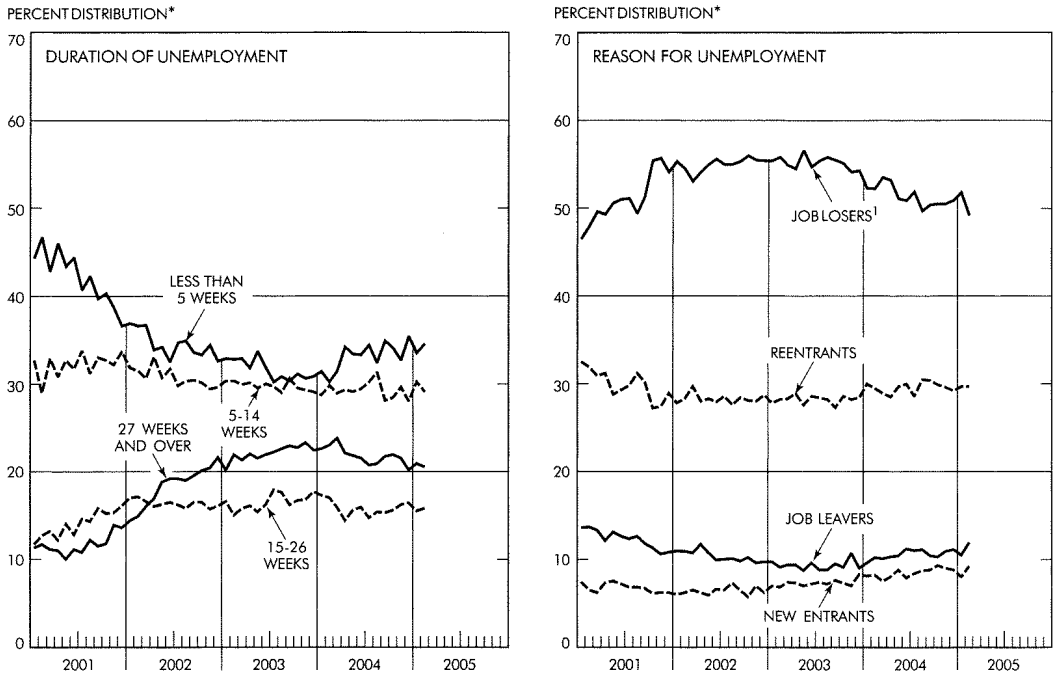
# SELECTED MEASURES OF UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE PROGRAMS

**In February, the percentages of the unemployed who had been out of work for less than 5 weeks 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 fell to 9.3 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] |
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| | | | | | | | | | | | | Weekly average, thousands | | |
| 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 | 3,531 | 404 | 3,569 |
| 2004 | 8,149 | 33.1 | 29.2 | 15.9 | 21.8 | 19.6 | 9.8 | 51.5 | 10.5 | 29.5 | 8.4 | 2,950 | 345 | 2,995 |
| 2004: Feb | 8,195 | 30.2 | 29.8 | 17.0 | 23.0 | 20.2 | 10.2 | 52.2 | 10.2 | 29.5 | 8.2 | 3,139 | 356 | 3,976 |
| Mar | 8,330 | 31.4 | 28.9 | 15.9 | 23.8 | 19.9 | 10.2 | 53.5 | 10.1 | 28.9 | 7.5 | 3,028 | 339 | 3,571 |
| Apr | 8,143 | 34.2 | 29.3 | 14.4 | 22.1 | 19.7 | 9.4 | 53.2 | 10.3 | 28.5 | 8.0 | 2,970 | 342 | 2,971 |
| May | 8,172 | 33.4 | 29.1 | 15.6 | 21.8 | 19.8 | 9.9 | 51.1 | 10.4 | 29.7 | 8.8 | 2,928 | 342 | 2,844 |
| June | 8,228 | 33.3 | 29.4 | 15.9 | 21.5 | 19.8 | 10.8 | 50.9 | 11.2 | 30.0 | 7.9 | 2,921 | 341 | 2,869 |
| July | 8,184 | 34.4 | 30.2 | 14.7 | 20.7 | 18.5 | 8.9 | 51.9 | 11.0 | 28.6 | 8.4 | 2,888 | 340 | 2,724 |
| Aug | 8,018 | 32.4 | 31.3 | 15.4 | 20.9 | 19.2 | 9.5 | 49.7 | 11.1 | 30.5 | 8.7 | 2,884 | 340 | 2,914 |
| Sept | 8,005 | 34.9 | 28.1 | 15.3 | 21.7 | 19.6 | 9.5 | 50.4 | 10.4 | 30.4 | 8.8 | 2,856 | 345 | 2,401 |
| Oct | 8,066 | 34.1 | 28.4 | 15.6 | 21.9 | 19.7 | 9.5 | 50.5 | 10.3 | 29.9 | 9.3 | 2,803 | 342 | 2,426 |
| Nov | 8,020 | 32.7 | 29.6 | 16.2 | 21.5 | 19.8 | 9.8 | 50.5 | 10.9 | 29.6 | 9.0 | 2,755 | 339 | 2,621 |
| Dec | 8,047 | 35.4 | 28.0 | 16.4 | 20.2 | 19.3 | 9.5 | 50.9 | 11.1 | 29.2 | 8.8 | 2,750 | 335 | 2,693 |
| 2005: Jan | 7,737 | 33.5 | 30.2 | 15.5 | 20.9 | 19.3 | 9.4 | 51.8 | 10.5 | 29.7 | 8.0 | 2,732 | r330 | 3,658 |
| Feb | 7,988 | 34.6 | 29.1 | 15.8 | 20.5 | 19.1 | 9.3 | 49.2 | 11.9 | 29.7 | 9.2 | ..... | p307 | ..... |

[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.

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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