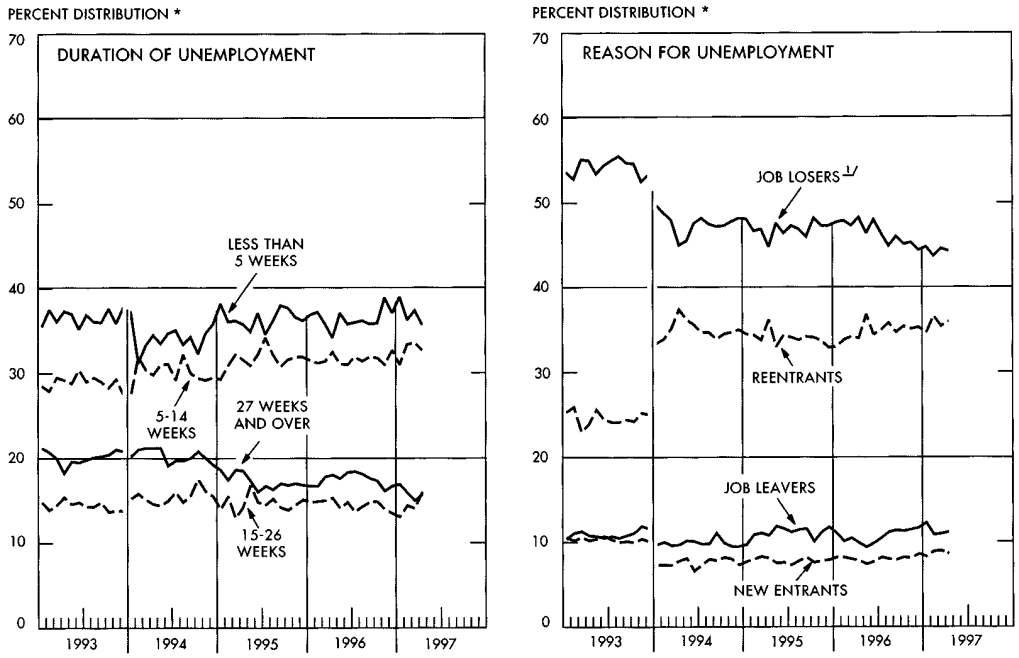
SELECTED MEASURES OF UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE PROGRAMS

In April, the percentages of the unemployed who had been out of work for less than 5 weeks and for 5–14 weeks fell; the percentages for 15–26 weeks and for 27 weeks and over rose. The mean duration of unemployment fell to 15.2 weeks and the median duration rose to 8.3 weeks.



* SEASONALLY ADJUSTED
1/ BEGINNING JANUARY 1994, JOB LOSERS AND PERSONS WHO COMPLETED TEMPORARY JOBS.
SOURCE: DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

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[Monthly data seasonally adjusted, except as noted]

Period	Unemployment (thousands)	Duration of unemployment: Percent distribution: Less than 5 weeks	5–14 weeks	15–26 weeks	27 weeks and over	Duration of unemployment: Number of weeks: Average (mean)	Median	Reason for unemployment: percent distribution: Job losers [1]	Job leavers	Reentrants	New entrants	State programs: Insured unemployment	Initial claims	Insured unemployment, all regular programs (unadjusted) [2]
												Weekly average, thousands		
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	2,575	357	2,636
1996	7,236	36.4	31.6	14.6	17.4	16.7	8.3	46.6	10.7	34.7	8.0	2,594	356	2,649
1996: Apr	7,302	34.2	32.5	15.3	18.0	17.3	8.6	48.3	9.9	34.0	7.8	2,584	356	2,934
May	7,331	37.1	31.1	14.1	17.6	16.9	8.4	46.4	9.4	36.8	7.4	2,554	349	2,351
June	7,119	35.8	31.0	14.8	18.3	17.2	8.1	48.0	9.9	34.4	7.7	2,572	355	2,382
July	7,276	36.0	31.9	13.7	18.4	16.9	8.5	46.4	10.5	35.0	8.2	2,535	334	2,550
Aug	6,910	36.2	31.4	14.3	18.1	17.2	8.5	44.9	11.2	35.8	8.0	2,524	325	2,254
Sept	7,043	35.8	31.9	14.8	17.6	16.9	8.6	46.0	11.4	34.7	7.9	2,468	335	2,184
Oct	7,019	35.9	31.8	14.9	17.3	16.7	8.3	45.1	11.3	35.4	8.2	2,470	334	2,045
Nov	7,187	38.9	31.0	14.0	16.1	16.0	7.7	45.3	11.5	35.1	8.1	2,444	338	2,104
Dec	7,167	37.1	32.7	13.5	16.7	15.8	7.8	44.4	11.7	35.3	8.6	2,518	355	2,744
1997: Jan	7,268	39.0	31.0	13.1	16.9	16.0	7.7	44.8	12.3	34.6	8.3	2,453	334	3,032
Feb	7,205	36.3	33.4	14.4	15.9	16.0	8.4	43.7	10.9	36.6	8.9	2,375	311	3,036
Mar	7,144	37.4	33.6	14.1	15.0	15.3	7.9	44.6	11.0	35.4	9.0	2,294	312	2,950
Apr	6,714	35.7	32.7	16.0	15.7	15.2	8.3	44.3	11.2	36.0	8.6	2,274	333	.....

[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).

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