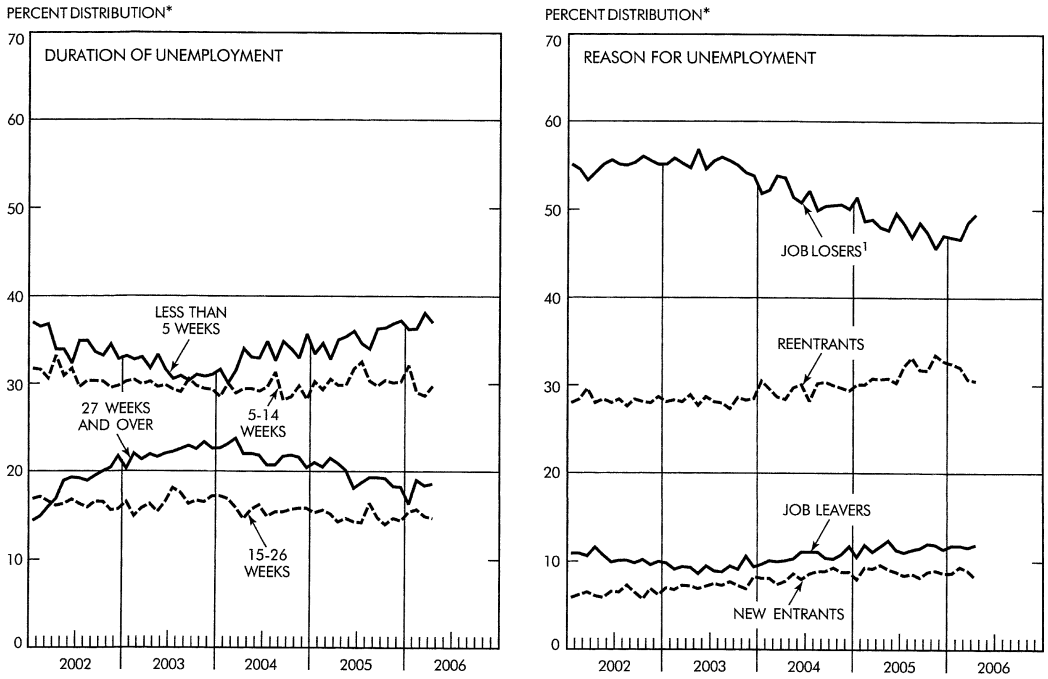
SELECTED MEASURES OF UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE PROGRAMS

In April, the percentages of the unemployed who had been out of work for less than 5 weeks and for 15–26 weeks fell; the percentages for 5–14 weeks and for 27 weeks and over rose. The mean duration of unemployment fell to 16.8 weeks and the median duration was unchanged at 8.5 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		
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
2005	7,591	35.1	30.4	14.9	19.6	18.4	8.9	48.3	11.5	31.4	8.8	2,662	328	2,707
2005: Apr	7,644	35.0	29.8	14.3	20.9	19.6	8.9	48.0	11.7	30.7	9.6	2,615	330	2,659
May	7,629	35.4	29.8	14.7	20.1	18.6	9.1	47.7	12.4	30.8	9.1	2,609	335	2,589
June	7,493	36.0	31.7	14.3	18.1	17.2	9.1	49.6	11.3	30.3	8.8	2,614	325	2,408
July	7,494	34.6	32.5	14.2	18.7	17.7	8.9	48.4	11.0	32.2	8.4	2,597	320	2,621
Aug	7,367	34.0	30.3	16.4	19.3	18.9	9.4	46.9	11.3	33.2	8.6	2,592	318	2,487
Sept	7,648	36.3	29.7	14.8	19.3	18.2	8.5	48.5	11.5	31.8	8.2	2,756	387	2,223
Oct	7,418	36.4	30.4	14.0	19.2	18.0	8.6	47.4	12.0	31.7	8.8	2,771	338	2,632
Nov	7,572	36.9	30.1	14.7	18.3	17.6	8.5	45.6	11.9	33.5	9.0	2,673	316	2,472
Dec	7,375	37.2	30.2	14.4	18.2	17.3	8.5	47.1	11.4	32.8	8.7	2,643	311	r2,602
2006: Jan	7,040	36.2	32.1	15.4	16.3	16.8	8.4	46.9	11.8	32.5	8.7	2,544	287	r3,381
Feb	7,193	36.3	29.0	15.7	19.0	17.6	8.9	46.7	11.8	32.1	9.4	2,494	303	r3,040
Mar	7,011	38.1	28.6	14.9	18.4	16.9	8.5	48.6	11.6	30.7	9.0	2,446	309	2,650
Apr	7,123	37.0	29.7	14.7	18.6	16.8	8.5	49.5	11.9	30.5	8.1	.....	p314	.....

[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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