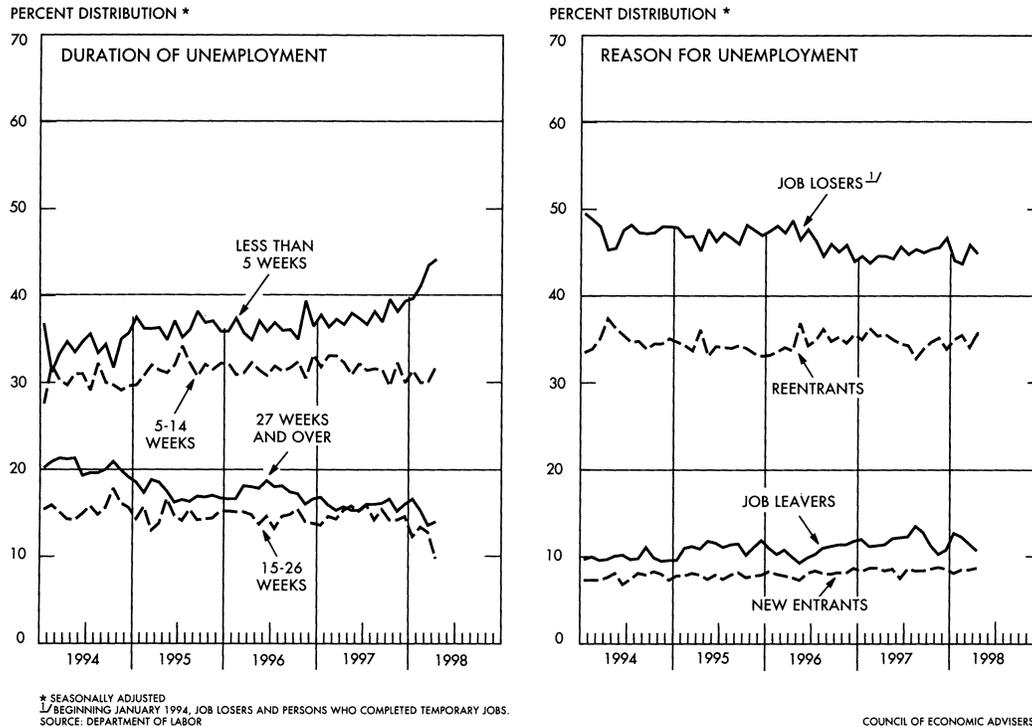


SELECTED MEASURES OF UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE PROGRAMS

In April, the percentages of the unemployed who had been out of work for less than 5 weeks, for 5–14 weeks, and for 27 weeks and over rose; the percentage for 15–26 weeks fell. The mean duration of unemployment was unchanged at 14.3 weeks and the median duration fell to 6.4 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	
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	2,572	357	2,633
1996	7,236	36.4	31.6	14.6	17.4	16.7	8.3	46.6	10.7	34.7	8.0	2,595	356	2,650
1997	6,739	37.7	31.7	14.8	15.8	15.8	8.0	45.1	11.8	34.7	8.4	2,321	324	2,365
1997: Apr	6,768	36.7	32.3	15.3	15.7	15.4	8.1	44.6	11.4	35.6	8.4	2,276	332	2,503
May	6,566	38.0	30.9	15.8	15.3	15.3	7.8	44.3	12.1	35.0	8.6	2,262	325	2,070
June	6,814	37.4	32.2	15.2	15.3	15.3	7.9	45.7	12.2	34.5	7.5	2,305	339	2,215
July	6,633	36.7	31.4	15.9	16.0	16.5	8.2	44.8	12.3	34.3	8.6	2,302	318	2,236
Aug	6,657	38.2	31.6	14.2	16.0	15.8	7.9	45.4	13.5	32.8	8.4	2,300	325	2,115
Sept	6,678	37.0	31.5	15.4	16.1	15.9	8.1	45.0	12.8	33.9	8.4	2,231	310	1,978
Oct	6,496	39.6	29.6	14.2	16.6	16.3	7.7	45.4	11.3	34.7	8.6	2,230	310	1,754
Nov	6,289	38.2	32.3	14.2	15.2	15.6	7.8	45.6	10.3	35.2	8.8	2,247	319	2,016
Dec	6,392	39.4	30.0	14.6	16.0	16.3	7.7	46.7	10.8	33.9	8.6	2,283	315	2,436
1998: Jan	6,409	39.7	31.4	12.3	16.6	15.6	7.4	44.1	12.7	35.0	8.1	2,251	318	2,755
Feb	6,393	41.2	30.0	13.4	15.3	15.6	7.2	43.7	12.3	35.5	8.5	2,187	309	2,774
Mar	6,529	43.5	30.1	12.8	13.6	14.3	6.8	45.9	11.5	34.1	8.5	2,165	309	2,790
Apr	5,859	44.2	31.9	9.8	14.0	14.3	6.4	44.9	10.7	35.7	8.7	2,127	309	2,248

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 and over (except for insured unemployment and initial claims).

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