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**ALABAMA**  
2016



**NATIONAL**  
2016

**16.7%**

INACTIVE

**11.5%**

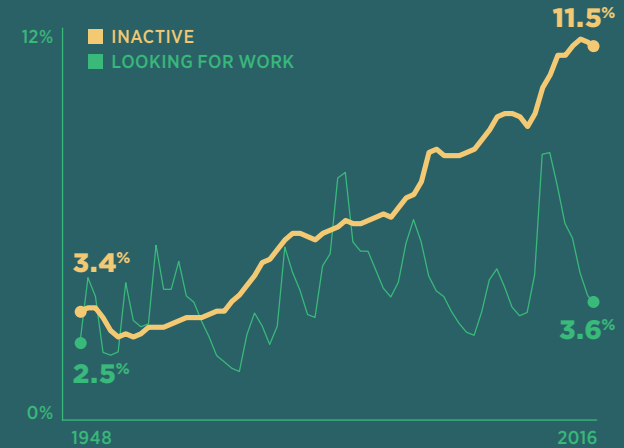
VS.

**4.8%**

LOOKING FOR WORK

**3.6%**

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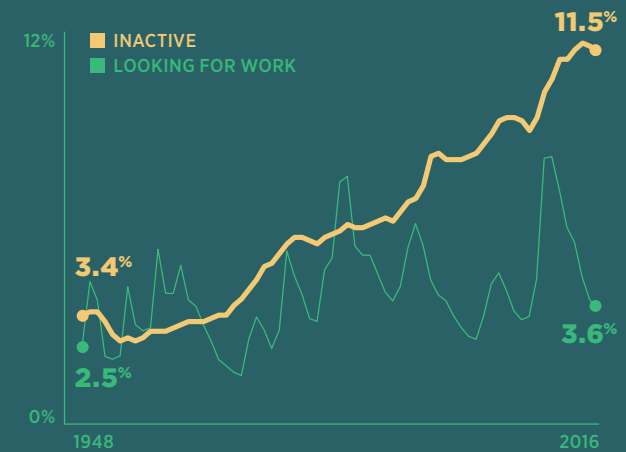
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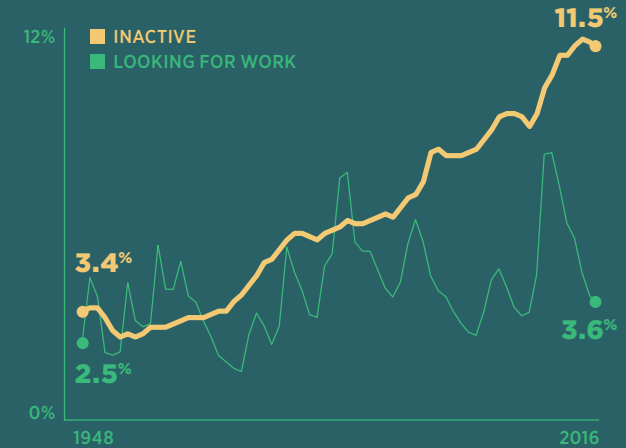
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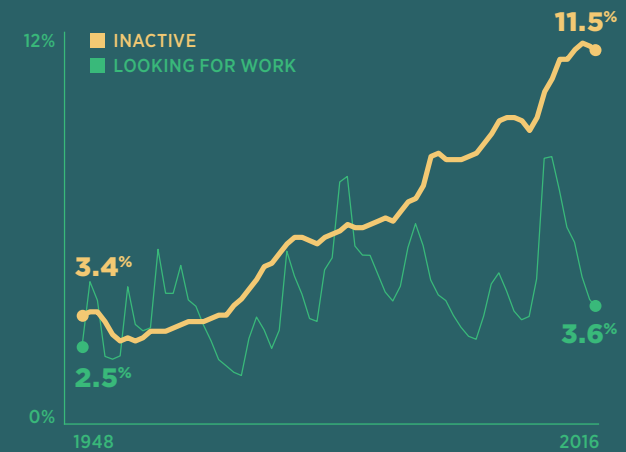
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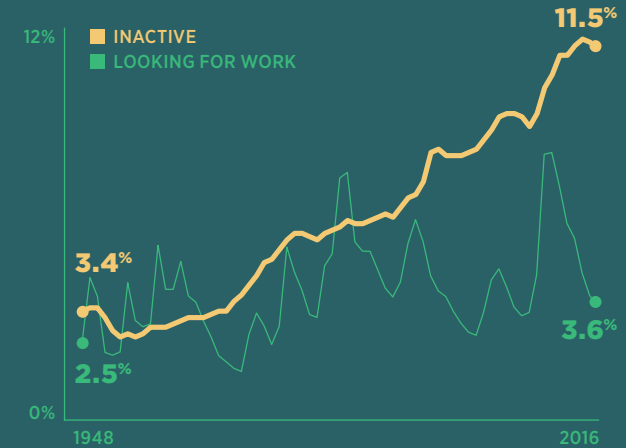
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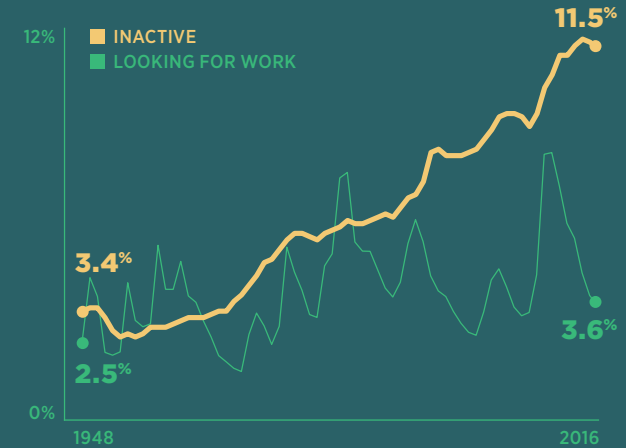
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**CONNECTICUT**  
2016

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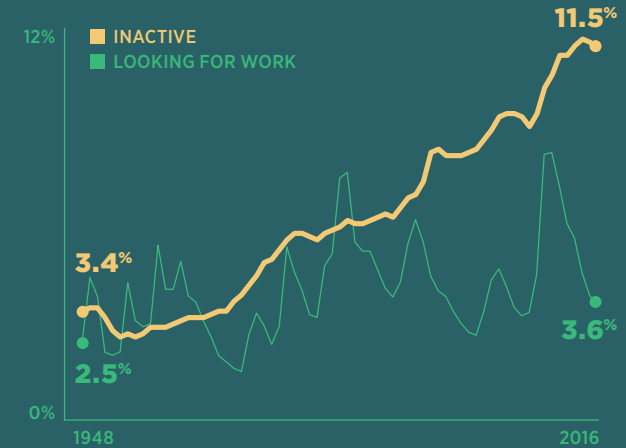
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**DELAWARE**  
2016

