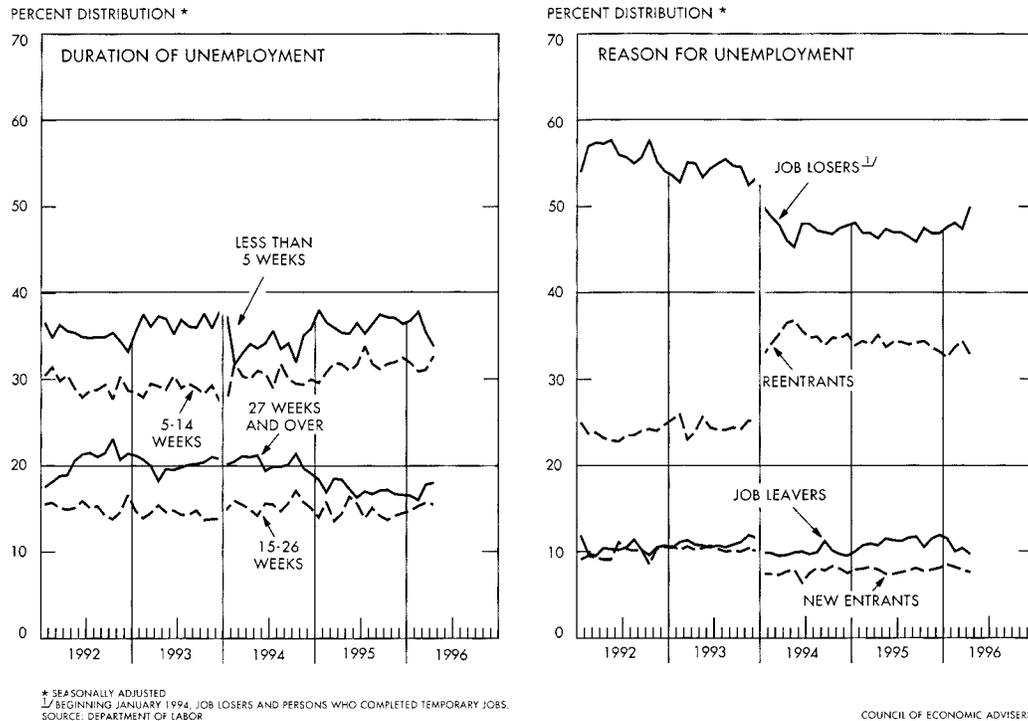


# SELECTED MEASURES OF UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE PROGRAMS

In April, the percentages of the unemployed who had been out of work for less than 5 weeks and for 15-26 weeks fell; the percentages for 5-14 weeks and for 27 weeks and over rose. The mean duration of unemployment rose to 17.4 weeks and the median duration rose to 8.8 weeks.



[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) <sup>2</sup>
		Percent distribution				Average (mean)	Median	Job losers <sup>1</sup>	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 <sup>3</sup>	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: 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	2,293
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	2,422
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	2,669
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	2,660	371	3,333
Mar	7,504	35.4	31.1	15.7	17.8	17.3	8.3	47.4	10.4	34.4	7.9	2,641	393	3,161
Apr	7,266	33.8	32.7	15.5	18.0	17.4	8.8	50.0	9.7	32.8	7.6	.....	P 357	.....

<sup>1</sup> Beginning January 1994, job losers and persons who completed temporary jobs.

<sup>2</sup> 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.

<sup>3</sup> 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).

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