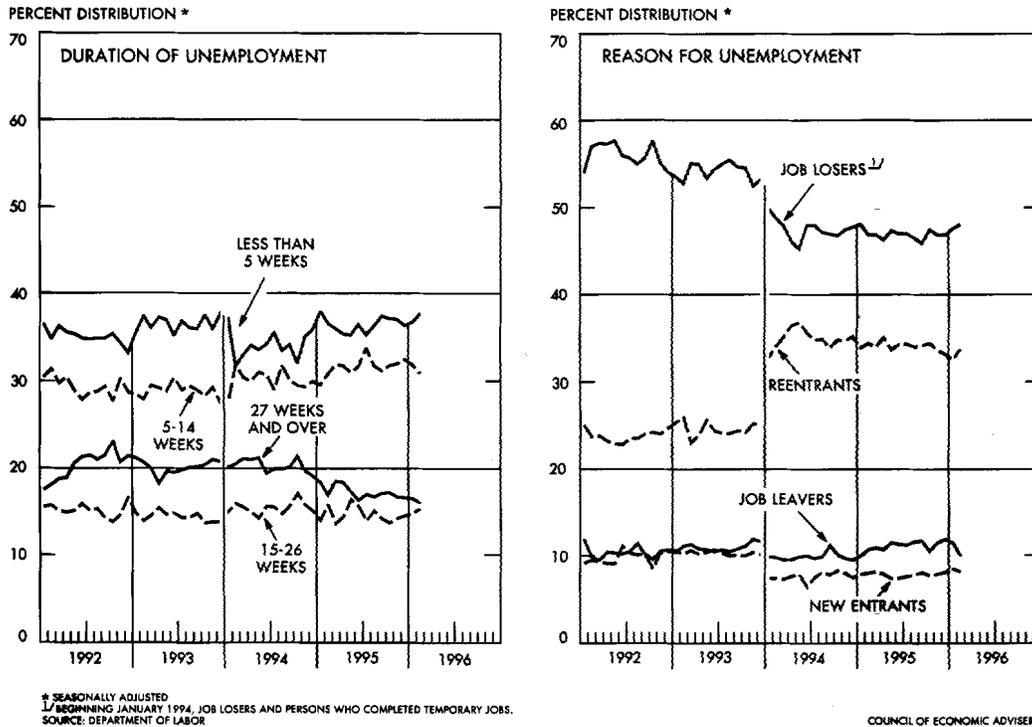


SELECTED MEASURES OF UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE PROGRAMS

In February, the percentages of the unemployed who had been out of work for less than 5 weeks and for 15-26 weeks rose; the percentages for 5-14 weeks and for 27 weeks and over fell. The mean duration of unemployment rose to 16.6 weeks and the median duration fell to 8.0 weeks. (Series revised.)



[Monthly data seasonally adjusted, except as noted]

Period	Un-employment (thousands)	Duration of unemployment				Number of weeks		Reason for unemployment: percent distribution				State programs		Insured unemployment, all regular programs (unadjusted) ²	
		Percent distribution				Average (mean)	Median	Job losers ¹	Job leavers	Reentrants	New entrants	Insured unemployment	Initial claims		
		Less than 5 weeks	5-14 weeks	15-26 weeks	27 weeks and over										
														Weekly average, thousands	
1986	8,237	41.9	31.0	12.7	14.4	15.0	6.9	48.9	12.3	26.2	12.5	2,643	378	2,739	
1987	7,425	43.7	29.6	12.7	14.0	14.5	6.5	48.0	13.0	26.6	12.4	2,300	328	2,369	
1988	6,701	46.0	30.0	12.0	12.1	13.5	5.9	46.1	14.7	27.0	12.2	2,081	310	2,135	
1989	6,528	48.6	30.3	11.2	9.9	11.9	4.8	45.7	15.7	28.2	10.4	2,158	330	2,205	
1990	7,047	46.3	32.0	11.7	10.0	12.0	5.3	48.1	14.8	27.4	9.8	2,522	388	2,575	
1991	8,628	40.3	32.4	14.4	12.9	13.7	6.8	54.4	11.6	24.8	9.2	3,342	447	3,406	
1992	9,613	35.1	29.4	15.1	20.3	17.7	8.7	56.1	10.4	23.8	9.7	3,245	408	3,348	
1993	8,940	36.5	28.9	14.5	20.1	18.0	8.3	54.2	10.9	24.6	10.3	2,751	341	2,845	
1994 ³	7,996	34.1	30.1	15.5	20.3	18.8	9.2	47.7	9.9	34.8	7.6	2,670	340	2,739	
1995	7,404	36.5	31.6	14.6	17.3	16.6	8.3	46.9	11.1	34.1	7.8	2,574	357	2,636	
1995: Feb	7,197	36.6	30.8	15.8	16.9	17.1	8.2	46.9	10.7	34.4	8.0	2,508	336	3,173	
Mar	7,285	36.0	31.9	13.6	18.5	17.3	8.2	46.9	10.9	34.0	8.2	2,494	342	2,949	
Apr	7,556	35.4	31.8	14.4	18.4	17.6	8.4	46.3	10.7	35.1	7.9	2,496	352	2,721	
May	7,460	35.3	31.0	16.4	17.3	16.8	8.9	47.4	11.5	33.7	7.4	2,558	373	2,476	
June	7,396	36.5	31.7	15.6	16.3	16.0	7.7	47.0	11.3	34.3	7.4	2,636	376	2,398	
July	7,510	35.3	33.8	13.9	17.0	16.5	8.7	47.0	11.2	34.3	7.6	2,683	373	2,635	
Aug	7,439	36.4	31.8	15.1	16.7	16.3	8.4	46.5	11.6	34.0	7.8	2,634	346	2,461	
Sept	7,465	37.5	31.2	14.2	17.1	16.3	8.1	45.9	11.7	34.2	8.1	2,632	357	2,197	
Oct	7,229	37.2	31.8	13.7	17.2	16.2	8.1	47.5	10.5	34.4	7.7	2,678	365	2,292	
Nov	7,409	37.1	32.0	14.2	16.7	16.3	8.0	46.9	11.5	33.7	7.9	2,652	375	2,421	
Dec	7,371	36.4	32.5	14.5	16.6	16.2	8.1	46.9	11.9	33.2	8.1	2,625	363	2,668	
1996: Jan	7,677	36.8	31.9	14.8	16.5	16.0	8.3	47.6	11.5	32.5	8.5	2,655	374	3,499	
Feb	7,355	37.8	30.9	15.3	16.0	16.6	8.0	48.1	10.0	33.7	8.2	371	

¹ Beginning January 1994, job losers and persons who completed temporary jobs.

² Includes State (50 States, District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and Virgin Islands), ex-servicemen (UCX), and Federal (UCFE). Railroad (RR) programs included through 1993. Also includes Federal and State extended benefit programs. Does not include Federal supplemental compensation or Emergency Unemployment Compensation programs.

³ Data beginning January 1994 are not directly comparable with data for earlier periods.

NOTE.—Data relate to persons age 16 years of age and over (except for insured unemployment and initial claims).

Seasonally adjusted unemployment data revised beginning 1990. See Note, p. 11.

Seasonally adjusted insured unemployment and initial claims data revised historically.

Source: Department of Labor (Bureau of Labor Statistics and Employment and Training Administration).