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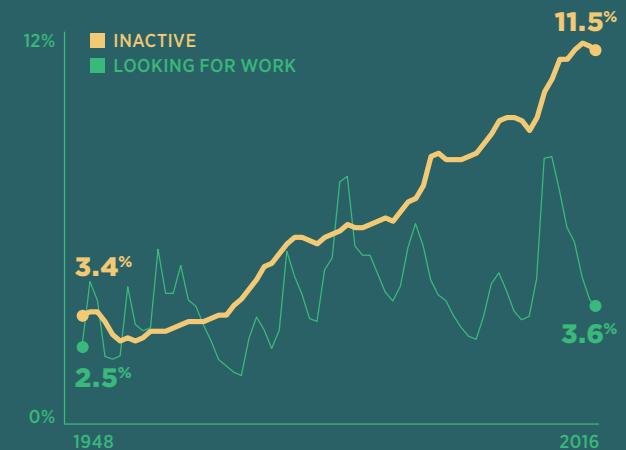
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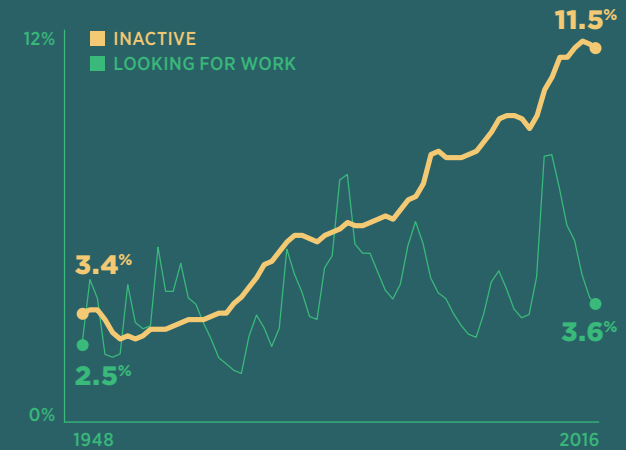
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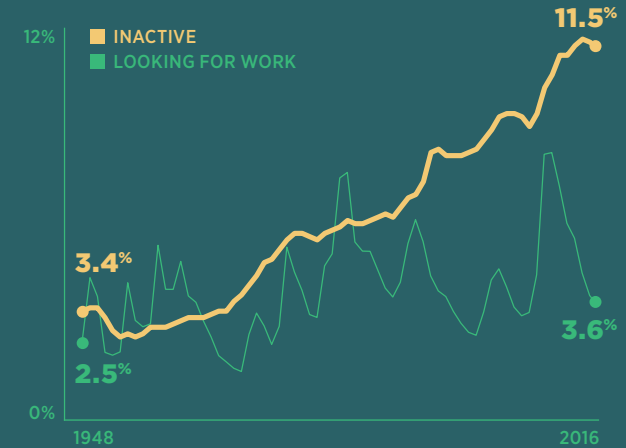
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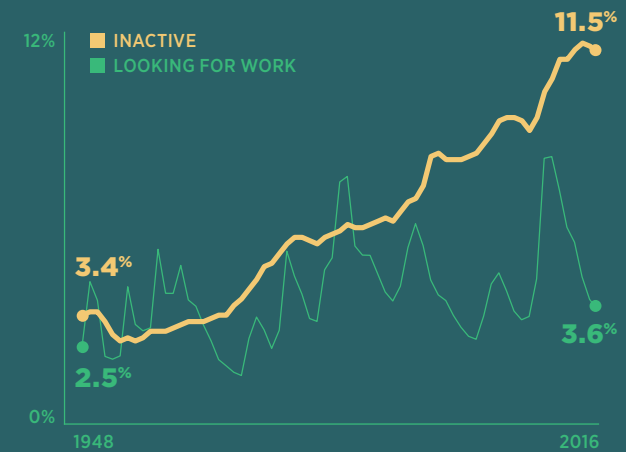
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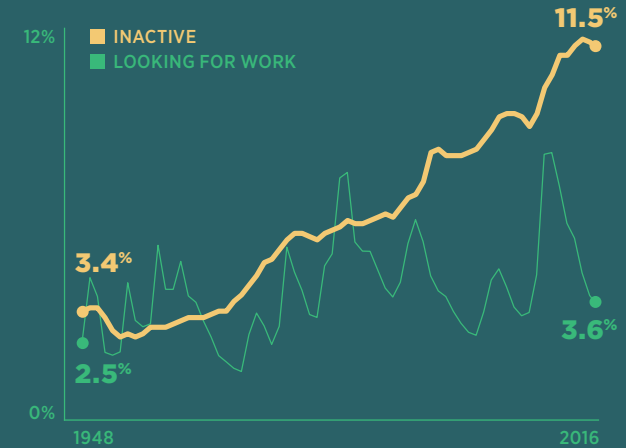
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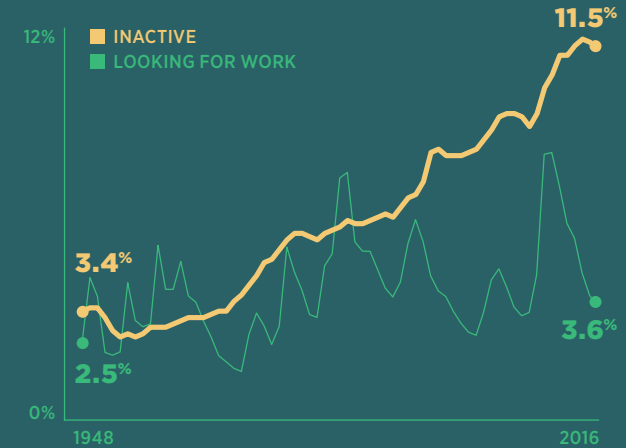
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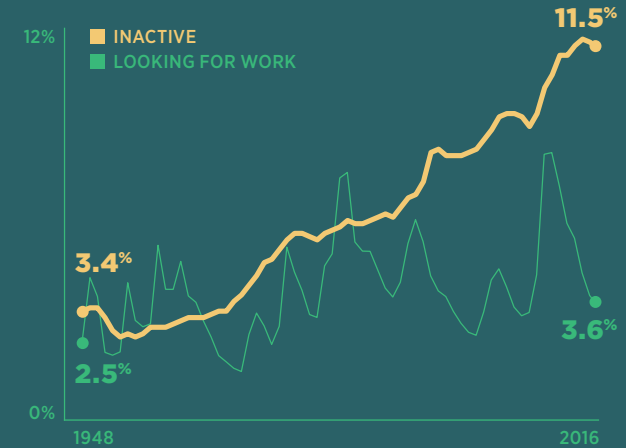
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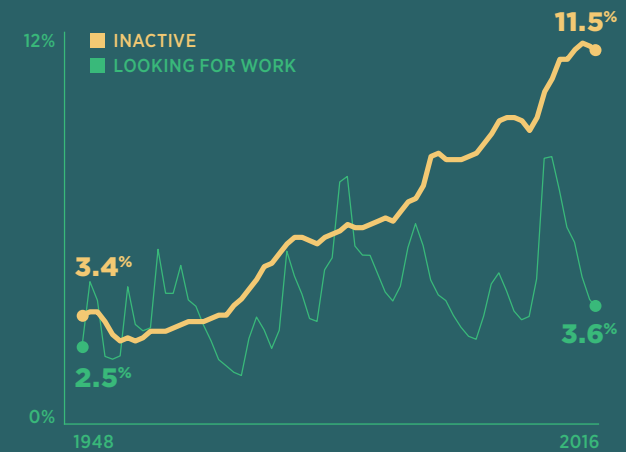
