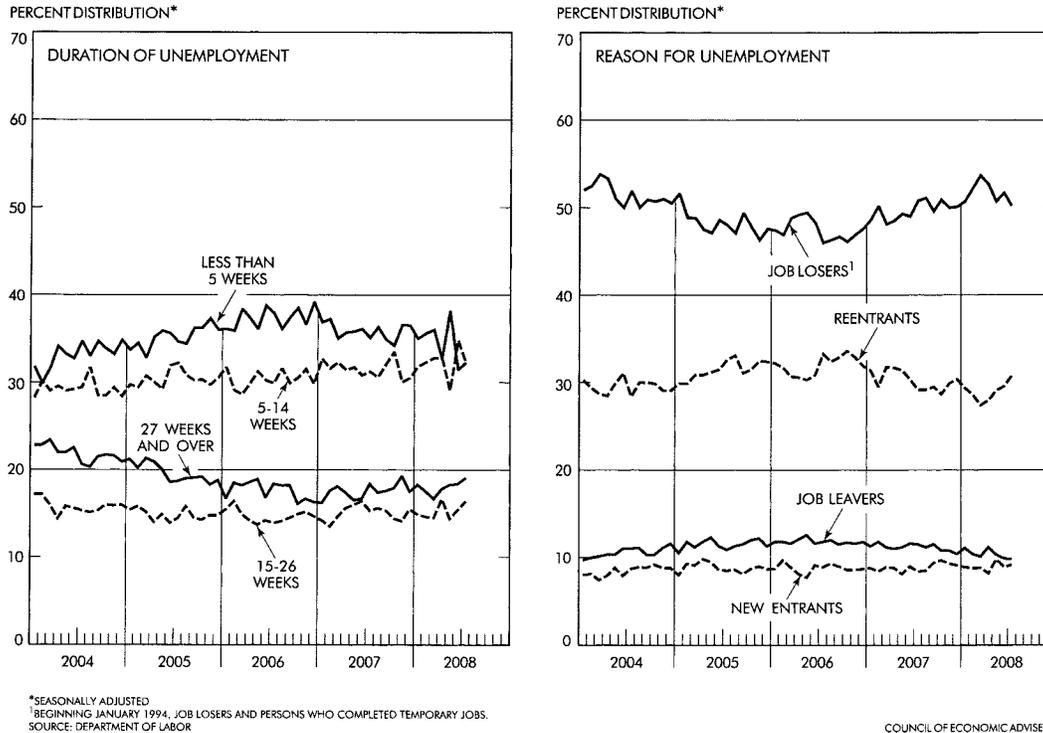


SELECTED MEASURES OF UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE PROGRAMS

In July, the percentage of the unemployed who had been out of work for less than 5 weeks, for 15–26 weeks and for 27 weeks and over rose; the percentages for over 5–14 weeks fell. The mean duration of unemployment fell to 17.1 weeks and the median duration fell to 9.7 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	
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	2,661	328	2,706	
2006	7,001	37.3	30.3	14.7	17.6	16.8	8.3	47.4	11.8	32.0	8.8	2,476	313	2,518	
2007	7,078	35.9	31.5	15.0	17.6	16.8	8.5	49.7	11.2	30.3	8.9	2,571	324	2,609	
2007: July	7,137	35.1	31.2	15.3	18.4	17.3	8.9	50.8	11.5	29.2	8.4	2,550	309	2,703	
Aug	7,133	36.3	30.6	15.6	17.4	16.9	8.6	51.1	11.2	29.2	8.5	2,579	324	2,629	
Sept	7,246	34.9	32.1	15.3	17.6	16.6	8.9	49.6	11.5	29.5	9.4	2,553	319	2,343	
Oct	7,291	34.2	33.5	14.4	17.9	17.0	8.7	50.9	10.8	28.7	9.7	2,573	329	2,256	
Nov	7,181	36.6	30.0	14.1	19.3	17.2	8.7	50.0	10.8	29.9	9.3	2,620	339	2,273	
Dec	7,655	36.5	30.5	15.5	17.5	16.6	8.4	50.1	10.4	30.4	9.1	2,696	344	3,071	
2008: Jan	7,576	35.0	31.8	14.9	18.3	17.5	8.8	50.7	11.1	29.4	8.9	2,718	337	3,270	
Feb	7,381	35.6	32.3	14.6	17.5	16.8	8.4	52.2	10.4	28.6	8.8	2,776	346	3,256	
Mar	7,815	36.0	32.8	14.5	16.7	16.2	8.1	53.7	10.1	27.4	8.8	2,910	374	3,553	
Apr	7,626	32.7	32.8	16.7	17.8	16.9	9.3	52.7	11.2	28.0	8.2	3,012	365	3,037	
May	8,487	38.2	29.1	14.4	18.3	16.6	8.3	50.7	10.3	29.1	9.8	3,096	369	2,673	
June	8,499	31.4	34.8	15.4	18.4	17.5	10.0	51.7	9.9	29.6	8.9	3,126	389	
July	8,784	32.3	32.2	16.4	19.1	17.1	9.7	50.2	9.8	30.8	9.2	395	

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).