.
num_colors	The number of colors on the map. A value of 1 will use a continuous scale. A value in [2, 9] will use that many colors.
zoom	An optional vector of states to zoom in on. Elements of this vector must exactly match the names of states as they appear in the "region" column of ?state.regions in the choroplethrMaps package.

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df\_county\_unemployment

*A data.frame Containing US County Unemployment Rates*

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### Description

Contains annualized data from 1990-2013. Data comes from the US Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS) webpage: <http://www.bls.gov/lau/>. The "region" column contains the numeric version of the County FIPS Code.

### Usage

```
data(df_county_unemployment)
```

### Author(s)

Ari Lamstein

### References

Created via build\_county\_df() on January 4, 2015.

### Examples

```
data(df_county_unemployment)

head(df_county_unemployment)
boxplot(df_county_unemployment[, c(-1, -2, -3)],
        main="USA County Unemployment Data",
        xlab="Year",
        ylab="Percent Unemployment")

## Not run:
county_unemployment_choropleth(year=2013)

## End(Not run)
```

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df\_state\_unemployment *A data.frame containing US State Unemployment Rates*

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### Description

Contains annualized data from 2000-2013. Data comes from the US Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS) webpage: <http://www.bls.gov/lau/>.

**Usage**

```
data(df_state_unemployment)
```

**Author(s)**

Ari Lamstein

**References**

Created via `build_state_df()` on January 4, 2015.

**Examples**

```
data(df_state_unemployment)

head(df_state_unemployment)
boxplot(df_state_unemployment[, -1],
        main="USA State Unemployment Data",
        xlab="Year",
        ylab="Percent Unemployment")

## Not run:
state_unemployment_choropleth(year=2013)

## End(Not run)
```

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`get_county_unemployment_df`

*Get county level unemployment data from the BLS website*

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**Description**

Data is scraped from the US Bureau of Labor Statistics (BSL) webpage. This function is included to allow you to verify the integrity of `?df_county_unemployment`.

**Usage**

```
get_county_unemployment_df(year)
```

**Arguments**

`year`                    The year of the data you want. Must bet between 1990 and 2013

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```
get_state_unemployment_df
```

*Get state unemployment data from the US Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) website*

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### Description

This function is included to allow you to verify the integrity of `?df_state_unemployment`.

### Usage

```
get_state_unemployment_df(year = 2013)
```

### Arguments

`year`                    A year (integer) between 2000 and 2013

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```
state_unemployment_choropleth
```

*Render Choropleth Map of US State Unemployment Rates*

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### Description

Data comes from `?df_state_unemployment`. The choropleth is rendered with the function `?state_choropleth` in the `choroplethr` package.

### Usage

```
state_unemployment_choropleth(year = 2013, num_colors = 7, zoom = NULL)
```

### Arguments

`year`                    The year of data to use. Must be between 2000 and 2013.

`num_colors`            The number of colors on the map. A value of 1 will use a continuous scale. A value in  $[2, 9]$  will use that many colors.

`zoom`                    An optional vector of states to zoom in on. Elements of this vector must exactly match the names of states as they appear in the "region" column of `?state.regions` in the `choroplethrMaps` package.

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