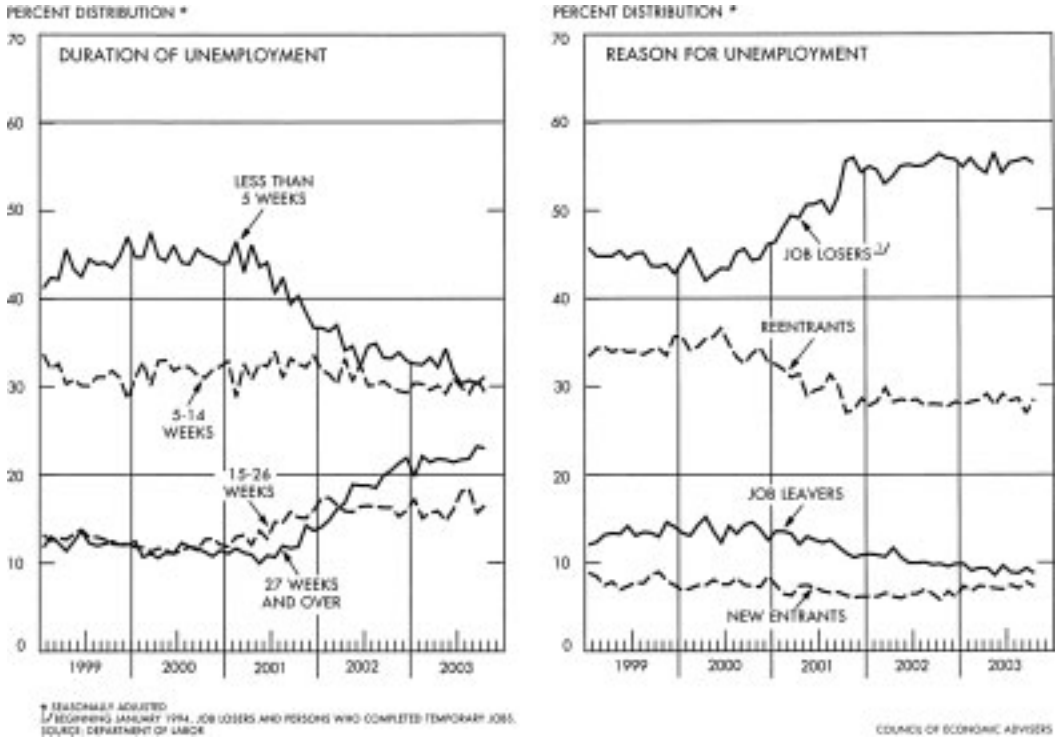
SELECTED MEASURES OF UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE PROGRAMS

In October, the percentages of the unemployed who had been out of work for less than 5 weeks and for 15–26 weeks rose; the percentages for 5–14 weeks and for 27 weeks and over fell. The mean duration of unemployment fell to 19.1 weeks and the median duration rose to 10.3 weeks.



[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	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	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	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: Oct	8,405	33.2	29.9	16.3	20.5	17.6	9.6	56.4	9.9	27.9	5.8	3,601	411	r2,934
Nov	8,637	33.9	29.5	15.3	21.3	17.9	9.4	55.9	9.6	27.7	6.8	3,486	390	r3,081
Dec	8,711	32.9	29.3	16.0	21.9	18.4	9.6	55.8	9.9	28.2	6.1	3,478	409	r3,905
2003: Jan	8,302	32.6	30.4	17.2	19.8	18.4	9.8	54.9	9.9	27.9	7.4	3,361	388	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	3,429	409	4,172
Mar	8,445	33.3	29.6	15.7	21.4	18.0	9.6	54.8	9.4	28.4	7.4	3,514	423	4,348
Apr	8,786	32.2	30.1	15.9	21.8	19.6	10.2	54.2	9.4	29.1	7.3	3,622	443	3,708
May	8,998	34.3	29.2	14.8	21.7	19.2	10.1	56.5	8.6	27.8	7.1	3,716	432	3,270
June	9,358	31.6	30.9	16.1	21.4	19.8	12.3	54.2	9.7	29.1	7.0	3,726	427	3,674
July	9,062	30.3	29.9	18.1	21.7	19.3	10.0	55.4	8.9	28.3	7.5	3,625	406	3,278
Aug	8,905	30.7	29.2	18.4	21.8	19.0	9.6	55.6	8.8	28.6	7.1	3,630	402	3,379
Sept	8,973	30.3	30.8	15.7	23.2	19.7	10.1	55.9	9.4	29.9	7.8	3,626	r403	3,213
Oct	8,779	31.1	29.4	16.5	23.0	19.1	10.3	55.3	8.8	28.5	7.3	.....	p381	.....

[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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