

Evaluate Economic Policy Claims



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

Invented policy comparison

Invented practice data or scenario; not a report of a real study.
In a fictional region, unemployment is 8% before a program and 6% one year later. Prices rise 3% during that year. The table does not show a comparison region or other changes.

Indicator	Before	After
Unemployment	8%	6%
Price change	Not supplied	3%

1. By how many percentage points does unemployment fall?
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2. What is the relative decrease from 8% to 6%?
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3. Which indicator concerns the number unemployed rather than prices?

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

5. What additional evidence would help evaluate the program?

6. Revise: The program definitely fixed the economy.