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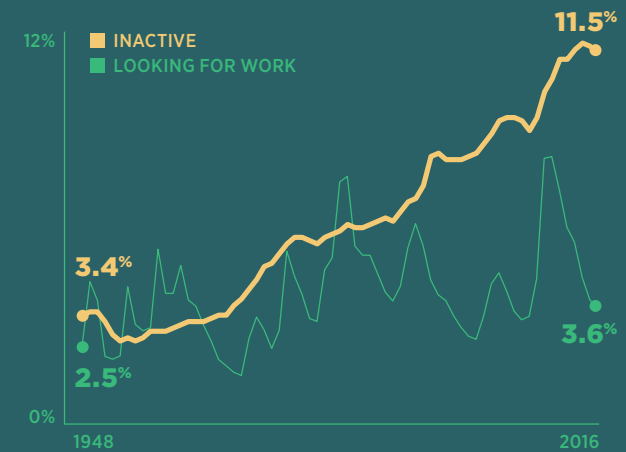
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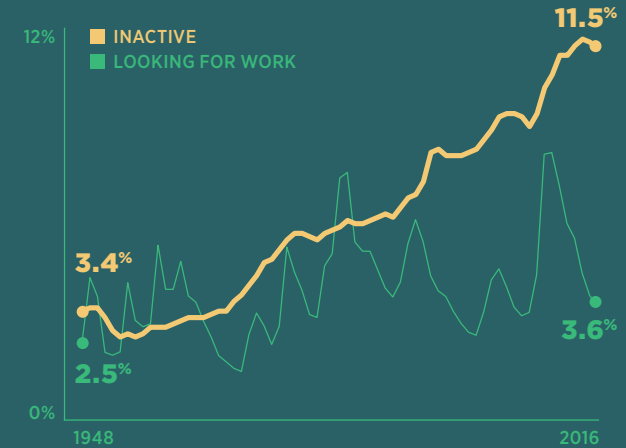
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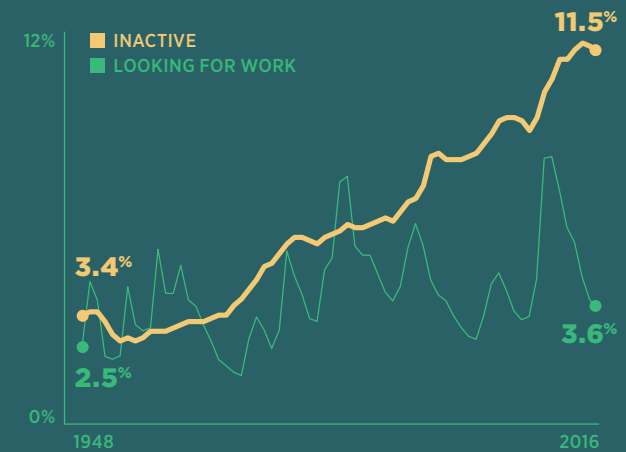
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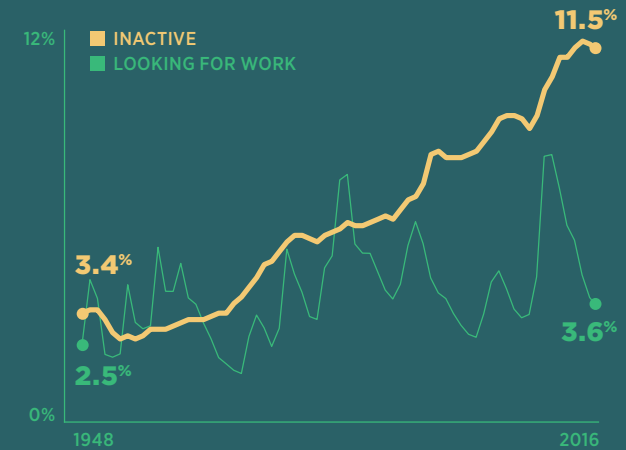
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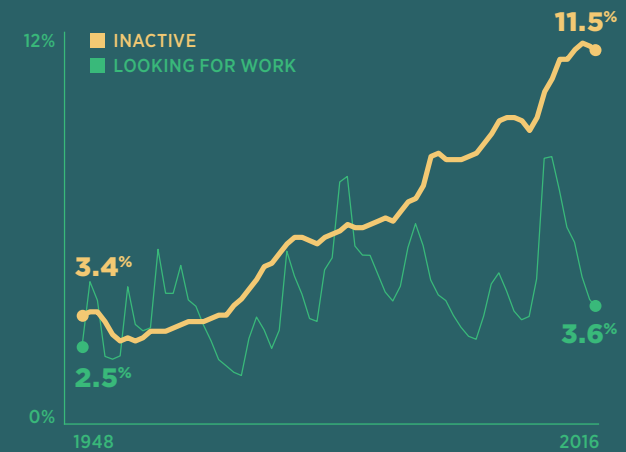
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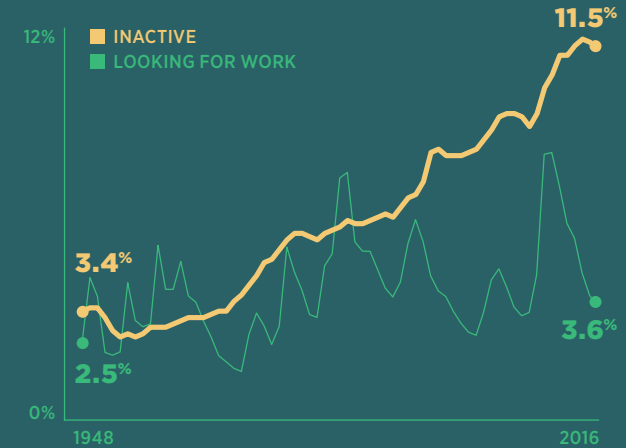
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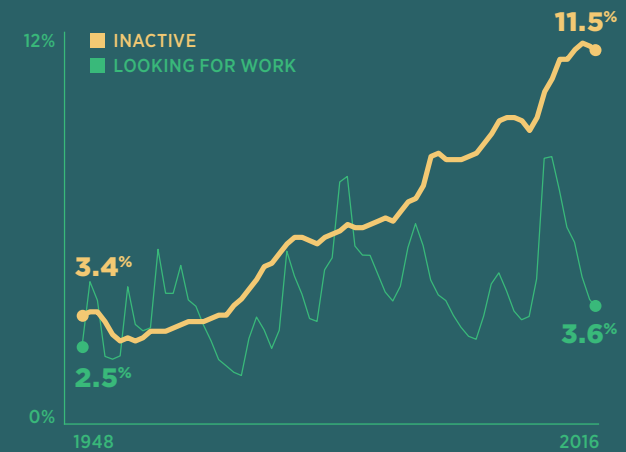
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LOOKING FOR WORK

