Employment to population ratios during 5 -year periods for last 3 recessions




Graphs above show percentage of population that is employed during five-year period around three most recent recessions. Orange shading shows official start and end of each recession. Unlike the official unemployment rate, employment to population ratio is something government can't easily rejigger to obscure reality. Most recent drop in employment to population ratio is more than double that of previous two recessions and has remained flat since 2010.

