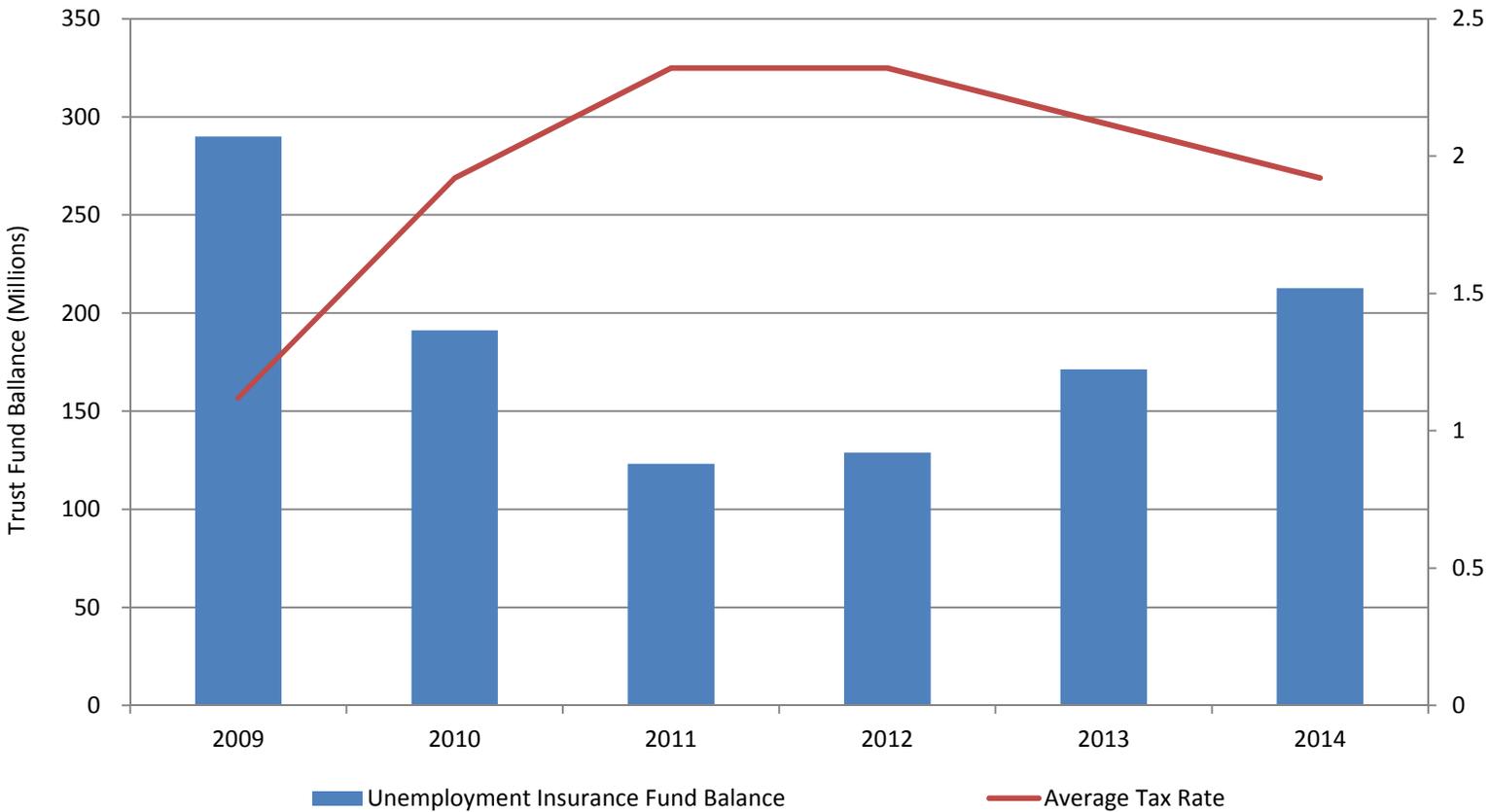


# Unemployment Insurance



This chart is the third in a series on employment showing the impacts of the recession on the Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund and the corresponding contribution tax rates paid by employers. Overall, the unemployment insurance contribution rate schedule is based on the Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund balance, the higher the balance the lower the average tax rate. As shown, the increase in unemployment during the recession resulted in higher unemployment benefit payments and a corresponding decrease in the trust fund. This in turn required higher employer unemployment tax contributions to replenish the trust fund.