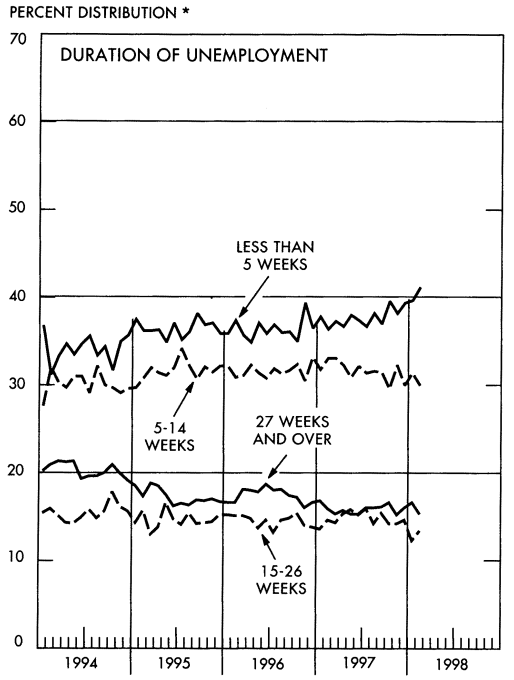
SELECTED MEASURES OF UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE PROGRAMS

In February, the percentages of the unemployed who had been out of work for less than 5 weeks and for 15–26 weeks rose; the percentages for 5–14 weeks and for 27 weeks and over fell. The mean duration of unemployment was unchanged at 15.6 weeks and the median duration fell to 7.2 weeks.





* SEASONALLY ADJUSTED
1/ BEGINNING JANUARY 1994, JOB LOSERS AND PERSONS WHO COMPLETED TEMPORARY JOBS.
SOURCE: DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

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[Monthly data seasonally adjusted, except as noted]

Period	Unemployment (thousands)	Duration of unemployment: Percent distribution: Less than 5 weeks	5–14 weeks	15–26 weeks	27 weeks and over	Duration of unemployment: Number of weeks: Average (mean)	Median	Reason for unemployment: percent distribution: Job losers [1]	Job leavers	Reentrants	New entrants	State programs: Insured unemployment	Initial claims	Insured unemployment, all regular programs (unadjusted) [2]
												Weekly average, thousands		
1988	6,701	46.0	30.0	12.0	12.1	13.5	5.9	46.1	14.7	27.0	12.2	2,081	310	2,135
1989	6,528	48.6	30.3	11.2	9.9	11.9	4.8	45.7	15.7	28.2	10.4	2,158	330	2,205
1990	7,047	46.3	32.0	11.7	10.0	12.0	5.3	48.1	14.8	27.4	9.8	2,522	388	2,575
1991	8,628	40.3	32.4	14.4	12.9	13.7	6.8	54.4	11.6	24.8	9.2	3,342	447	3,406
1992	9,613	35.1	29.4	15.1	20.3	17.7	8.7	56.1	10.4	23.8	9.7	3,245	408	3,348
1993	8,940	36.5	28.9	14.5	20.1	18.0	8.3	54.2	10.9	24.6	10.3	2,751	341	2,845
1994 [3]	7,996	34.1	30.1	15.5	20.3	18.8	9.2	47.7	9.9	34.8	7.6	2,670	340	2,739
1995	7,404	36.5	31.6	14.6	17.3	16.6	8.3	46.9	11.1	34.1	7.8	2,572	357	2,633
1996	7,236	36.4	31.6	14.6	17.4	16.7	8.3	46.6	10.7	34.7	8.0	2,595	356	2,650
1997	6,739	37.7	31.7	14.8	15.8	15.8	8.0	45.1	11.8	34.7	8.4	2,321	324	2,365
1997: Feb	7,174	36.4	33.1	14.6	15.9	15.9	8.2	43.8	11.2	36.3	8.7	2,375	311	3,031
Mar	7,080	37.3	33.1	14.3	15.3	15.4	7.9	44.6	11.3	35.4	8.7	r2,297	312	2,929
Apr	6,768	36.7	32.3	15.3	15.7	15.4	8.1	44.6	11.4	35.6	8.4	r2,276	r332	2,502
May	6,566	38.0	30.9	15.8	15.3	15.3	7.8	44.3	12.1	35.0	8.6	r2,262	r325	2,069
June	6,814	37.4	32.2	15.2	15.3	15.3	7.9	45.7	12.2	34.5	7.5	r2,305	r339	2,214
July	6,633	36.7	31.4	15.9	16.0	16.5	8.2	44.8	12.3	34.3	8.6	r2,302	r318	2,235
Aug	6,657	38.2	31.6	14.2	16.0	15.8	7.9	45.4	13.5	32.8	8.4	r2,300	325	2,114
Sept	6,678	37.0	31.5	15.4	16.1	15.9	8.1	45.0	12.8	33.9	8.4	r2,231	r310	1,977
Oct	6,496	39.6	29.6	14.2	16.6	16.3	7.7	45.4	11.3	34.7	8.6	r2,230	r310	1,753
Nov	6,289	38.2	32.3	14.2	15.2	15.6	7.8	45.6	10.3	35.2	8.8	r2,247	r319	2,015
Dec	6,392	39.4	30.0	14.6	16.0	16.3	7.7	46.7	10.8	33.9	8.6	r2,283	r315	2,435
1998: Jan	6,409	39.7	31.4	12.3	16.6	15.6	7.4	44.1	12.7	35.0	8.1	r2,251	r318	r2,758
Feb	6,393	41.2	30.0	13.4	15.3	15.6	7.2	43.7	12.3	35.5	8.5	2,187	309	2,777

[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). Railroad (RR) programs included through 1993. Also includes Federal and State extended benefit programs. Does not include Federal supplemental compensation or Emergency Unemployment Compensation programs.

[3] Data beginning January 1994 are not directly comparable with data for earlier periods.

NOTE.—Data relate to persons age 16 years and over (except for insured unemployment and initial claims).

Seasonally adjusted State insured and initial claims data revised beginning 1985.

Source: Department of Labor (Bureau of Labor Statistics and Employment and Training Administration).

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