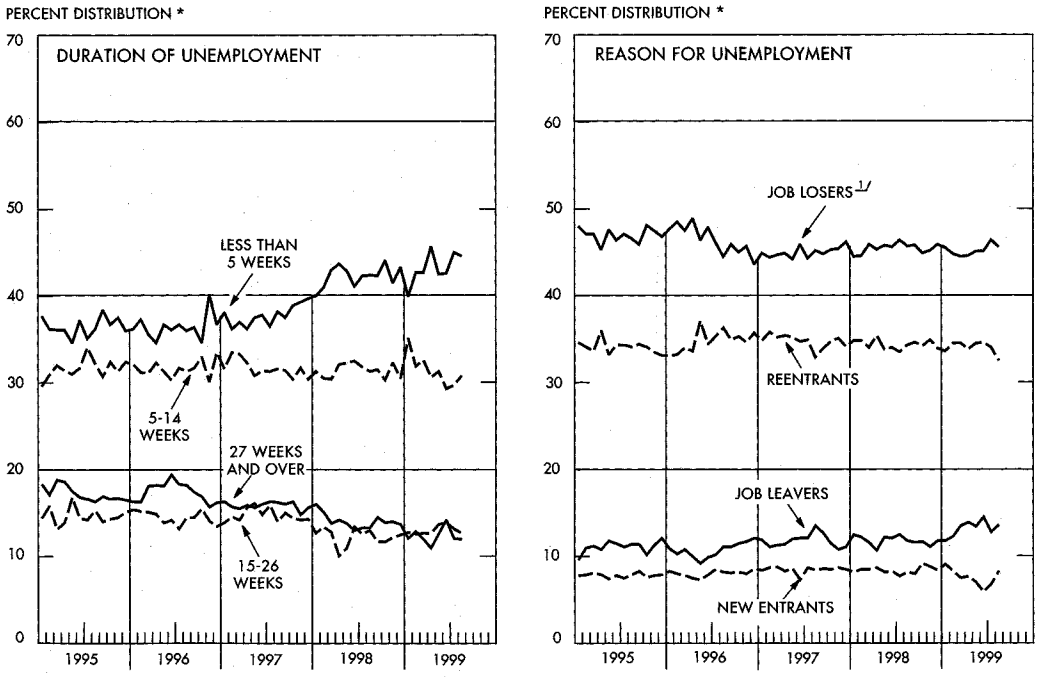
SELECTED MEASURES OF UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE PROGRAMS

In August, the percentages of the unemployed who had been out of work for less than 5 weeks, for 15–26 weeks, and for 27 weeks and over fell; the percentage for 5–14 weeks rose. The mean duration of unemployment fell to 13.2 weeks and the median duration rose to 6.5 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		
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: 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	2,322
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	2,861
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	r 2,767
Mar	5,783	42.7	32.6	12.7	12.0	13.5	6.9	44.5	13.5	34.5	7.5	2,177	295	2,727
Apr	6,022	45.7	30.6	12.7	11.0	13.1	6.1	44.6	13.9	33.8	7.7	2,182	308	r 2,213
May	5,795	42.5	31.3	13.7	12.6	13.4	6.7	45.1	13.4	34.5	7.0	2,185	306	r 2,102
June	5,975	42.6	29.3	13.9	14.2	14.5	6.2	45.1	14.5	34.6	5.9	2,213	305	r 2,127
July	5,947	45.0	29.7	13.2	12.1	13.6	5.7	46.4	12.8	34.0	6.8	2,224	r 296	2,061
Aug	5,853	44.6	30.8	12.7	12.0	13.2	6.5	45.6	13.6	32.5	8.3	.....	p 287	.....

[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).

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