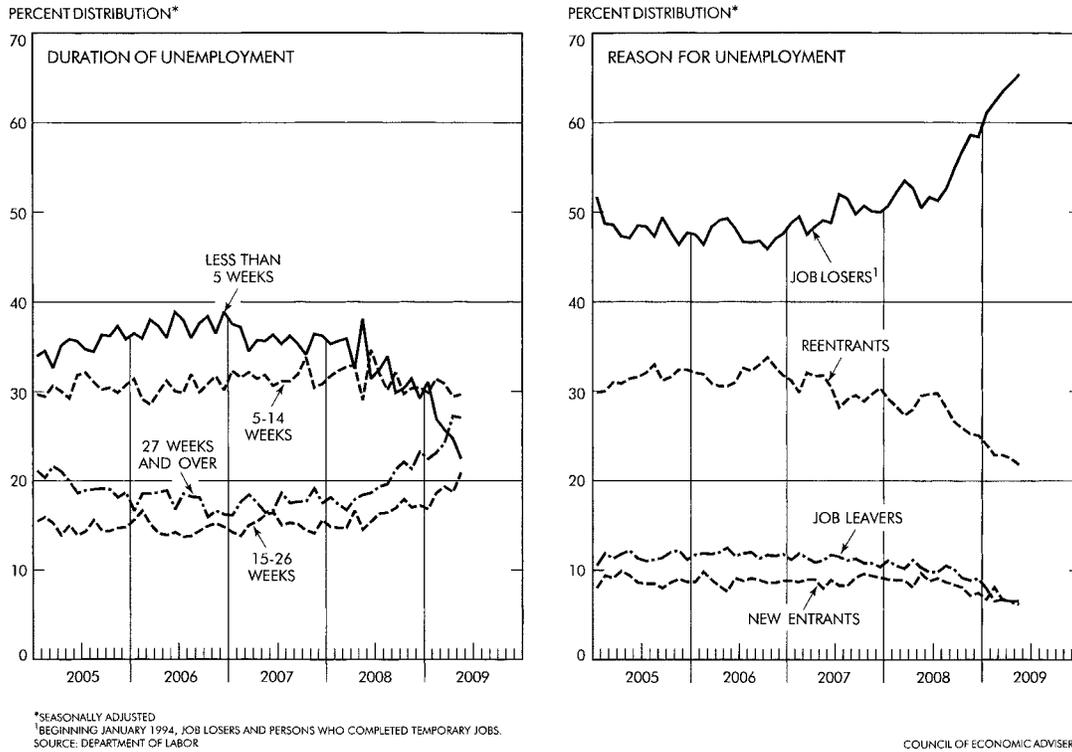


SELECTED MEASURES OF UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE PROGRAMS

In May, the percentages of the unemployed who had been out of work for less than 5 weeks and for 27 weeks and over fell; the percentages for 5–14 weeks and for 15–26 weeks rose. The mean duration of unemployment rose to 22.5 weeks and the median duration rose to 14.9 weeks.



[Monthly data seasonally adjusted, except as noted]

Period	Un-employment (thousands)	Duration of unemployment				Reason for unemployment: percent distribution		Reason for unemployment: percent distribution				State programs		Insured unemployment, all regular programs (unadjusted) ²
		Percent distribution				Number of weeks		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	Average (mean)	Median							
Weekly average, thousands														
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	2,572	324	2,610
2008	8,924	32.8	31.4	16.0	19.7	17.9	9.4	53.7	10.0	27.7	8.6	3,306	424	3,343
2008: May	8,536	38.1	29.0	14.5	18.4	16.8	8.3	50.5	10.3	29.5	9.7	3,095	374	2,667
June	8,662	31.4	34.6	15.4	18.6	17.6	10.1	51.7	9.8	29.7	8.8	3,155	392	3,108
July	8,910	32.4	32.0	16.3	19.3	17.3	9.8	51.3	9.8	29.8	9.1	3,276	412	3,006
Aug	9,550	33.9	30.1	16.4	19.6	17.6	9.3	52.6	10.5	28.2	8.7	3,460	441	3,179
Sept	9,592	29.8	32.1	16.9	21.2	18.7	10.3	54.9	10.1	26.6	8.4	3,620	471	3,164
Oct	10,221	30.3	29.7	17.9	22.1	19.8	10.6	56.8	9.2	25.9	8.1	3,821	480	2,980
Nov	10,476	31.4	30.3	17.0	21.3	18.9	10.0	58.6	8.9	25.3	7.2	4,125	520	3,819
Dec	11,108	29.2	30.4	17.2	23.2	19.7	10.6	58.4	9.1	25.1	7.5	4,430	537	4,778
2009: Jan	11,616	31.0	29.8	16.8	22.4	19.8	10.3	61.1	8.0	24.1	6.8	4,670	573	5,378
Feb	12,467	26.9	31.4	18.6	23.1	19.8	11.0	62.3	6.6	22.9	8.1	5,085	637	6,097
Mar	13,161	25.7	30.8	19.3	24.2	20.1	11.2	63.5	6.8	22.9	6.7	5,686	658	6,925
Apr	13,724	24.7	29.4	18.7	27.2	21.4	12.5	64.4	6.5	22.5	6.6	6,297	630	6,046
May	14,511	22.4	29.6	20.9	27.0	22.5	14.9	65.4	6.2	21.8	6.6	# 630

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).