**3.6%**

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**MICHIGAN**  
2016

**13.6%**

INACTIVE



**NATIONAL**  
2016

**11.5%**

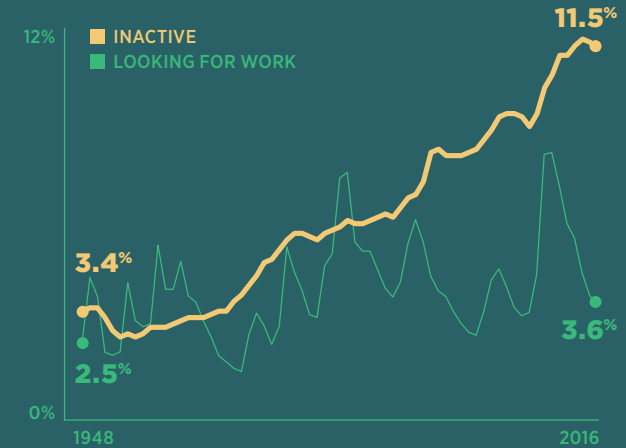
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**MINNESOTA**  
2016

**8.1%**

INACTIVE



**NATIONAL**  
2016

**11.5%**

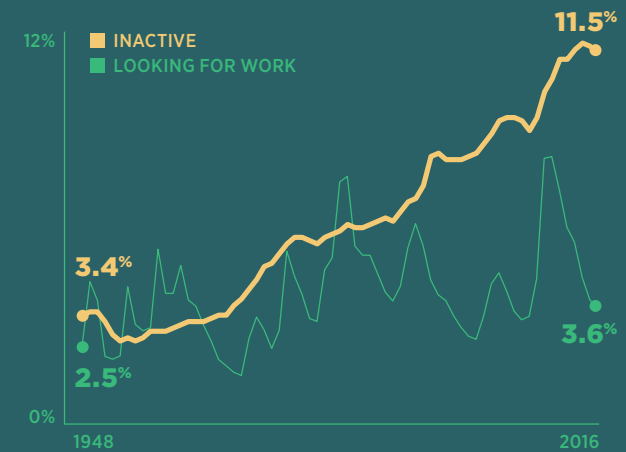
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**MISSISSIPPI**  
2016

**18.0%**

INACTIVE



**NATIONAL**  
2016

**11.5%**

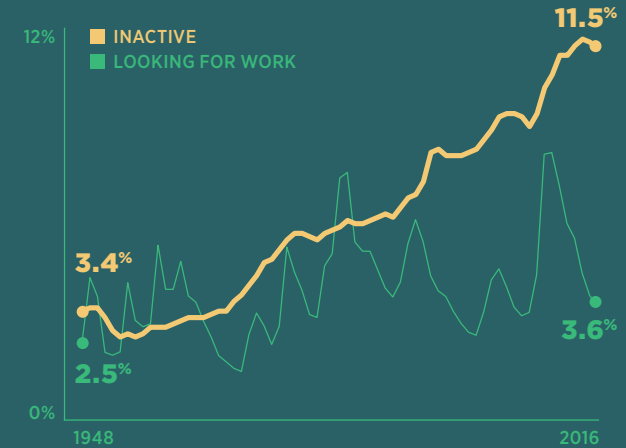
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**4.2%**

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**MISSOURI**  
2016

**10.4%**

INACTIVE



**NATIONAL**  
2016

**11.5%**

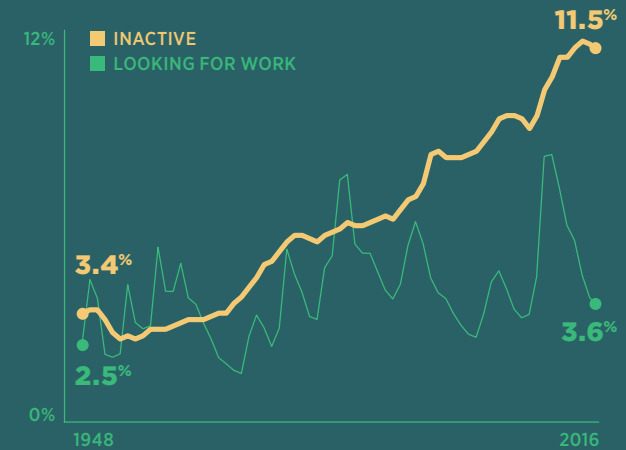
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**MONTANA**  
2016

**10.3%**

INACTIVE



**NATIONAL**  
2016

**11.5%**

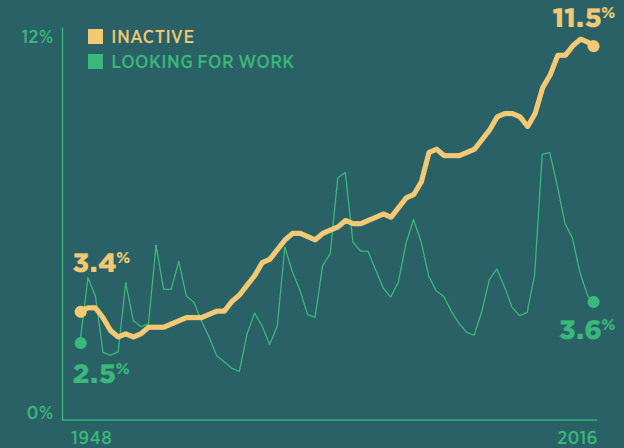
VS.

