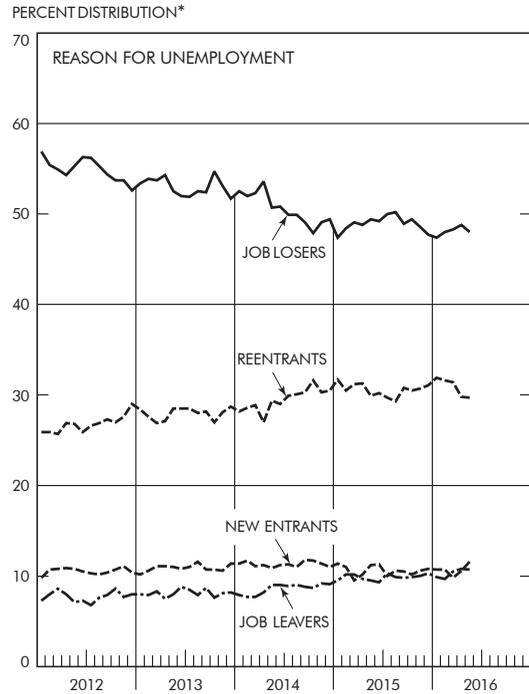
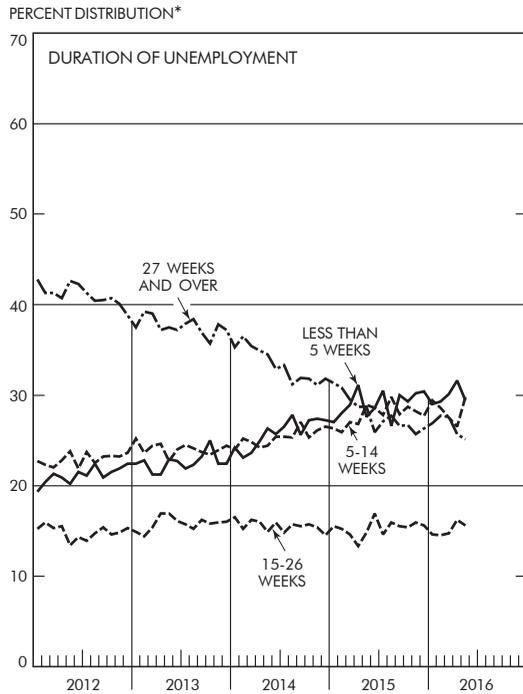


