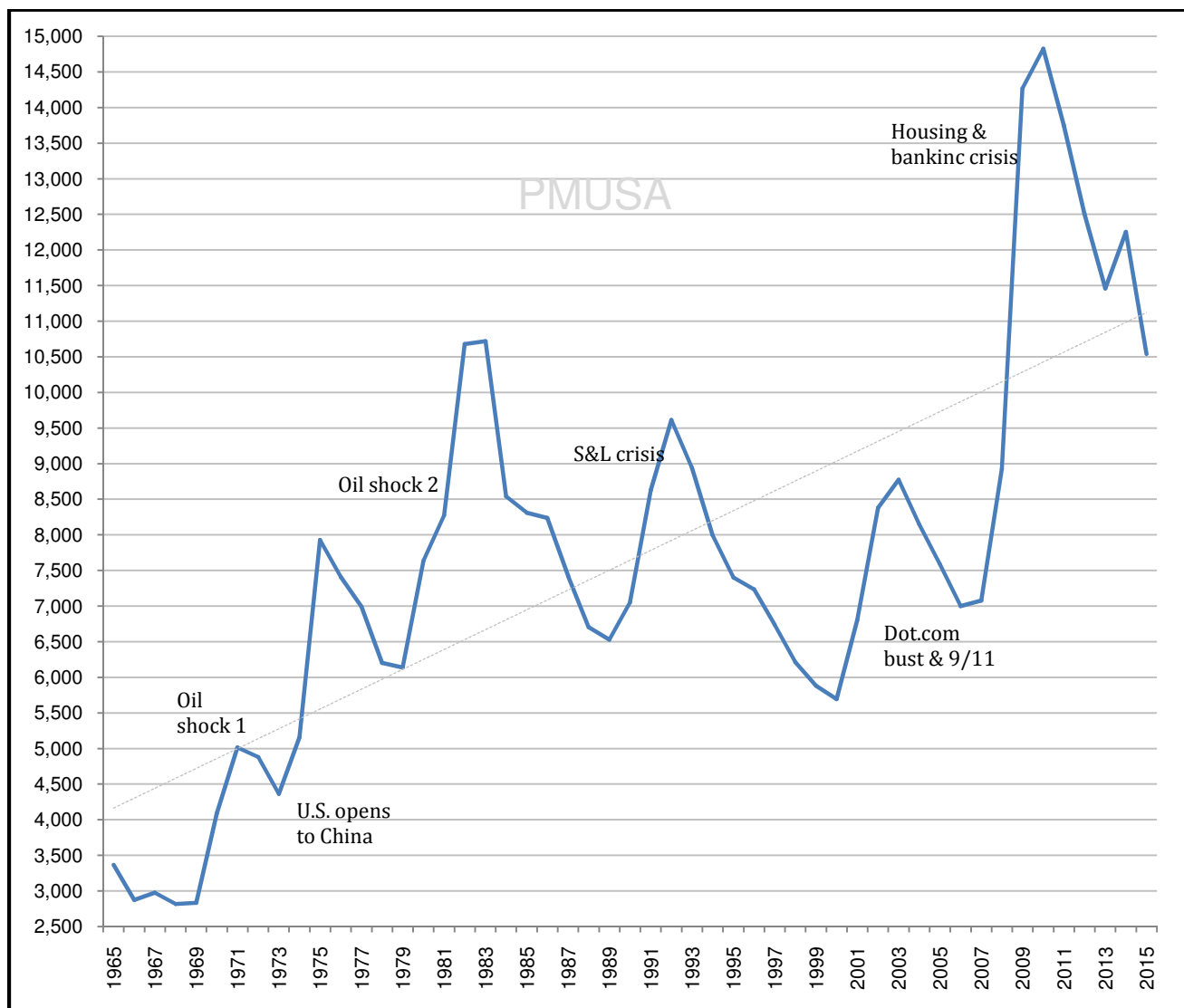


THE TOTAL NUMBER OF AMERICANS UNEMPLOYED (U6) 1966-2015 (THOUSANDS)



(Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)

2017 (U6, Percent)

Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
9.4											

Total number of Americans unemployed measures those Americans who are unemployed and still looking for work for less than 5 weeks to over 27 weeks (U6). The data comes from the Economic Situation Report. The trend in total unemployed over the past 48 years is terribly obvious, and it isn't good. Ongoing cyclical improvements in the U.S. economy in 2015 should reduce total unemployment slowly, though the overall trend in mass unemployment in the U.S. will remain in place. Until America reduces immigration, reduces government debt, changes trade policy, eliminates excess regulations, and improves education outcomes, the worsening trend will continue. Not all forces impacting the number of Americans employed are negative; automation and advances in communication technologies and mobile devices play a role; on the margin. *The total number of Americans unemployed is released monthly on the first Friday of every month.*