

"Just How Bad Is This Recession?"

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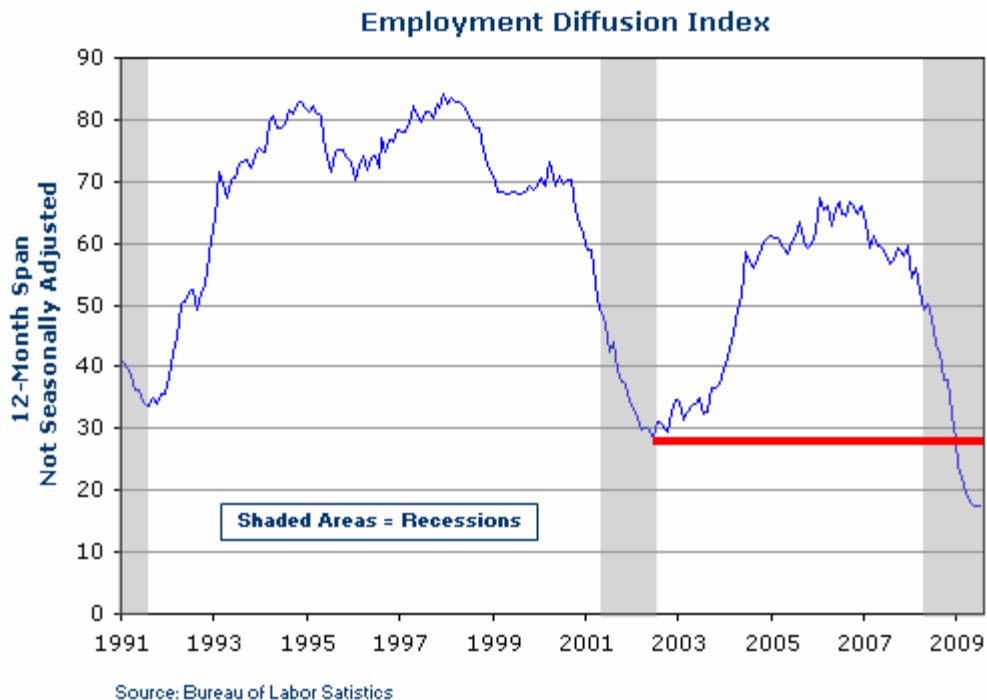
The **Employment Diffusion Index** tracks 271 private non-farm payroll industries.

Figures are the percent of industries with employment increasing plus one-half of the industries with unchanged employment.

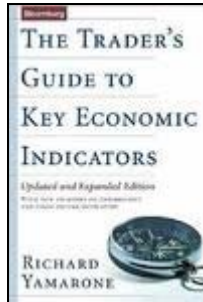
The **50 percentile indicates an equal balance between industries** with increasing and decreasing employment.

This recession has **exceeded the last two recessions by at least 15 percentage points!**

An up-turn in the index may **signal the worst is over.**



You can learn more about the **Employment Diffusion Index** and other economic indicators in Richard Yamarone's book...



[The Trader's Guide To Key Economic Indicators](#)

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