

Evaluate Economic Policy Claims



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Use the material to work through each task. Show the requested response.

1. By how many percentage points does unemployment fall?

Answer: 2 percentage points

2. What is the relative decrease from 8% to 6%?

Answer: 25%

3. Which indicator concerns the number unemployed rather than prices?

Answer: unemployment rate

4. Does the table prove the program caused the fall?

Look for:

- Identifies causal uncertainty.

One possible response: No. Other changes and a suitable comparison are not shown.

5. What additional evidence would help evaluate the program?

Look for:

- Connects evidence to policy evaluation.

One possible response: Comparison data, participation, costs and broader economic conditions.

6. Revise: The program definitely fixed the economy.

Look for:

- Preserves observation and limits.

One possible response: Unemployment fell in this period, but the table does not establish the program caused it or describe all economic conditions.

Open responses use criteria and an illustrative response. Other well-supported responses can be acceptable.