**3.8%**

LOOKING FOR WORK

**3.6%**

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**NEBRASKA**  
2016

**8.0%**

INACTIVE



**NATIONAL**  
2016

**11.5%**

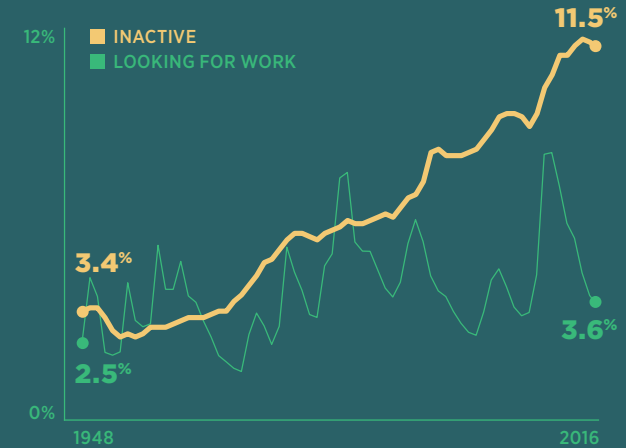
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**NEVADA**  
2016

**10.9%**

INACTIVE



**NATIONAL**  
2016

**11.5%**

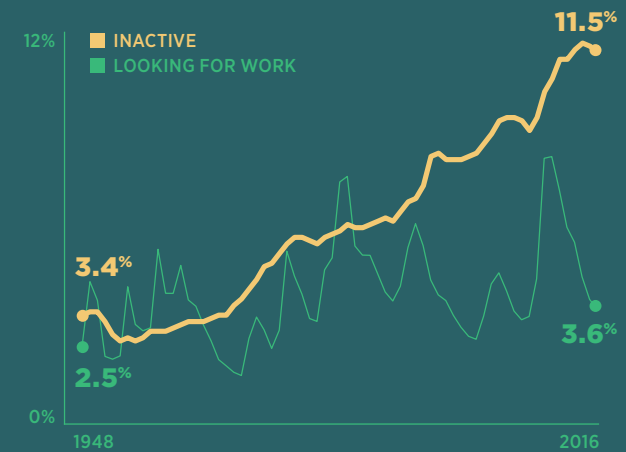
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**NEW HAMPSHIRE**  
2016

**7.8%**

INACTIVE



**NATIONAL**  
2016

**11.5%**

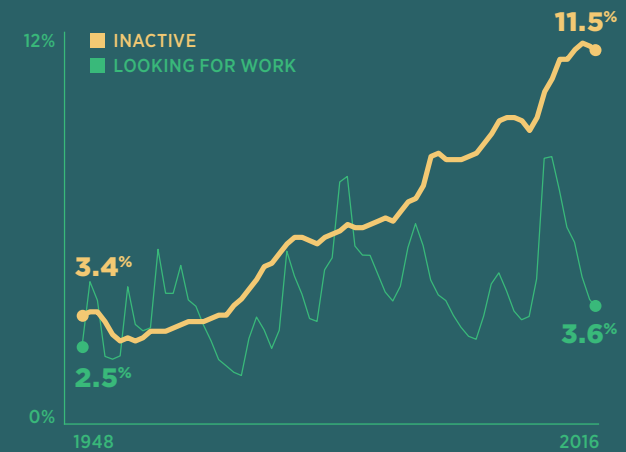
VS.

**2.0%**

LOOKING FOR WORK

**3.6%**

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**NEW JERSEY**  
2016

**9.3%**

INACTIVE



**NATIONAL**  
2016

**11.5%**

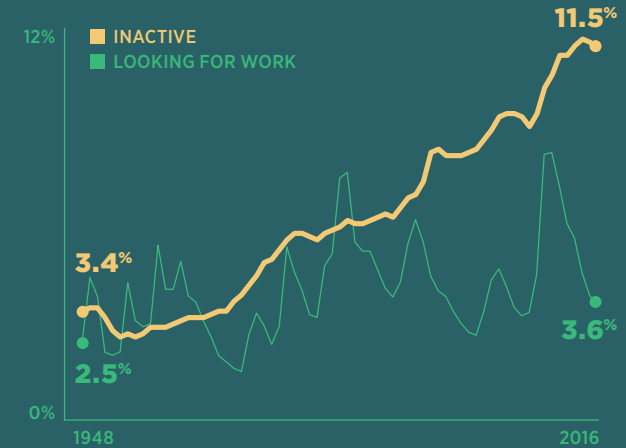
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**NEW MEXICO**  
2016

**16.9%**

INACTIVE



**NATIONAL**  
2016

**11.5%**

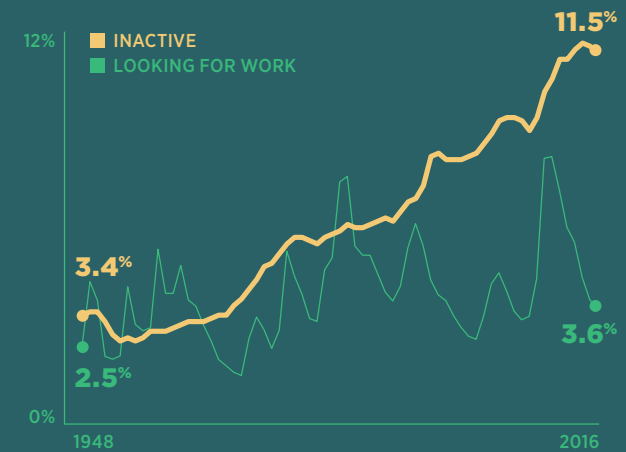
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**5.4%**

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**3.6%**

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**NEW YORK**  
2016

**14.2%**

INACTIVE



**NATIONAL**  
2016

**11.5%**

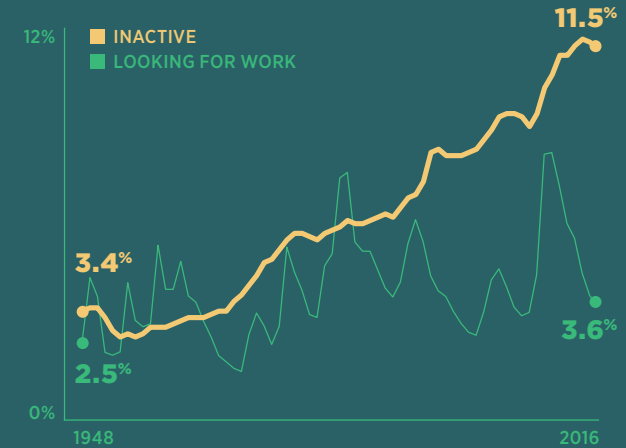
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**3.6%**

