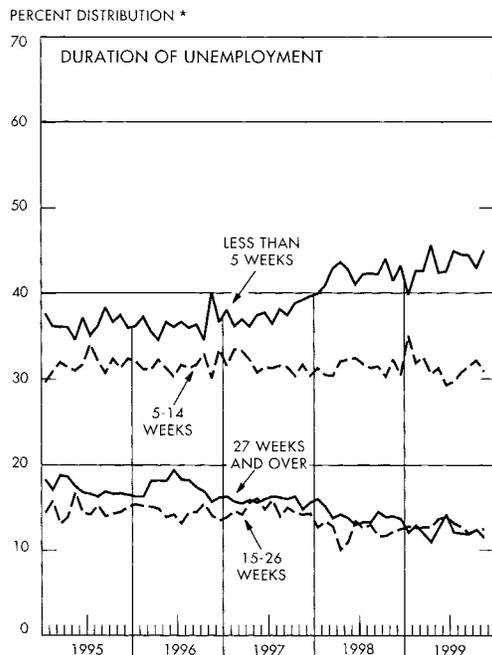


# SELECTED MEASURES OF UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE PROGRAMS

In November, the percentages of the unemployed who had been out of work for less than 5 weeks and for 15 to 26 weeks rose; the percentages for 5–14 weeks, and for 27 weeks and over fell. The mean duration of unemployment fell to 12.9 weeks and the median duration fell to 6.3 weeks.



\* SEASONALLY ADJUSTED  
<sup>1</sup> 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	Un-employment (thousands)	Duration of unemployment				Number of weeks		Reason for unemployment: percent distribution				State programs		Insured unemployment, all regular programs (unadjusted) <sup>2</sup>
		Percent distribution				Average (mean)	Median	Job losers <sup>1</sup>	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 <sup>3</sup> .....	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: 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
1998: 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
1999: 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	2,767
1999: 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
1999: 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	2,213
1999: 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	2,102
1999: 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	2,127
1999: 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	296	2,061
1999: Aug .....	5,853	44.6	30.8	12.7	12.0	13.2	6.5	45.6	13.6	32.5	8.3	2,202	287	<sup>r</sup> 2,173
1999: Sept .....	5,836	44.5	31.5	12.0	11.9	12.8	5.8	44.4	12.7	33.7	9.2	2,180	293	<sup>r</sup> 1,782
1999: Oct .....	5,766	43.0	32.2	12.4	12.4	13.2	6.4	43.4	13.4	34.0	9.2	2,132	289	1,759
1999: Nov .....	5,743	45.1	30.9	12.5	11.5	12.9	6.3	43.5	14.6	33.4	8.6	.....	<sup>p</sup> 287	.....

<sup>1</sup> Beginning January 1994, job losers and persons who completed temporary jobs.

<sup>2</sup> 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.

<sup>3</sup> 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).