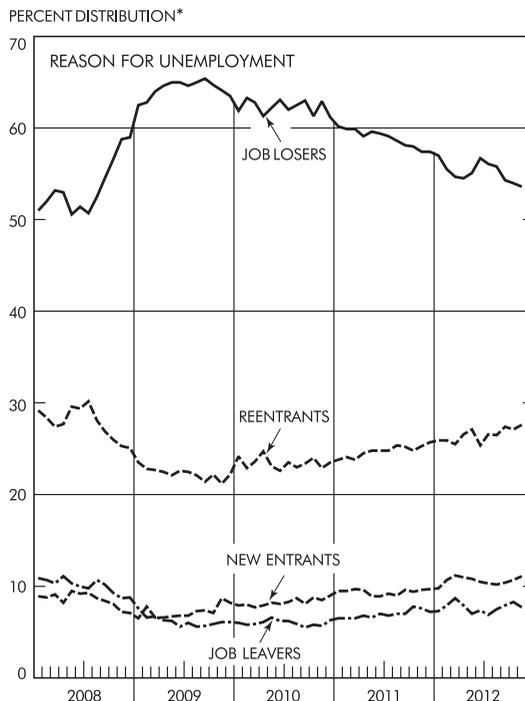
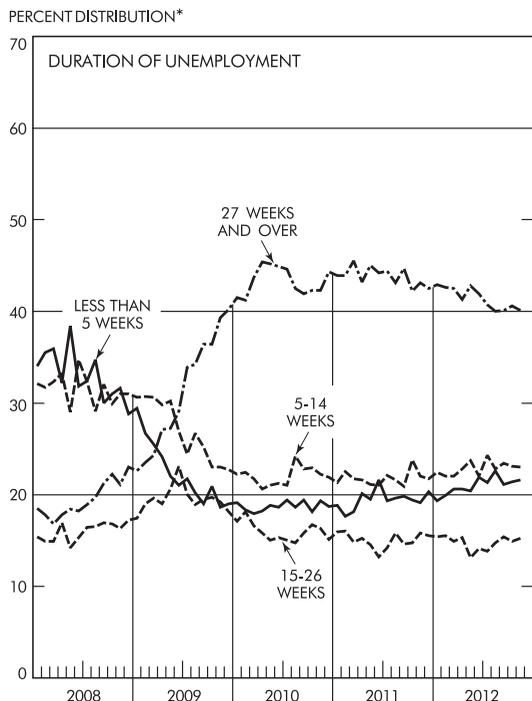


# Selected Measures of Unemployment and Unemployment Insurance Programs

In November, the percentages of the unemployed who had been out of work for less than 5 weeks and 15 to 26 weeks rose, while the percentages for 5 to 14 weeks and 27 weeks and over fell. The mean duration of unemployment fell to 40.0 weeks and the median duration fell to 19.0 weeks.



\*SEASONALLY ADJUSTED  
SOURCE: DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

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[Monthly data seasonally adjusted, except as noted by NSA]

Period	Unemployment (thousands)	Duration of unemployment						Reason for unemployment: percent distribution				State programs				
		Percent distribution				Number of weeks		Job losers	Job leavers	Reentrants	New entrants	Insured unemployment (NSA)	Initial claims (NSA)	Insured unemployment, all programs (NSA) <sup>2</sup>		
		Less than 5 weeks	5-14 weeks	15-26 weeks	27 weeks and over	Average (mean) <sup>1</sup>	Median									
														Weekly average, thousands		
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	4,453		
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	4,400		
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	3,103		
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	2,709		
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	2,521		
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	2,612		
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	3,898		
2009	14,265	22.2	26.8	19.5	31.5	24.4	15.1	64.2	6.2	22.3	7.3	5,724	568	9,122		
2010	14,825	18.7	22.0	16.0	43.3	33.0	21.4	62.4	6.0	23.4	8.2	4,487	454	9,723		
2011	13,747	19.5	21.8	15.0	43.8	39.3	21.4	59.0	7.0	24.7	9.3	3,681	406	7,626		
2011: Nov	13,323	19.1	22.0	15.8	43.1	40.9	21.5	57.4	7.6	25.3	9.6	3,533	459	7,332		
2011: Dec	13,097	20.3	21.7	15.5	42.5	40.8	21.0	57.4	7.2	25.7	9.7	3,688	517	7,330		
2012: Jan	12,758	19.3	22.4	15.4	42.9	40.1	21.1	57.0	7.3	25.9	9.8	4,781	548	9,048		
2012: Feb	12,806	19.9	22.0	15.5	42.6	40.0	20.3	55.5	7.9	25.9	10.7	4,045	375	7,567		
2012: Mar	12,673	20.6	22.0	14.9	42.5	39.4	19.9	54.7	8.7	25.5	11.2	3,783	354	7,174		
2012: Apr	12,500	20.6	22.8	15.3	41.3	39.1	19.4	54.5	7.9	26.6	11.0	3,832	387	7,454		
2012: May	12,720	20.4	23.7	13.1	42.8	39.7	20.1	55.1	7.0	27.1	10.8	3,282	374	6,403		
2012: June	12,749	21.9	22.0	14.1	41.9	39.9	19.8	56.7	7.4	25.4	10.5	3,097	388	5,844		
2012: July	12,794	21.3	24.3	13.8	40.7	38.8	16.7	56.1	6.9	26.6	10.3	3,814	422	6,835		
2012: Aug	12,544	22.6	22.8	14.7	40.0	39.2	18.0	55.8	7.5	26.5	10.2	3,252	356	5,681		
2012: Sept	12,088	21.1	23.4	15.4	40.1	39.8	18.5	54.3	7.9	27.4	10.4	3,014	311	5,377		
2012: Oct	12,258	21.4	23.1	14.9	40.6	40.2	19.6	54.0	8.3	27.1	10.7	3,084	382	5,503		
2012: Nov	12,029	21.6	23.0	15.2	40.1	40.0	19.0	53.6	7.7	27.6	11.1					

<sup>1</sup> Beginning January 2011, includes unemployment durations of up to 5 years; prior data are for up to 2 years.

<sup>2</sup> Includes State (50 States, District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands), Federal (UCFE), ex-service members (UCX), and Federal and State extended benefit programs. Also includes Temporary Extended Unemployment Compensation (2002-2004), Emergency Unemployment Compensation (2008-2012), and Federal Additional Compensation (2009-2010).

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).