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**NORTH CAROLINA**  
2016

**12.4%**

INACTIVE



**NATIONAL**  
2016

**11.5%**

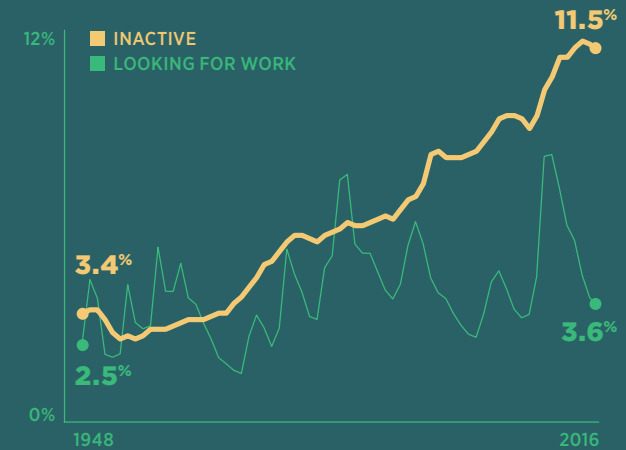
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**NORTH DAKOTA**  
2016

**7.6%**

INACTIVE



**NATIONAL**  
2016

**11.5%**

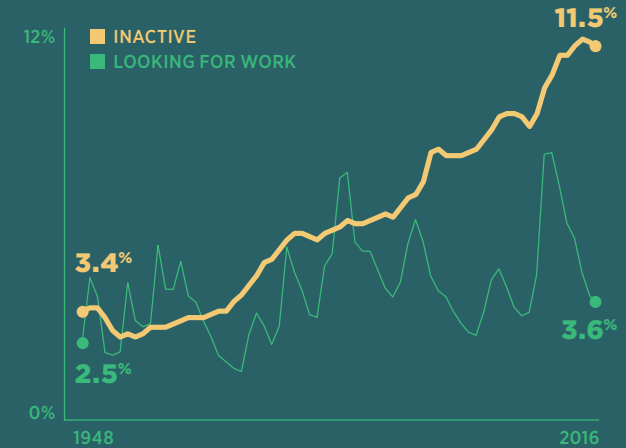
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**2.5%**

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**OHIO**  
2016

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INACTIVE



**NATIONAL**  
2016

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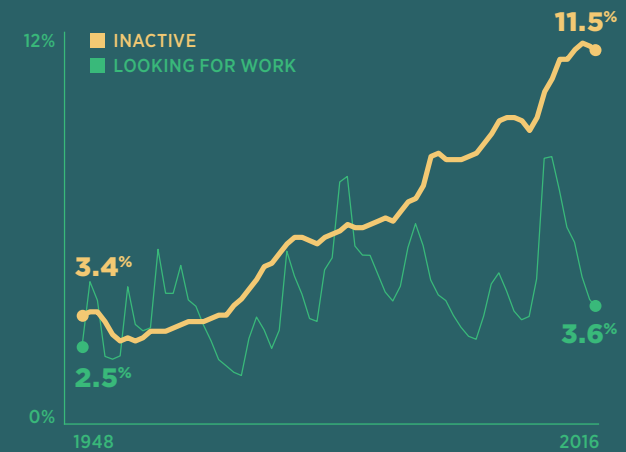
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**OKLAHOMA**  
2016

**13.5%**

INACTIVE



**NATIONAL**  
2016

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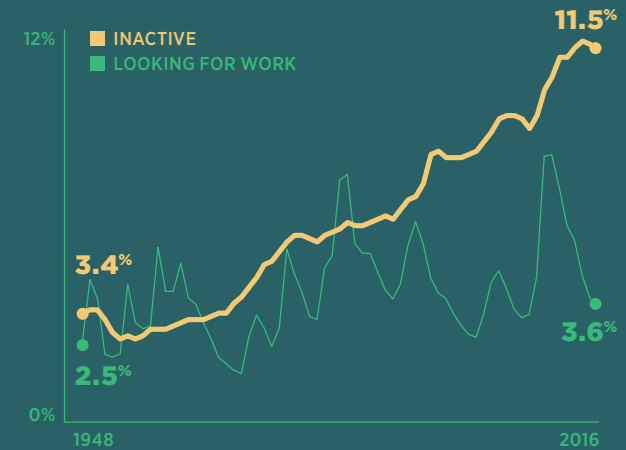
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**OREGON**  
2016

**10.1%**

INACTIVE



**NATIONAL**  
2016

**11.5%**

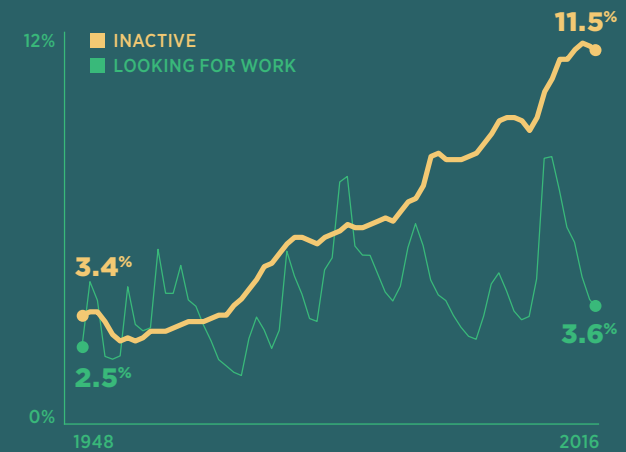
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**PENNSYLVANIA**  
2016

**11.2%**

INACTIVE



**NATIONAL**  
2016

**11.5%**

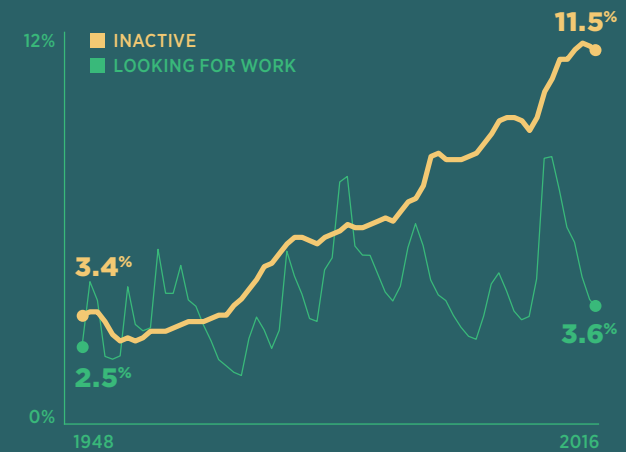
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**RHODE ISLAND**  
2016

