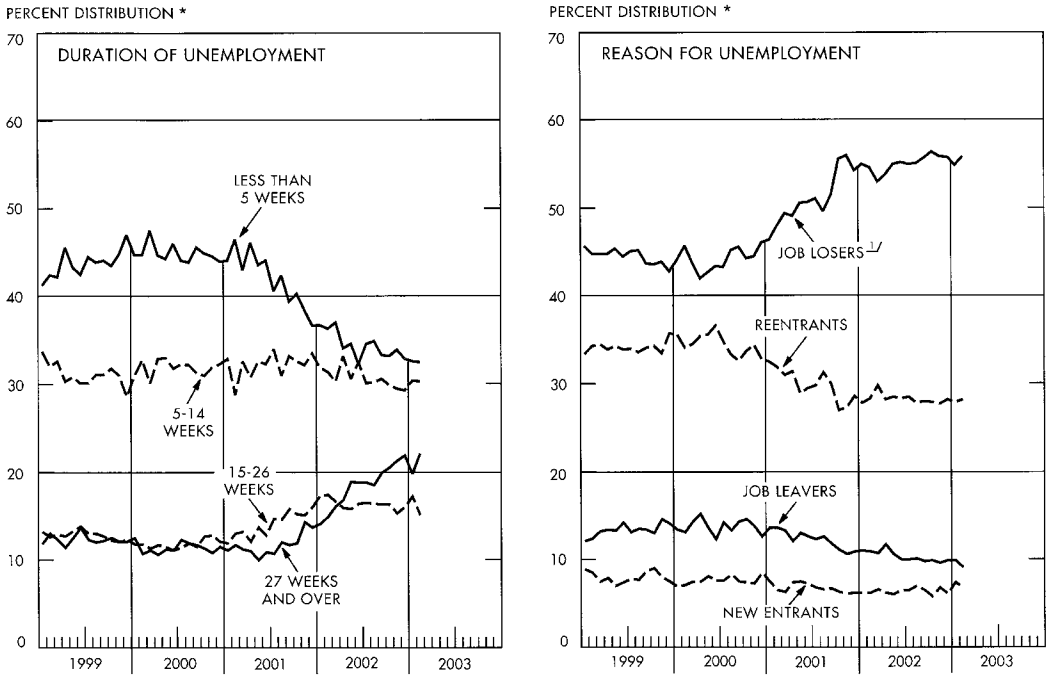
SELECTED MEASURES OF UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE PROGRAMS

In February, the percentages of the unemployed who had been out of work for less than 5 weeks, for 5–14 weeks, and for 15–26 weeks fell; the percentage for 27 weeks and over rose. The mean duration of unemployment rose to 18.6 weeks and the median duration fell to 9.4 weeks. (Series revised.)



* 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		
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 r	5,692	44.9	31.9	11.8	11.4	12.6	5.9	44.2	13.7	34.5	7.6	2,110	301	2,141
2001 r	6,801	42.0	32.3	14.0	11.8	13.1	6.8	51.1	12.3	29.9	6.8	2,974	404	3,007
2002 r	8,378	34.5	30.8	16.3	18.3	16.6	9.1	55.0	10.3	28.3	6.4	3,585	407	3,618
2002: Feb r	8,060	36.3	31.4	17.4	14.9	15.0	8.2	54.6	10.9	28.3	6.2	3,522	391	4,300
Mar r	8,224	37.0	30.3	16.6	16.1	15.4	8.3	53.0	10.7	29.8	6.6	3,619	422	4,138
Apr r	8,567	34.1	33.2	15.9	16.8	16.3	8.8	53.8	11.7	28.2	6.2	3,757	435	3,947
May r	8,424	34.6	30.6	15.8	18.9	16.8	9.6	55.0	10.6	28.5	6.0	3,797	412	3,250
June r	8,469	32.3	32.5	16.4	18.8	17.1	11.6	55.2	10.0	28.3	6.5	3,672	393	3,539
July r	8,443	34.6	30.1	16.5	18.8	16.6	8.9	55.0	10.0	28.5	6.5	3,513	386	3,524
Aug r	8,366	34.9	30.2	16.4	18.5	16.3	8.7	55.1	10.1	27.8	7.0	3,532	399	3,123
Sept r	8,321	33.3	30.6	16.3	19.9	17.8	9.5	55.7	9.8	28.0	6.5	3,627	423	3,267
Oct r	8,405	33.2	29.9	16.3	20.5	17.6	9.6	56.4	9.9	27.9	5.8	3,597	401	2,935
Nov r	8,637	33.9	29.5	15.3	21.3	17.9	9.4	55.9	9.6	27.7	6.8	3,483	378	3,082
Dec r	8,711	32.9	29.3	16.0	21.9	18.4	9.6	55.8	9.9	28.2	6.1	3,438	418	3,906
2003: Jan	8,302	32.6	30.4	17.2	19.8	18.4	9.8	54.9	9.9	27.9	7.4	3,318	387	3,968
Feb	8,450	32.5	30.3	15.1	22.1	18.6	9.4	55.9	9.1	28.2	6.8	.....	p 409	.....

[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).

Unemployment data reflect annual revisions released in February 2003. See Note, p. 11.

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

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