

TABLE B-44.—Unemployment by duration and reason, 1950–97  
 [Thousands of persons, except as noted; monthly data seasonally adjusted<sup>1</sup>]

Year or month	Unemployment	Duration of unemployment						Reason for unemployment					
		Less than 5 weeks	5–14 weeks	15–26 weeks	27 weeks and over	Average (mean) duration (weeks)	Median duration (weeks)	Job losers <sup>3</sup>			Job leavers	Reentrants	New entrants
								Total	On layoff	Other			
1950	3,288	1,450	1,055	425	357	12.1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
1951	2,055	1,177	574	166	137	9.7	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
1952	1,883	1,135	516	148	84	8.4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
1953	1,834	1,142	482	132	78	8.0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
1954	3,532	1,605	1,116	495	317	11.8	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
1955	2,852	1,335	815	366	336	13.0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
1956	2,750	1,412	805	301	232	11.3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
1957	2,859	1,408	891	321	239	10.5	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
1958	4,602	1,753	1,396	785	667	13.9	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
1959	3,740	1,585	1,114	469	571	14.4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
1960	3,852	1,719	1,176	503	454	12.8	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
1961	4,714	1,806	1,376	728	804	15.6	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
1962	3,911	1,663	1,134	534	585	14.7	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
1963	4,070	1,751	1,231	535	553	14.0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
1964	3,786	1,697	1,117	491	482	13.3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
1965	3,366	1,628	983	404	351	11.8	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
1966	2,875	1,573	779	287	239	10.4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
1967 <sup>2</sup>	2,975	1,634	893	271	177	8.7	2.3	1,229	394	836	438	945	396
1968	2,817	1,594	810	256	156	8.4	4.5	1,070	334	736	431	909	407
1969	2,832	1,629	827	242	133	7.8	4.4	1,017	339	678	436	965	413
1970	4,093	2,139	1,290	428	235	8.6	4.9	1,811	675	1,137	550	1,228	504
1971	5,016	2,245	1,585	668	519	11.3	6.3	2,323	735	1,588	590	1,472	630
1972	4,882	2,242	1,472	601	566	12.0	6.2	2,108	582	1,526	641	1,456	677
1973	4,365	2,224	1,314	483	343	10.0	5.2	1,694	472	1,221	683	1,340	649
1974	5,156	2,604	1,597	574	381	9.8	5.2	2,242	746	1,495	768	1,463	681
1975	7,929	2,940	2,484	1,303	1,203	14.2	8.4	4,386	1,671	2,714	827	1,892	823
1976	7,406	2,844	2,196	1,018	1,348	15.8	8.2	3,679	1,050	2,628	903	1,928	895
1977	6,991	2,919	2,132	913	1,028	14.3	7.0	3,166	865	2,300	909	1,963	953
1978	6,202	2,865	1,923	766	648	11.9	5.9	2,585	712	1,873	874	1,857	885
1979	6,137	2,950	1,946	706	535	10.8	5.4	2,635	851	1,784	880	1,806	817
1980	7,637	3,295	2,470	1,052	820	11.9	6.5	3,947	1,488	2,459	891	1,927	872
1981	8,273	3,449	2,539	1,122	1,162	13.7	6.9	4,267	1,430	2,837	923	2,102	981
1982	10,678	3,883	3,311	1,708	1,776	15.6	8.7	6,268	2,127	4,141	840	2,384	1,185
1983	10,717	3,570	2,937	1,652	2,559	20.0	10.1	6,258	1,780	4,478	830	2,412	1,216
1984	8,539	3,350	2,451	1,104	1,634	18.2	7.9	4,421	1,171	3,250	823	2,184	1,110
