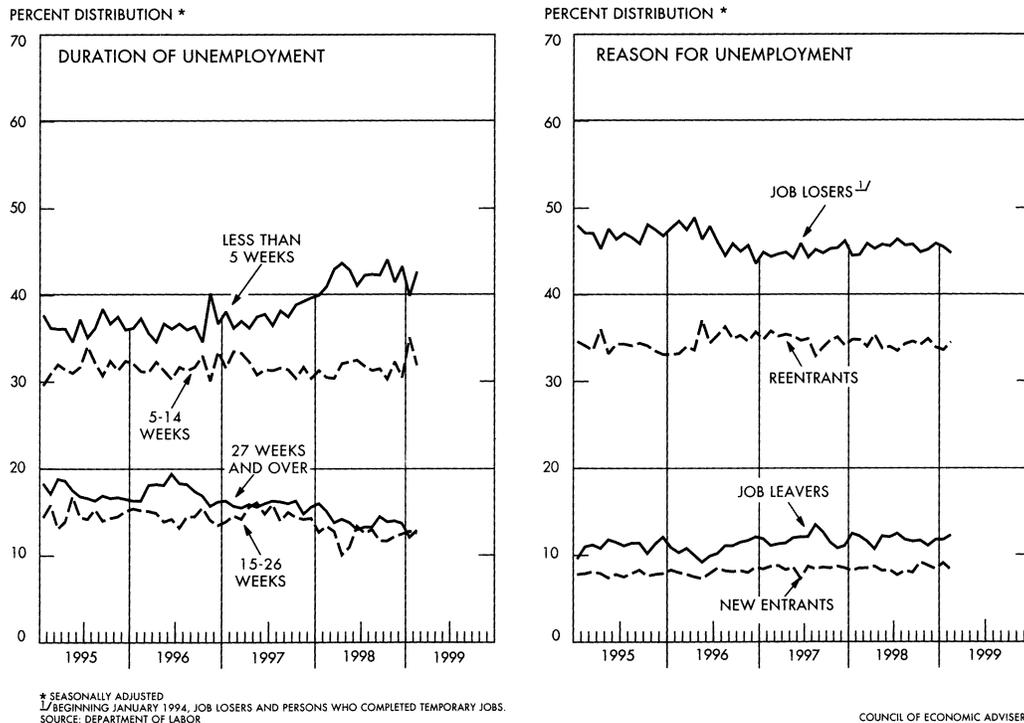


SELECTED MEASURES OF UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE PROGRAMS

In February, the percentages of the unemployed who had been out of work for less than 5 weeks and for 27 weeks and over rose; the percentages for 5-14 weeks and for 15-26 weeks fell. The mean duration of unemployment rose to 13.8 weeks and the median duration rose to 7.0 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	
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	2,323	323	2,366	
1998	6,210	42.2	31.4	12.3	14.1	14.5	6.7	45.5	11.8	34.3	8.4	2,220	320	2,255	
1998: Feb	6,363	41.0	30.5	13.4	15.1	15.4	7.1	44.6	12.2	34.8	8.5	2,197	309	2,774	
Mar	6,432	43.0	30.4	12.8	13.8	14.6	6.9	45.9	11.6	34.0	8.5	2,170	308	2,790	
Apr	5,952	43.7	32.1	10.1	14.2	14.5	6.6	45.3	10.7	35.4	8.7	2,136	311	2,249	
May	6,039	42.9	32.3	11.0	13.8	14.7	6.1	45.8	12.2	33.8	8.2	2,112	316	1,993	
June	6,245	41.1	32.5	13.4	13.0	14.1	6.7	45.6	12.1	34.0	8.3	2,235	353	2,073	
July	6,231	42.3	31.8	12.6	13.3	14.3	6.7	46.4	12.5	33.5	7.7	2,372	325	2,208	
Aug	6,217	42.4	31.3	13.0	13.3	13.7	6.8	45.7	11.8	34.3	8.2	2,230	305	2,224	
Sept	6,263	42.3	31.5	11.7	14.5	14.3	6.6	45.8	11.6	34.6	8.0	2,166	301	1,845	
Oct	6,258	44.1	30.3	11.7	13.9	14.1	5.9	44.9	11.7	34.2	9.2	2,195	313	1,712	
Nov	6,080	41.5	32.3	12.2	14.0	14.4	6.7	45.2	11.1	34.9	8.8	2,238	320	2,059	
Dec	6,021	43.3	30.5	12.5	13.7	14.1	6.7	45.9	11.8	33.9	8.4	2,262	323	2,320	
1999: Jan	5,950	39.9	35.1	12.8	12.1	13.4	6.9	45.5	11.8	33.6	9.1	2,270	319	2,845	
Feb	6,127	42.7	31.9	12.6	12.9	13.8	7.0	44.8	12.3	34.5	8.3	2,291	291	2,845	

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).

Seasonally adjusted insured unemployment and initial claims data reflect recent annual revisions.

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