**12.9%**

INACTIVE



**NATIONAL**  
2016

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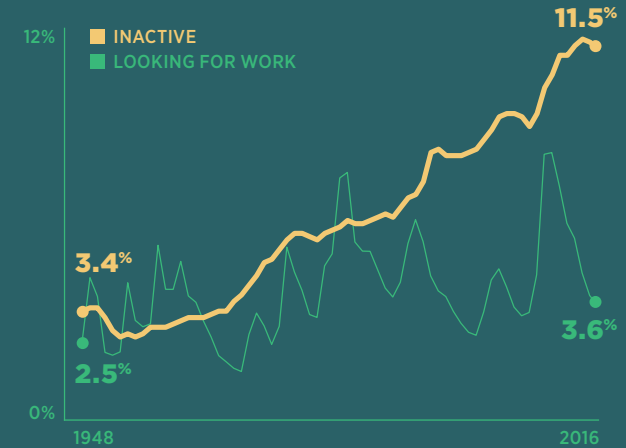
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2016

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INACTIVE



**NATIONAL**  
2016

**11.5%**

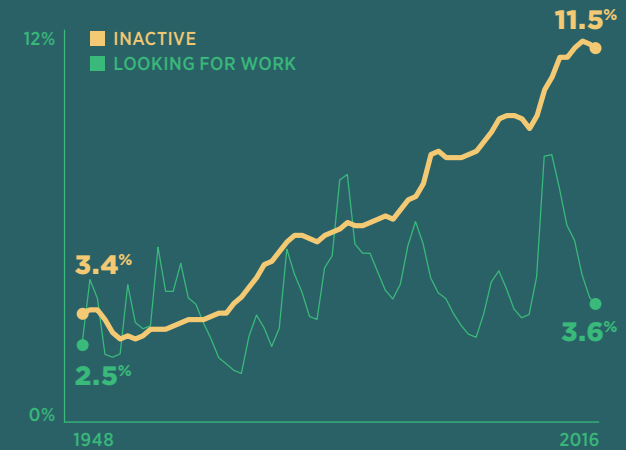
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**SOUTH DAKOTA**  
2016

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INACTIVE



**NATIONAL**  
2016

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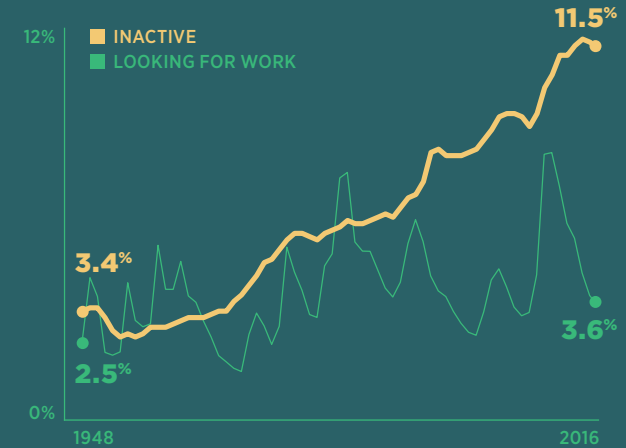
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**1.9%**

LOOKING FOR WORK

**3.6%**

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**TENNESSEE**  
2016

**13.5%**

INACTIVE



**NATIONAL**  
2016

**11.5%**

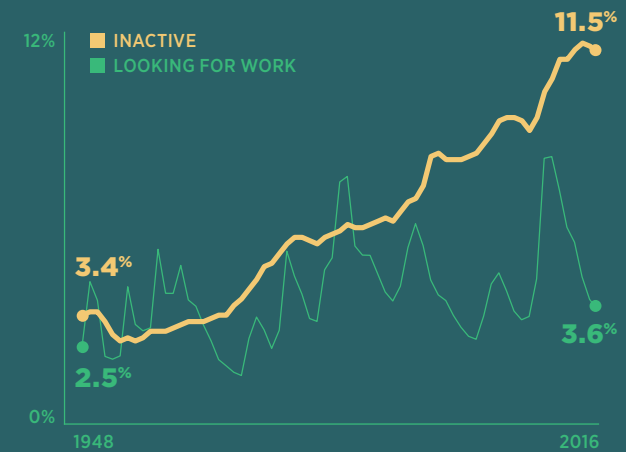
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**3.4%**

LOOKING FOR WORK

**3.6%**

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**TEXAS**  
2016

**9.5%**

INACTIVE



**NATIONAL**  
2016

**11.5%**

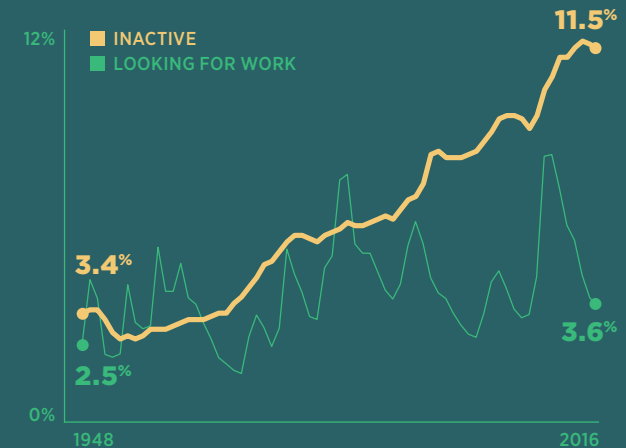
VS.

