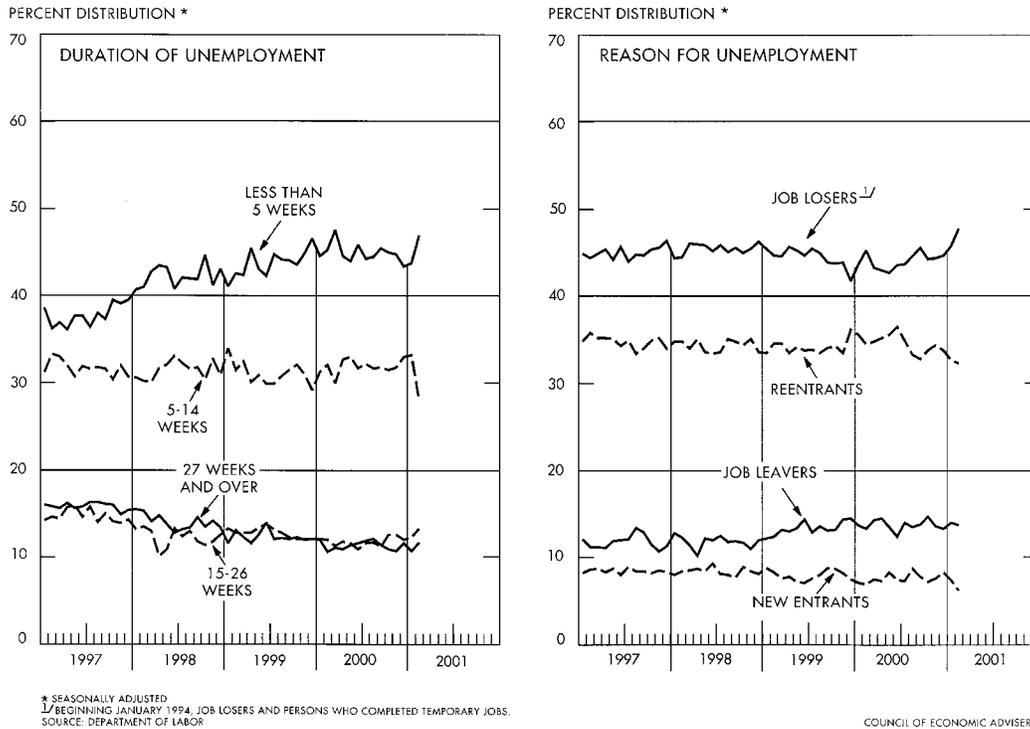


SELECTED MEASURES OF UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE PROGRAMS

In February, the percentages of the unemployed who had been out of work for less than 5 weeks, for 15–26 weeks, and for 27 weeks and over rose; the percentage for 5–14 weeks fell. The mean duration of unemployment rose to 12.9 weeks and the median duration rose to 6.0 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														
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
2000	5,655	45.0	31.9	11.8	11.4	12.6	5.9	44.1	13.7	34.6	7.6	2,110	301	2,142
2000: Feb	5,740	45.3	32.1	12.0	10.6	12.5	6.1	45.3	13.3	34.5	6.9	^r 2,101	283	2,663
Mar	5,692	47.6	30.0	11.3	11.1	12.7	6.0	43.3	14.3	34.8	7.5	^r 2,018	^r 267	2,289
Apr	5,597	44.6	32.7	11.8	10.9	12.5	6.0	43.0	14.5	35.2	7.3	^r 1,981	^r 280	2,161
May	5,730	44.0	33.0	11.6	11.4	12.6	5.9	42.7	13.5	35.6	8.3	^r 1,990	^r 292	1,882
June	5,574	45.9	31.7	10.9	11.6	12.5	5.9	43.6	12.4	36.5	7.4	^r 2,073	^r 301	1,802
July	5,648	44.3	32.2	11.6	11.9	13.2	5.9	43.7	14.0	34.9	7.3	^r 2,124	^r 296	2,199
Aug	5,785	44.5	31.7	11.7	12.1	13.0	6.1	44.6	13.5	33.3	8.7	^r 2,165	313	1,932
Sept	5,537	45.5	31.8	11.2	11.4	12.1	5.3	45.6	13.8	32.8	7.8	^r 2,165	307	1,767
Oct	5,536	45.0	31.5	12.6	10.9	12.4	6.1	44.3	14.7	33.8	7.2	^r 2,188	313	1,898
Nov	5,658	44.8	31.8	12.6	10.7	12.4	6.1	44.4	13.6	34.4	7.6	^r 2,277	^r 344	^r 1,943
Dec	5,653	43.4	33.0	12.0	11.6	12.6	6.1	44.7	13.3	33.8	8.3	^r 2,365	^r 355	^r 2,385
2001: Jan	5,956	43.8	33.2	12.3	10.7	12.6	5.9	45.8	14.0	32.7	7.4	2,350	^r 330	3,104
Feb	5,936	47.0	28.0	13.3	11.7	12.9	6.0	47.8	13.7	32.3	6.2	^r 354

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).

Insured and initial claims unemployment data reflect annual seasonal adjustment revisions.

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