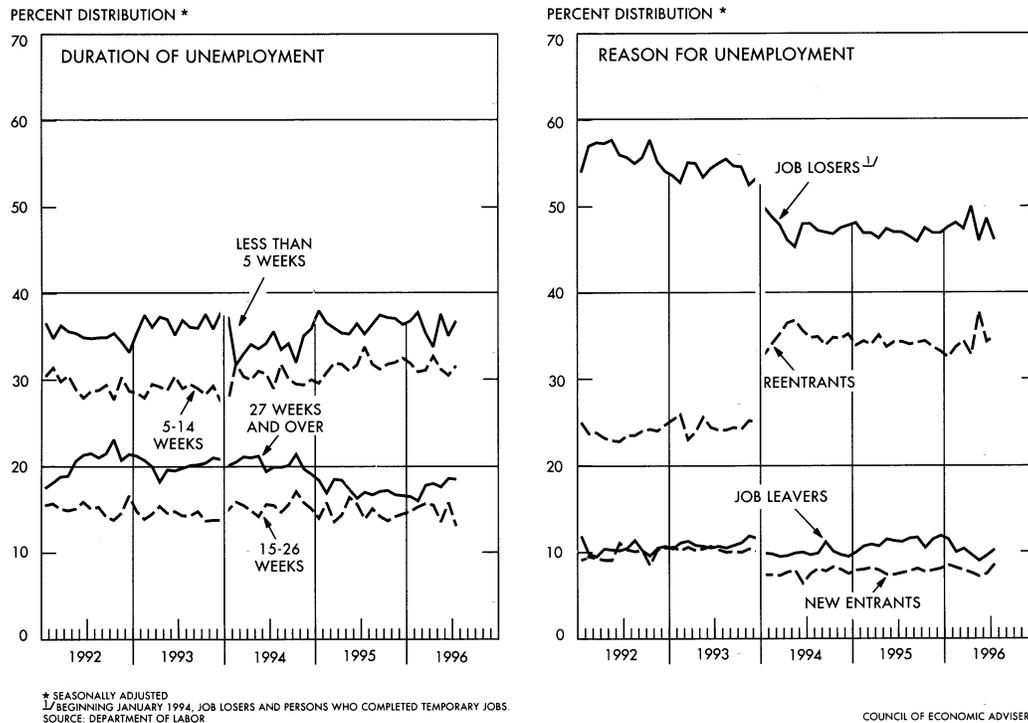


SELECTED MEASURES OF UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE PROGRAMS

In July, the percentages of the unemployed who had been out of work for less than 5 weeks and for 5–14 weeks rose; the percentages for 15–26 weeks and for 27 weeks and over fell. The mean duration of unemployment fell to 16.8 weeks and the median duration rose to 8.6 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) 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: 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 | 2,576 | 356 | 2,934 |
| May | 7,448 | 37.6 | 31.2 | 13.6 | 17.6 | 16.8 | 8.3 | 46.0 | 9.0 | 37.8 | 7.2 | 2,544 | 348 | 2,352 |
| June | 7,060 | 35.1 | 30.5 | 15.8 | 18.6 | 17.6 | 8.1 | 48.6 | 9.6 | 34.3 | 7.5 | 2,570 | 356 | 2,383 |
| July | 7,297 | 36.8 | 31.6 | 13.1 | 18.5 | 16.8 | 8.6 | 46.1 | 10.3 | 34.9 | 8.6 | 2,537 | 335 | 2,550 |

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).

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