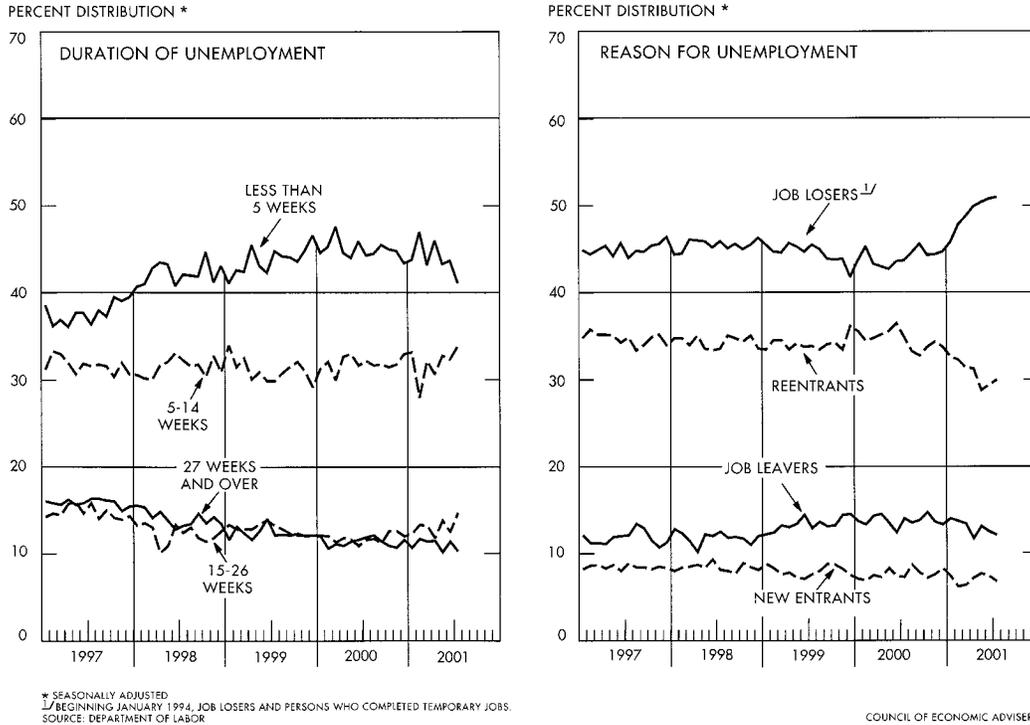


SELECTED MEASURES OF UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE PROGRAMS

In July, 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 12.5 weeks and the median duration rose to 6.7 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: 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 | 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 | 3,050 |
| 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 | 2,829 |
| 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 | 405 | 2,966 |
| May | 6,169 | 43.3 | 32.8 | 13.8 | 10.2 | 12.2 | 6.5 | 50.4 | 13.1 | 28.8 | 7.7 | 2,825 | 409 | 2,460 |
| June | 6,422 | 43.7 | 32.4 | 12.5 | 11.4 | 13.0 | 6.2 | 50.8 | 12.5 | 29.4 | 7.4 | 2,995 | 410 | 2,617 |
| July | 6,395 | 41.1 | 33.9 | 14.7 | 10.3 | 12.5 | 6.7 | 51.0 | 12.1 | 30.0 | 6.8 | | 395 | |

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).