**3.4%**

LOOKING FOR WORK

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**UTAH**  
2016

**7.0%**

INACTIVE



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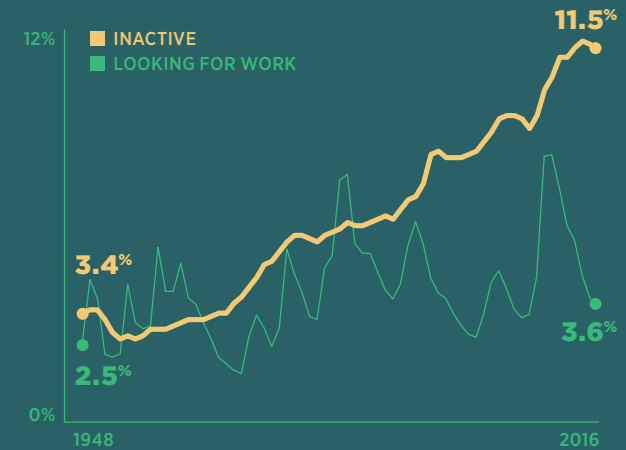
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**VERMONT**  
2016

**11.5%**

INACTIVE



**NATIONAL**  
2016

**11.5%**

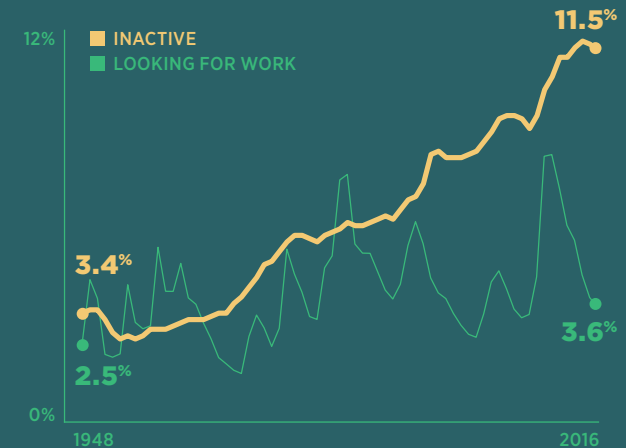
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**VIRGINIA**  
2016

**10.4%**

INACTIVE



**NATIONAL**  
2016

**11.5%**

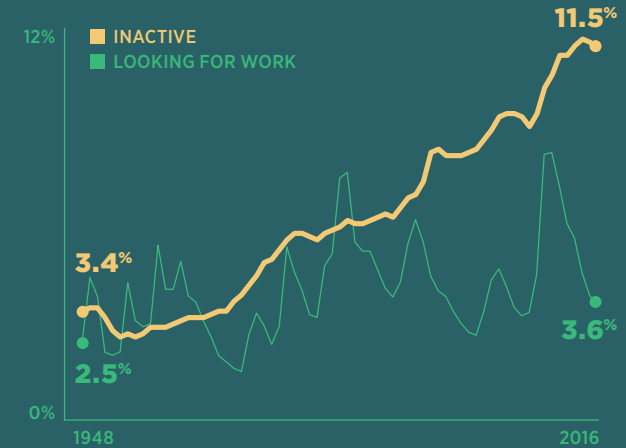
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**WASHINGTON**  
2016

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INACTIVE



**NATIONAL**  
2016

**11.5%**

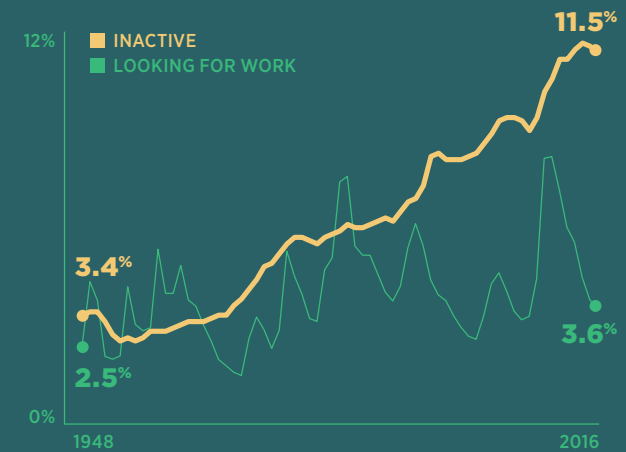
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**4.2%**

LOOKING FOR WORK

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**WEST VIRGINIA**  
2016

**20.1%**

INACTIVE



**NATIONAL**  
2016

**11.5%**

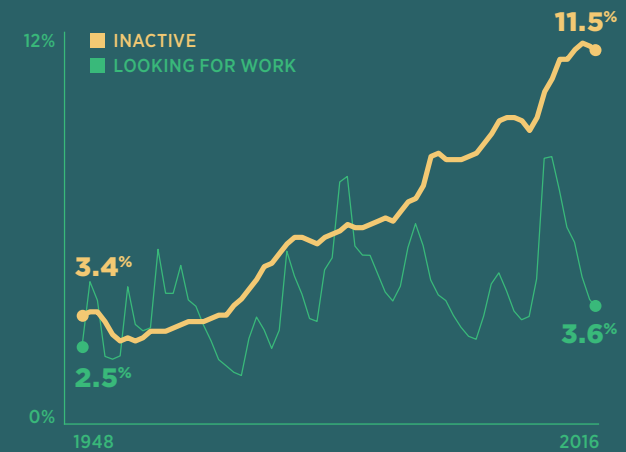
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**5.3%**

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2016

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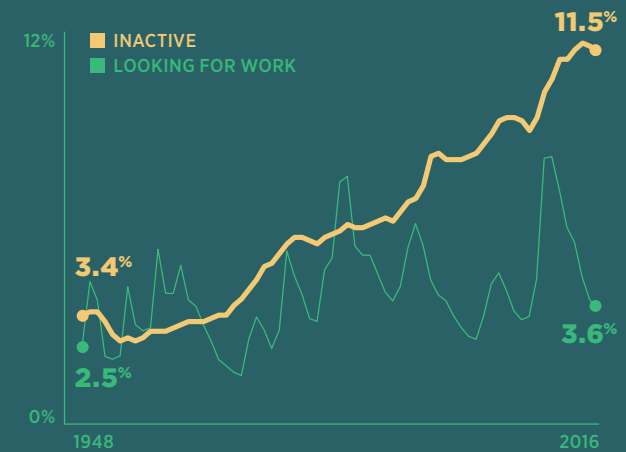
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**WYOMING**  
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2016

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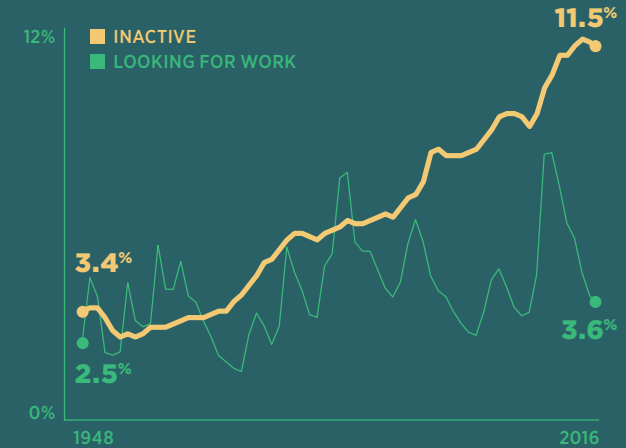
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