

Some Approximate Figures On The Impact of Unemployment*

Every 10% increase in the number of people unemployed (ca. 900,000 additional people) on average causes:

PERCENTAGE RISE		NUMBER OF ADDITIONAL	
1.2%	TOTAL MORTALITY	DEATHS	24,000
1.7%	CARDIO VASCULAR	DEATHS	17,000
1.3%	CIRRHOSIS	DEATHS	400
1.7%	SUICIDE	DEATHS	200
4.2%	PSYCH. HOSPITAL POP.	PATIENTS	6,000
4.0%	ARRESTS	ARRESTS	400,000
0.8%	ASSAULTS (REPORTED)	ASSAULTS	5,000

*Source: M. Harvey Brenner, "Influence of the Social Environment on Psychology: The Historical Perspective," in **Stress and Mental Disorder**, ed. James E. Barrett (NY: Raven University Press, 1979)