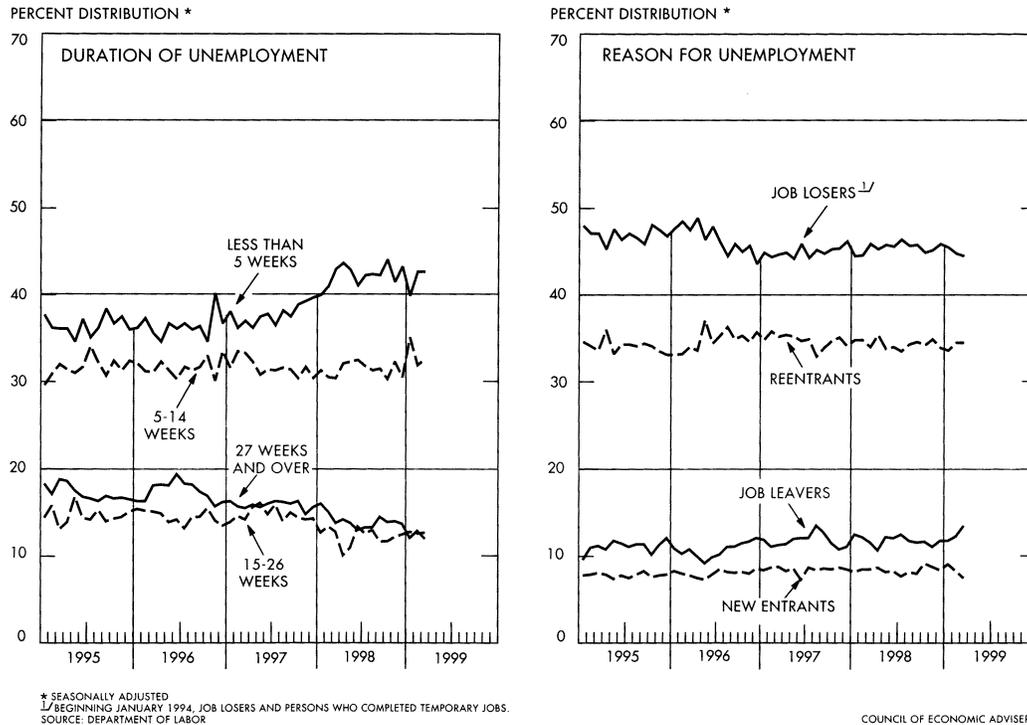


SELECTED MEASURES OF UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE PROGRAMS

In March, the percentage of the unemployed who had been out of work for less than 5 weeks was unchanged; the percentages for 5-14 weeks and for 15-26 weeks rose; and the percentage for 27 weeks and over fell. The mean duration of unemployment fell to 13.5 weeks and the median duration fell to 6.9 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: 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 | 2,846 | |
| Feb | 6,127 | 42.7 | 31.9 | 12.6 | 12.9 | 13.8 | 7.0 | 44.8 | 12.3 | 34.5 | 8.3 | 2,228 | 291 | 2,766 | |
| Mar | 5,783 | 42.7 | 32.6 | 12.7 | 12.0 | 13.5 | 6.9 | 44.5 | 13.5 | 34.5 | 7.5 | | 294 | | |

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).