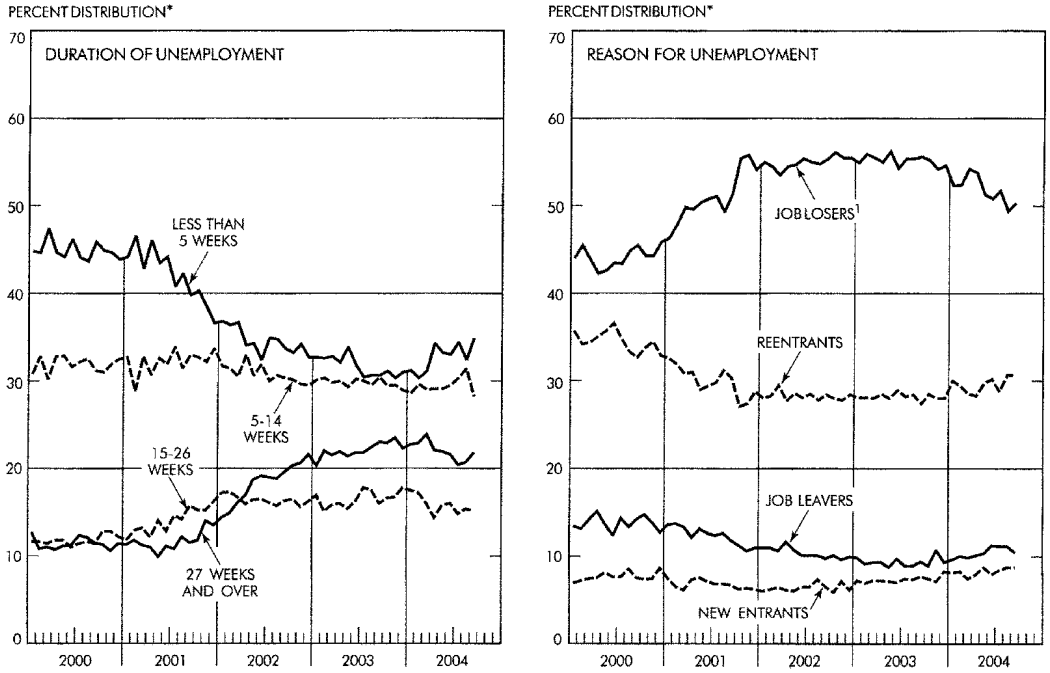
SELECTED MEASURES OF UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE PROGRAMS

In September, the percentages of the unemployed who had been out of work for less than 5 weeks and for 27 weeks and over rose; the percentages for 5–14 weeks and for 15–26 weeks fell. The mean duration of unemployment rose to 19.6 weeks and the median duration rose to 9.5 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		
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	3,619
2003	8,774	31.7	29.8	16.4	22.1	19.2	10.1	55.1	9.3	28.2	7.3	3,533	402	3,571
2003: Sept	8,966	30.6	30.4	16.0	23.0	19.6	10.1	55.6	9.4	27.4	7.7	3,581	399	3,224
Oct	8,797	31.1	29.4	16.6	22.9	19.4	10.3	55.2	8.9	28.5	7.4	3,491	383	2,799
Nov	8,653	30.3	29.5	16.7	23.5	20.0	10.4	54.2	10.7	28.0	7.1	3,379	369	3,203
Dec	8,398	31.0	28.9	17.8	22.3	19.6	10.4	54.6	9.3	28.0	8.2	3,289	362	3,544
2004: Jan	8,297	31.2	28.6	17.5	22.7	19.8	10.7	52.3	9.6	30.0	8.1	3,172	356	3,703
Feb	8,170	30.3	29.6	17.2	22.9	20.3	10.3	52.4	10.0	29.4	8.2	3,139	356	3,976
Mar	8,352	31.1	29.0	16.0	23.9	20.1	10.3	54.2	9.8	28.5	7.4	3,028	339	3,571
Apr	8,164	34.3	29.1	14.4	22.1	19.7	9.5	53.8	10.1	28.3	7.9	2,970	342	2,971
May	8,203	33.2	29.1	15.8	21.9	20.0	10.0	51.3	10.3	29.7	8.7	2,928	342	2,844
June	8,248	33.0	29.5	16.0	21.6	19.9	10.8	50.8	11.2	30.2	7.9	2,921	341	r2,869
July	8,196	34.4	30.3	14.8	20.4	18.6	8.9	51.7	11.1	28.8	8.4	2,888	340	r2,724
Aug	8,022	32.4	31.4	15.4	20.7	19.0	9.4	49.4	11.1	30.7	8.7	2,884	r340	2,915
Sept	8,003	34.9	28.2	15.1	21.8	19.6	9.5	50.3	10.4	30.6	8.7	.....	p345	.....

[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). Also includes Federal and State extended benefit programs. Does not include Railroad (RR) program, Federal supplemental compensation or Emergency Unemployment Compensation programs.

[3] See footnote 2, p. 11.

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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