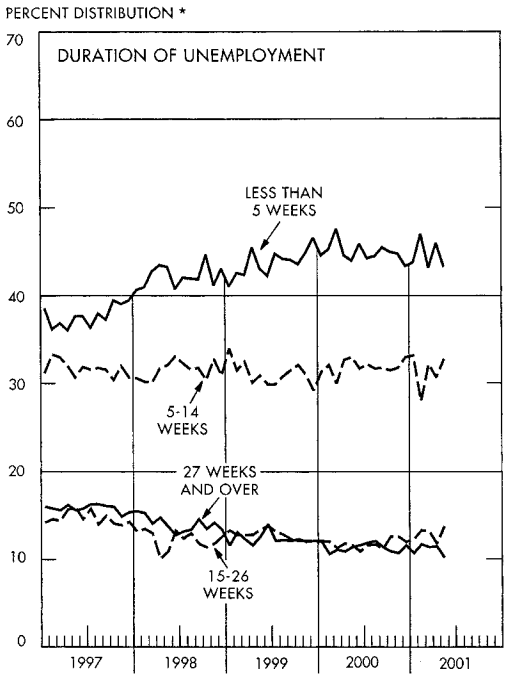
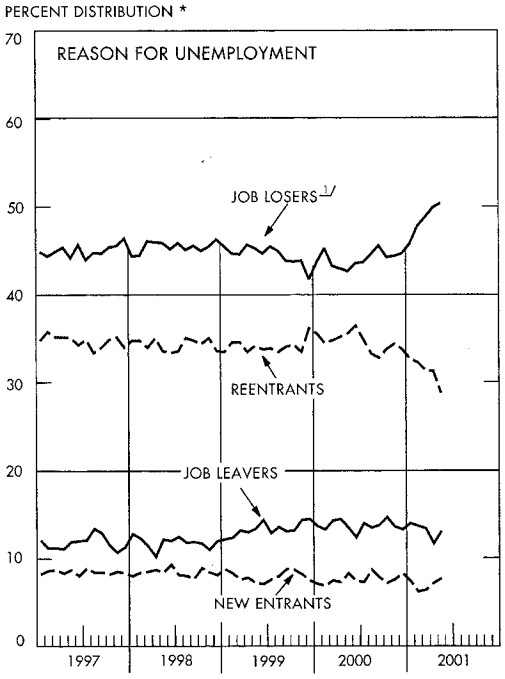
SELECTED MEASURES OF UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE PROGRAMS

In May, the percentages of the unemployed who had been out of work for less than 5 weeks and for 27 weeks and over fell; the percentages for 5–14 weeks and for 15–26 weeks rose. The mean duration of unemployment fell to 12.2 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		
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: May	5,730	44.0	33.0	11.6	11.4	12.6	5.9	42.7	13.5	35.6	8.3	1,990	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	2,073	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	2,124	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	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	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	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	2,277	344	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	2,365	355	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	330	r 3,108
Feb	5,936	47.0	28.0	13.3	11.7	12.9	6.0	47.8	13.7	32.3	6.2	2,414	355	r 3,048
Mar	6,088	43.2	32.2	13.2	11.4	13.0	6.5	48.8	13.4	31.4	6.4	2,505	378	2,821
Apr	6,402	46.0	30.7	11.8	11.5	12.6	5.8	49.9	11.7	31.3	7.2	2,636	r 405	2,942
May	6,169	43.3	32.8	13.8	10.2	12.2	6.5	50.4	13.1	28.8	7.7	.....	p 403	.....

[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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