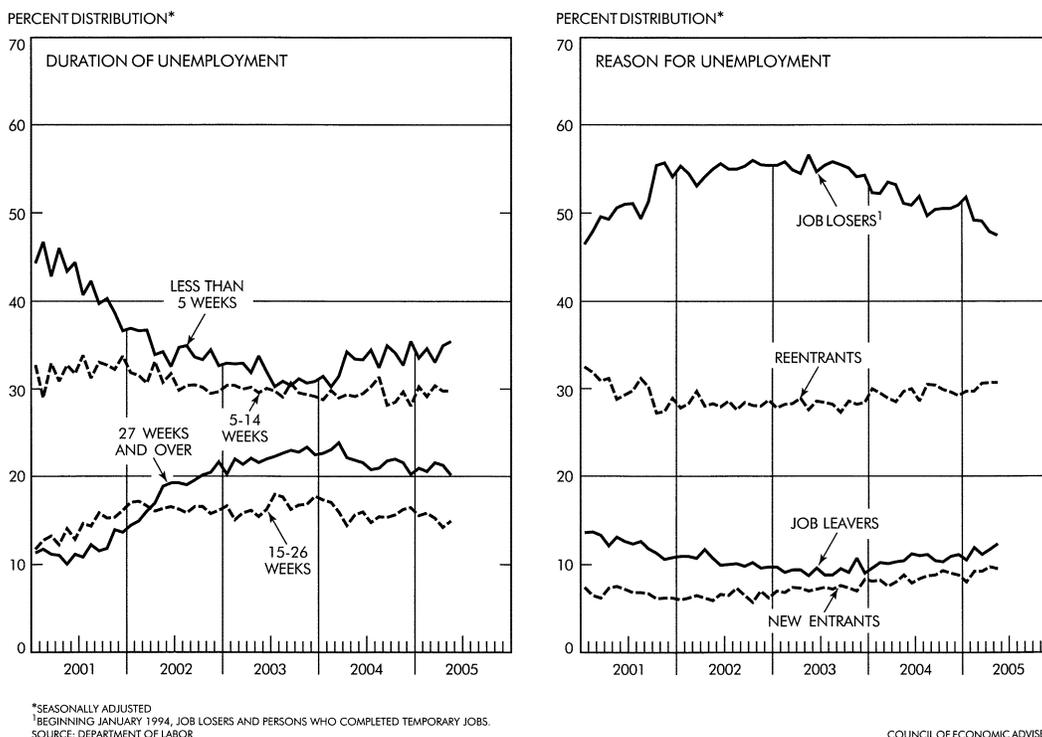


SELECTED MEASURES OF UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE PROGRAMS

In May, the percentages of the unemployed who had been out of work for less than 5 weeks and for 15–26 weeks rose; the percentage for 5–14 weeks was unchanged; and the percentage for 27 weeks and over fell. The mean duration of unemployment fell to 18.8 weeks and the median duration rose to 9.1 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														
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: May	8,172	33.4	29.1	15.6	21.8	19.8	9.9	51.1	10.4	29.7	8.8	2,938	344	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	2,924	343	2,860
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	2,875	339	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	2,846	343	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	2,797	339	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	2,756	336	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	2,738	332	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	2,723	329	3,654
Feb	7,988	34.6	29.1	15.8	20.5	19.1	9.3	49.2	11.9	29.7	9.2	2,674	309	3,258
Mar	7,656	33.0	30.3	15.2	21.5	19.5	9.3	49.1	11.1	30.6	9.2	2,652	327	2,954
Apr	7,663	34.9	29.7	14.2	21.2	19.6	8.9	47.9	11.7	30.7	9.7	2,593	333	2,659
May	7,647	35.4	29.7	14.9	20.1	18.8	9.1	47.5	12.3	30.7	9.5	335

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).