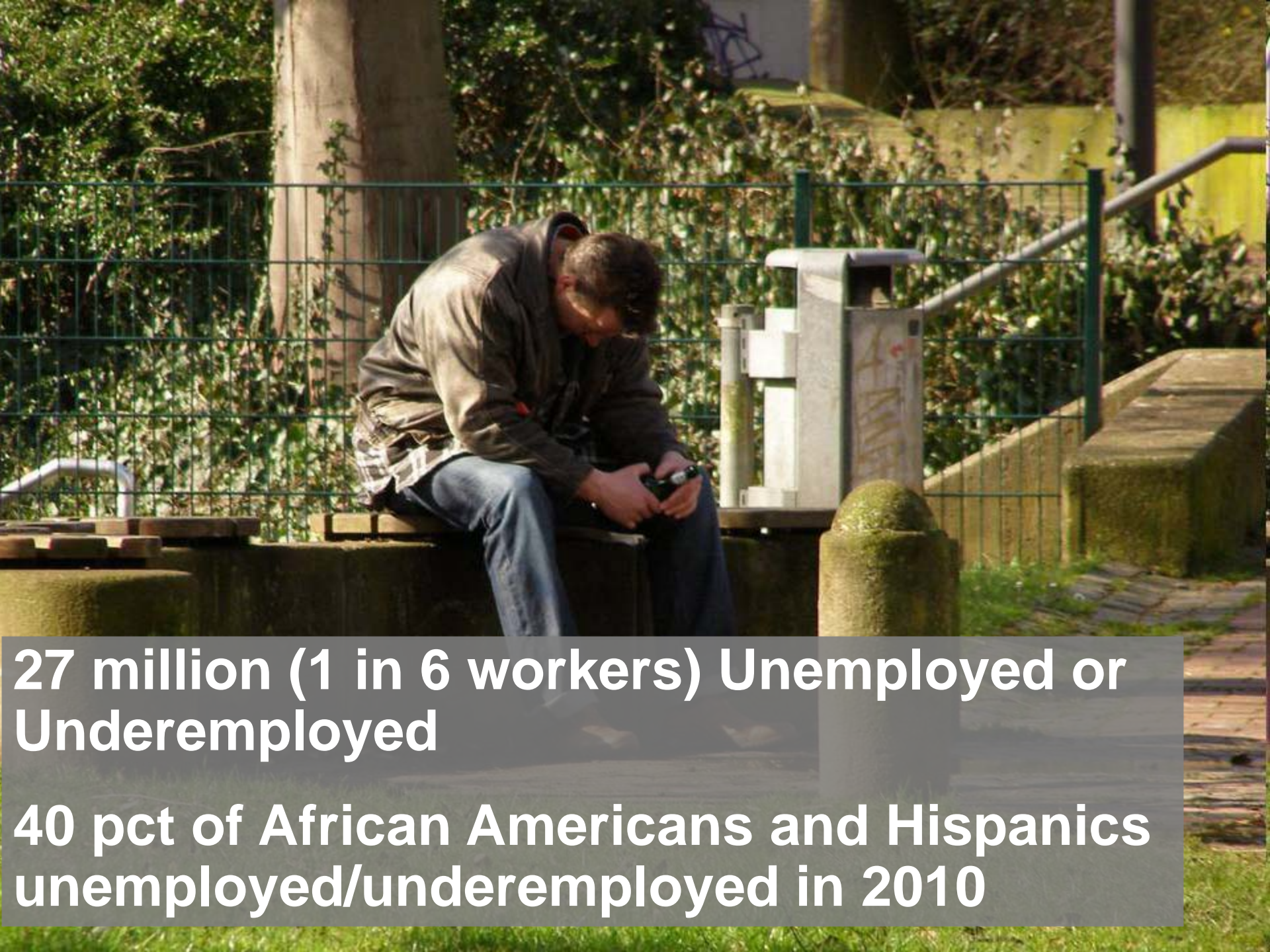




Conference of Mayors Workforce Development Council
April 22, 2010





27 million (1 in 6 workers) Unemployed or Underemployed

40 pct of African Americans and Hispanics unemployed/underemployed in 2010

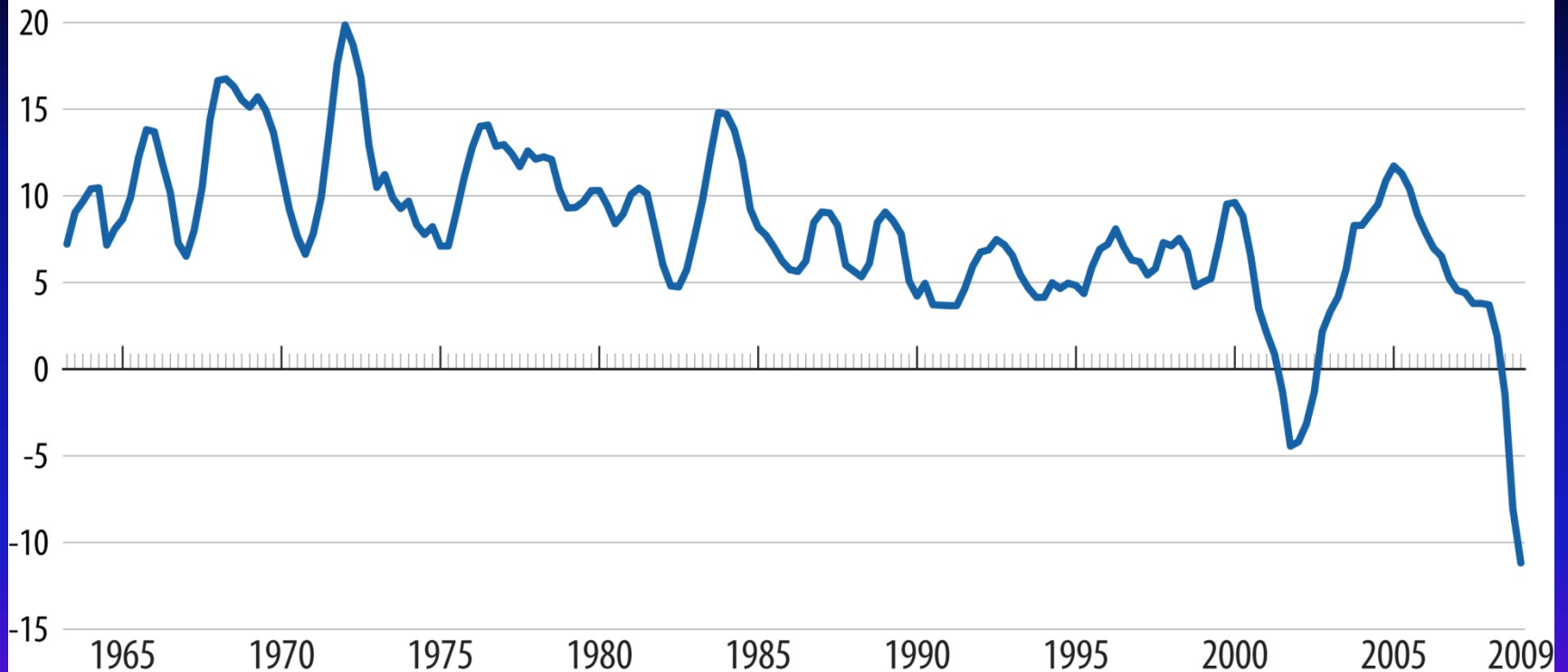
A close-up, high-contrast photograph of a woman's face, showing her eyes, nose, and mouth. She has a somber or weary expression, looking slightly downwards. The lighting is dramatic, with strong highlights and deep shadows.

State and local governments in crisis

- 15 straight months of revenue declines
- deep cuts to public services
- 1 million state workers furloughed; 200,000 state and local jobs lost
- 92% of cities struggling to maintain services

State Revenue Decline Is Worst on Record

Percent change in state tax revenue--four-quarter rolling average.



Source: U.S. Census Bureau.



A photograph of a school building with a green roof and a flagpole in the foreground. The flagpole has two flags: the United States flag and the Hawaiian flag. The building has large windows and a covered entrance. There are trees in the background and two orange traffic cones in the foreground.

Mar 5 Furlough Friday

Mar 12 Furlough Friday

Mar 15-19 Spring Break

Mar 22 No School

**Mar 26 Kuhio Day No
School**

“Rehab specialist Diane Cherin is among the employees who lost jobs in June. She's over 50, with a master's degree and 25 years in the field. Last year, she worked with about 185 people dealing with disabilities, from those in their 20s with a traumatic brain injury to stroke victims and people with multiple sclerosis or Parkinson's.” --

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**How do we get out
of this mess?**



Three Problems

- We need jobs
