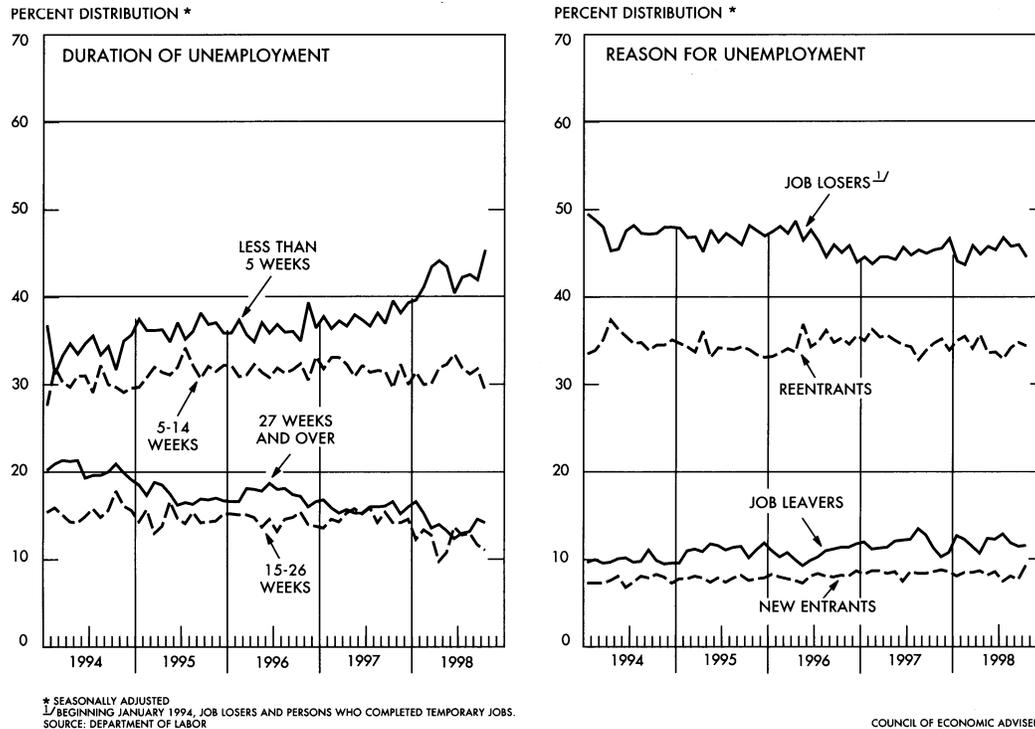


SELECTED MEASURES OF UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE PROGRAMS

In November, the percentage of the unemployed who had been out of work for less than 5 weeks fell; the percentages for 5-14 weeks, for 15-26 weeks, and for 27 weeks and over rose. The mean duration of unemployment rose to 14.6 weeks and the median duration rose to 6.7 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	Reen-trants	New en-trants	Insured unem-employment	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: 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	
1997: 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	
1998: 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	
1998: 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	
1998: 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	2,249	
1998: May	5,910	43.5	32.3	10.8	13.3	14.6	5.9	45.8	12.4	33.6	8.2	2,103	316	1,994	
1998: June	6,237	40.5	33.5	13.7	12.4	13.8	6.6	45.4	12.3	33.7	8.6	2,238	355	2,074	
1998: July	6,230	42.3	31.9	12.8	13.0	14.3	6.6	46.8	12.9	32.9	7.5	2,384	326	2,209	
1998: Aug	6,247	42.6	31.2	13.0	13.2	13.5	6.9	45.8	11.9	34.2	8.1	2,238	303	2,225	
1998: Sept	6,310	42.0	31.8	11.7	14.6	14.3	6.6	46.0	11.5	34.8	7.7	2,171	299	1,845	
1998: Oct	6,299	45.4	29.3	11.1	14.2	14.3	5.8	44.6	11.6	34.4	9.3	2,192	311	1,701	
1998: Nov	6,099	40.2	33.2	12.1	14.5	14.6	6.7	45.0	10.7	35.4	8.9	319	

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).