1985	8,312	3,498	2,509	1,025	1,280	15.6	6.8	4,139	1,157	2,982	877	2,256	1,039
1986	8,237	3,448	2,557	1,045	1,187	15.0	6.9	4,033	1,090	2,943	1,015	2,160	1,029
1987	7,425	3,246	2,196	943	1,040	14.5	6.5	3,566	943	2,623	965	1,974	920
1988	6,701	3,084	2,007	801	809	13.5	5.9	3,092	851	2,241	983	1,809	816
1989	6,528	3,174	1,978	730	646	11.9	4.8	2,983	850	2,133	1,024	1,843	677
1990	7,047	3,265	2,257	822	703	12.0	5.3	3,387	1,028	2,359	1,041	1,930	688
1991	8,628	3,480	2,791	1,246	1,111	13.7	6.8	4,694	1,292	3,402	1,004	2,139	792
1992	9,613	3,376	2,830	1,453	1,954	17.7	8.7	5,389	1,260	4,129	1,002	2,285	937
1993	8,940	3,262	2,584	1,297	1,798	18.0	8.3	4,848	1,115	3,733	976	2,198	919
1994	7,996	2,728	2,408	1,237	1,623	18.8	9.2	3,815	977	2,838	791	2,786	604
1995	7,404	2,700	2,342	1,085	1,278	16.6	8.3	3,476	1,030	2,446	824	2,525	579
1996	7,236	2,633	2,287	1,053	1,262	16.7	8.3	3,370	1,021	2,349	774	2,512	580
1997	6,739	2,538	2,138	995	1,067	15.8	8.0	3,037	931	2,106	795	2,338	569
1996: Jan	7,522	2,673	2,397	1,133	1,233	16.1	8.3	3,539	1,108	2,431	817	2,477	619
Feb	7,345	2,731	2,259	1,107	1,212	16.5	7.9	3,532	1,043	2,489	759	2,470	586
Mar	7,355	2,606	2,264	1,103	1,318	17.2	8.3	3,474	1,008	2,466	792	2,506	569
Apr	7,348	2,538	2,351	1,073	1,312	17.4	8.5	3,601	1,078	2,523	739	2,492	558
May	7,359	2,778	2,350	1,027	1,336	17.0	8.5	3,459	1,112	2,347	690	2,747	545
June	7,095	2,542	2,177	1,033	1,323	17.4	8.2	3,357	1,002	2,355	699	2,409	568
July	7,347	2,711	2,342	974	1,326	16.8	8.2	3,386	993	2,393	751	2,546	609
Aug	6,916	2,516	2,190	1,020	1,262	17.1	8.5	3,079	953	2,126	762	2,495	562
Sept	7,003	2,535	2,227	1,039	1,223	16.8	8.4	3,226	1,002	2,224	785	2,444	559
Oct	7,079	2,473	2,292	1,085	1,216	16.5	8.4	3,186	936	2,250	802	2,491	581
Nov	7,231	2,879	2,224	1,025	1,170	16.1	7.8	3,333	999	2,334	829	2,518	587
Dec	7,161	2,622	2,382	989	1,189	15.8	7.9	3,174	960	2,214	849	2,567	627
1997: Jan	7,188	2,678	2,251	964	1,186	15.9	7.9	3,191	953	2,238	861	2,499	596
Feb	7,174	2,580	2,341	1,031	1,127	15.9	8.2	3,147	949	2,198	804	2,608	623
Mar	7,080	2,618	2,325	1,003	1,076	15.4	7.9	3,148	993	2,155	797	2,497	617
Apr	6,768	2,471	2,177	1,033	1,055	15.4	8.1	3,038	958	2,080	776	2,422	569
May	6,566	2,542	2,067	1,054	1,022	15.3	7.8	2,961	909	2,052	808	2,338	573
June	6,814	2,541	2,188	1,031	1,038	15.3	7.9	3,094	928	2,166	827	2,333	510
July	6,633	2,446	2,097	1,061	1,067	16.5	8.2	2,954	894	2,060	812	2,263	564
Aug	6,657	2,564	2,121	950	1,077	15.8	7.9	3,010	891	2,119	894	2,173	554
Sept	6,678	2,484	2,115	1,031	1,078	15.9	8.1	3,007	893	2,114	853	2,263	560
Oct	6,496	2,558	1,912	919	1,071	16.3	7.7	2,934	963	1,971	732	2,247	555
Nov	6,289	2,423	2,048	899	966	15.6	7.8	2,886	815	2,071	655	2,229	560
Dec	6,392	2,531	1,922	936	1,028	16.3	7.7	2,991	961	2,030	692	2,170	552

<sup>1</sup> Because of independent seasonal adjustment of the various series, detail will not add to totals.

<sup>2</sup> Data for 1967 by reason for unemployment are not equal to total unemployment.

<sup>3</sup> Beginning January 1994, job losers and persons who completed temporary jobs.

Note.—Data relate to persons 16 years of age and over.

See footnote 5 and Note, Table B-35.

Source: Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.