- We need to maintain public services
- We need to build private economic demand

Local Jobs for America Act

- Retain and create 1 million jobs
- Maintain/expand publicly funded services
- Economic engine vs brake

Local Jobs for America Act

- \$75 B over two years for local jobs
- 70 pct of funding directly to larger cities and counties
- 30 pct to states for smaller jurisdictions
- Formula considers population, poverty, unemployment

How to Get the Money

DOL publishes amounts available, then cities and counties certify:

- Amount of \$ requested
- # of jobs retained or hired
- Job titles, compensation, est. date of hire
- Need for the service
- Fiscal constraints
- Recruitment plan

Employment Status

- Individuals hired are employees
- Same compensation, rights, employer policies etc. as other employees
- No obligation to continue employment beyond funding period
- Strong nondisplacement language

What Kind of Jobs Will Be Created?

Park maintenance, rehabilitation specialist, animal control officer, building inspector, accountant, public health nurse, transportation engineer, waste management staff, road maintenance, parking enforcement, homeless outreach worker, librarian, mental health clinician, home visitation worker, meals on wheels, building engineer, landscaper, substance abuse counselor, court stenographer, workforce development staff, social worker, contract manager, recreation worker, restaurant inspector, community health educator, epidemiologist, dispatcher, fleet maintenance technician, tow truck operator

SEIU's Role

- Advocacy
Summer/Fall 09
- Focus on job creation,
fiscal relief, healthy
communities
- Allies and Coalitions
- Partnering with
Employers





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