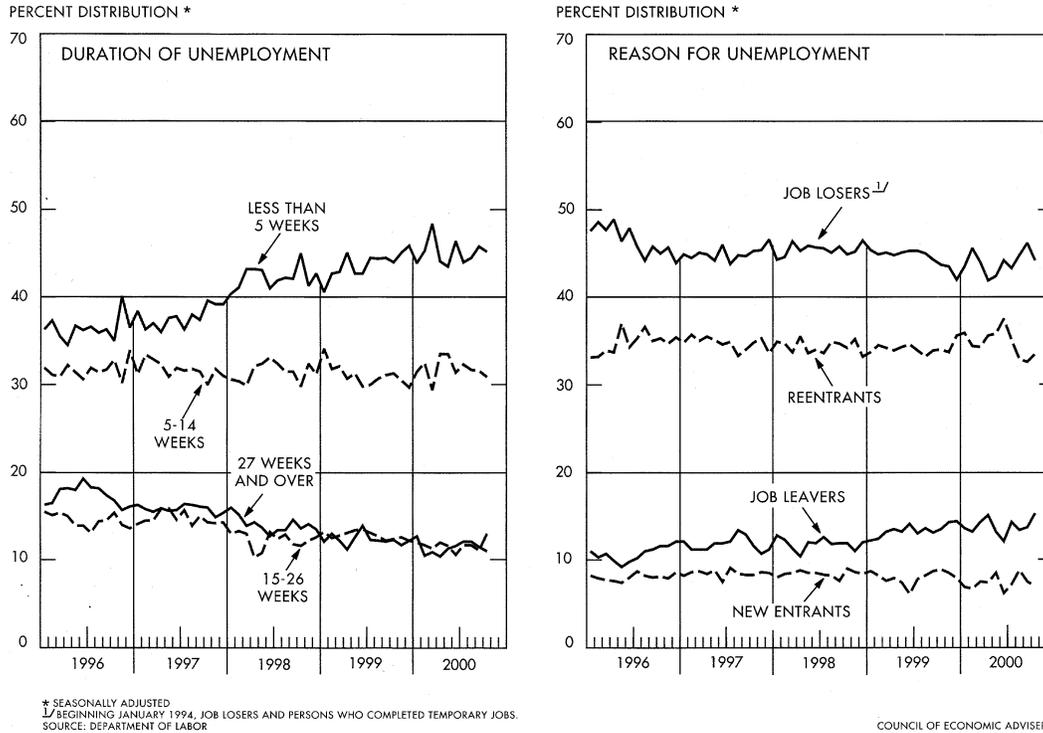


SELECTED MEASURES OF UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE PROGRAMS

In October, the percentages of the unemployed who had been out of work for less than 5 weeks, for 5–14 weeks, and for 27 weeks and over fell; the percentage for 15–26 weeks rose. The mean duration of unemployment rose to 12.4 weeks and the median duration rose to 6.2 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	
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	2,222	321	2,257
1999	5,880	43.7	31.2	12.8	12.3	13.4	6.4	44.6	13.3	34.1	8.0	2,188	298	2,219
1999: Oct	5,757	44.0	31.3	12.4	12.3	13.2	6.3	43.7	13.5	34.0	8.9	2,142	290	1,762
Nov	5,736	45.1	30.5	12.6	11.7	13.0	6.2	43.5	14.3	33.7	8.5	2,130	287	1,941
Dec	5,688	45.9	29.7	12.2	12.2	12.8	5.9	42.0	14.4	35.6	7.9	2,131	284	2,049
2000: Jan	5,689	43.9	31.5	12.0	12.7	13.2	5.7	43.5	13.6	35.9	6.9	2,082	281	2,844
Feb	5,804	45.3	32.5	11.7	10.5	12.5	6.1	45.6	13.2	34.4	6.7	2,097	283	2,663
Mar	5,708	48.4	29.4	11.3	10.9	12.8	6.0	44.0	14.3	34.3	7.5	2,000	265	2,289
Apr	5,524	44.1	33.5	12.0	10.4	12.4	6.0	41.9	15.1	35.6	7.4	1,966	278	2,161
May	5,774	43.5	33.5	11.6	11.3	12.6	5.8	42.4	13.2	35.8	8.5	1,975	291	1,882
June	5,583	46.4	31.4	10.6	11.6	12.4	5.8	44.2	12.1	37.5	6.2	2,063	302	1,802
July	5,650	44.0	32.3	11.7	12.1	13.3	6.0	43.3	14.3	35.1	7.2	2,120	295	^r 2,199
Aug	5,829	44.5	31.7	11.7	12.1	13.0	6.2	44.8	13.4	32.9	8.8	2,160	313	1,932
Sept	5,477	45.8	31.6	11.1	11.5	11.9	5.2	46.2	13.7	32.6	7.5	2,157	307	^r 1,771
Oct	5,496	45.2	30.9	13.0	11.0	12.4	6.2	44.2	15.3	33.5	7.0	2,190	^r 313	1,738

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).