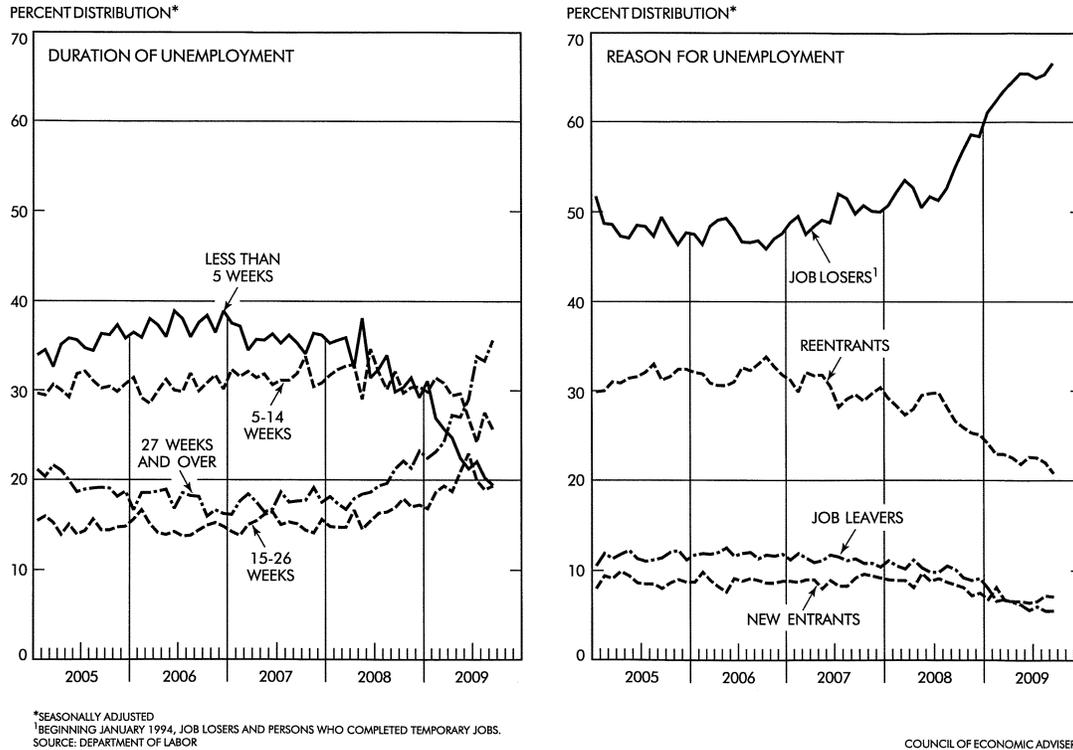


# SELECTED MEASURES OF UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE PROGRAMS

In September, the percentages of the unemployed who had been out of work for less than 5 weeks and for 5–14 weeks fell; the percentages for 15–26 weeks and for 27 weeks and over rose. The mean duration of unemployment rose to 26.2 weeks and the median duration rose to 17.3 weeks.



[Monthly data seasonally adjusted, except as noted]

| Period                    | Un-employment (thousands) | Duration of unemployment |            |             |                   | Reason for unemployment: percent distribution |        |                         |             | State programs |              | Insured unemployment, all regular programs (unadjusted) <sup>2</sup> |                      |                |
|---------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|------------|-------------|-------------------|---|--------|-------------------------|-------------|----------------|--------------|--|----------------------|----------------|
|                           |                           | Percent distribution     |            |             |                   | Number of weeks                               |        | Job losers <sup>1</sup> | 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: 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                  | 5,375          |
| 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                  | 6,098          |
| 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                  | 6,076          |
| May                       | 14,511                    | 22.4                     | 29.6       | 20.9        | 27.0              | 22.5  | 14.9   | 65.4                    | 6.2         | 21.8           | 6.6          | 6,747  | 631                  | 6,233          |
| June                      | 14,729                    | 21.2                     | 26.9       | 22.9        | 29.0              | 24.5  | 17.9   | 65.4                    | 5.6         | 22.6           | 6.4          | 6,732  | 612                  | 6,253          |
| July                      | 14,462                    | 22.0                     | 24.2       | 19.9        | 33.8              | 25.1  | 15.7   | 64.9                    | 6.0         | 22.5           | 6.6          | 6,274  | 558                  | 5,647          |
| Aug                       | 14,928                    | 20.2                     | 27.5       | 18.9        | 33.3              | 24.9  | 15.4   | 65.3                    | 5.5         | 22.0           | 7.2          | 6,190  | 572                  | 6,203          |
| Sept                      | 15,142                    | 19.4                     | 25.6       | 19.3        | 35.6              | 26.2  | 17.3   | 66.6                    | 5.5         | 20.8           | 7.1          | 5,448  | 548                  | 6,203          |

<sup>1</sup> Beginning January 1994, job losers and persons who completed temporary jobs.

<sup>2</sup> 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).