# Selected Measures of Unemployment and Unemployment Insurance Programs

In May, the percentages of the unemployed who had been out of work for less than 5 weeks, 15 to 26 weeks, and 27 weeks and over fell, while the percentage for 5 to 14 weeks rose. The mean duration of unemployment fell to 26.7 weeks and the median duration fell to 10.7 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             |                      | Insured unemployment, all programs (NSA) <sup>2</sup> |  |  |
|-----------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|------------|-------------|-------------------|-----------------------------|--------|---|-------------|------------|--------------|----------------------------|----------------------|---|--|--|
|                 |                          | Percent distribution     |            |             |                   | Number of weeks             |        | Job losers                                    | Job leavers | Reentrants | New entrants | Insured unemployment (NSA) | Initial claims (NSA) |   |  |  |
|                 |                          | Less than 5 weeks        | 5-14 weeks | 15-26 weeks | 27 weeks and over | Average (mean) <sup>1</sup> | Median |   |             |            |              |                            |                      |   |  |  |
|                 |                          |                          |            |             |                   |                             |        |   |             |            |              |                            |                      | Weekly average, thousands                             |  |  |
| 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                  | 3,899   |  |  |
| 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                  | 9,123   |  |  |
| 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                  | 9,732   |  |  |
| 2011 .....      | 13,747                   | 19.5                     | 21.8       | 15.0        | 43.8              | 39.3                        | 21.4   | 59.0  | 7.0         | 24.7       | 9.3          | 3,679                      | 406                  | 7,630   |  |  |
| 2012 .....      | 12,506                   | 21.1                     | 22.9       | 14.9        | 41.1              | 39.4                        | 19.3   | 55.0  | 7.7         | 26.7       | 10.5         | 3,297                      | 374                  | 6,048   |  |  |
| 2013 .....      | 11,460                   | 22.5                     | 24.1       | 15.8        | 37.6              | 36.5                        | 17.0   | 53.0  | 8.1         | 28.0       | 10.9         | 2,947                      | 342                  | 4,605   |  |  |
| 2014 .....      | 9,617                    | 25.7                     | 25.3       | 15.6        | 33.5              | 33.7                        | 14.0   | 50.7  | 8.6         | 29.4       | 11.3         | 2,574                      | 305                  | 2,657   |  |  |
| 2015 .....      | 8,296                    | 28.9                     | 27.7       | 15.3        | 28.1              | 29.2                        | 11.6   | 49.0  | 9.9         | 30.6       | 10.6         | 2,238                      | 275                  | 2,273   |  |  |
| 2015: May ..... | 8,619                    | 27.6                     | 28.9       | 14.8        | 28.7              | 30.5                        | 11.6   | 49.4  | 9.5         | 29.9       | 11.2         | 2,224                      | 254                  | 2,260   |  |  |
| June .....      | 8,262                    | 28.6                     | 28.6       | 16.9        | 25.9              | 28.1                        | 11.4   | 49.2  | 9.3         | 30.2       | 11.3         | 2,311                      | 300                  | 2,346   |  |  |
| July .....      | 8,249                    | 30.5                     | 27.8       | 14.6        | 27.1              | 28.3                        | 11.4   | 50.0  | 10.3        | 29.7       | 10.0         | 2,324                      | 298                  | 2,359   |  |  |
| Aug .....       | 8,018                    | 26.6                     | 29.8       | 15.9        | 27.7              | 28.3                        | 12.1   | 50.2  | 9.9         | 29.3       | 10.6         | 2,462                      | 246                  | 2,500   |  |  |
| Sept .....      | 7,925                    | 30.0                     | 27.9       | 15.5        | 26.6              | 26.3                        | 11.3   | 48.9  | 9.8         | 30.8       | 10.5         | 2,002                      | 233                  | 2,036   |  |  |
| Oct .....       | 7,899                    | 29.3                     | 28.7       | 15.4        | 26.7              | 28.0                        | 11.1   | 49.4  | 9.9         | 30.5       | 10.2         | 1,870                      | 266                  | 1,906   |  |  |
| Nov .....       | 7,924                    | 30.2                     | 28.2       | 15.9        | 25.7              | 27.9                        | 10.7   | 48.6  | 10.0        | 30.7       | 10.6         | 2,263                      | 307                  | 2,303   |  |  |
| Dec .....       | 7,904                    | 30.4                     | 27.7       | 15.6        | 26.3              | 27.6                        | 10.5   | 47.7  | 10.3        | 31.1       | 10.8         | 2,441                      | 403                  | 2,478   |  |  |
| 2016: Jan ..... | 7,791                    | 29.0                     | 29.4       | 14.6        | 26.9              | 28.9                        | 10.9   | 47.4  | 9.9         | 31.9       | 10.7         | 2,916                      | 378                  | 2,953   |  |  |
| Feb .....       | 7,815                    | 29.3                     | 28.6       | 14.5        | 27.7              | 29.0                        | 11.2   | 48.0  | 9.7         | 31.6       | 10.7         | 2,803                      | 277                  | 2,838   |  |  |
| Mar .....       | 7,966                    | 30.1                     | 27.5       | 14.7        | 27.6              | 28.4                        | 11.4   | 48.3  | 10.5        | 31.4       | 9.8          | 2,594                      | 267                  | 2,626   |  |  |
| Apr .....       | 7,920                    | 31.6                     | 26.5       | 16.2        | 25.7              | 27.7                        | 11.4   | 48.8  | 10.8        | 29.8       | 10.6         | 2,189                      | 259                  | 2,217   |  |  |
| May .....       | 7,436                    | 29.4                     | 29.8       | 15.6        | 25.1              | 26.7                        | 10.7   | 48.0  | 10.7        | 29.7       | 11.6         |                            |                      |   |  |  |

<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 Emergency Unemployment Compensation (2008-2013) 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).