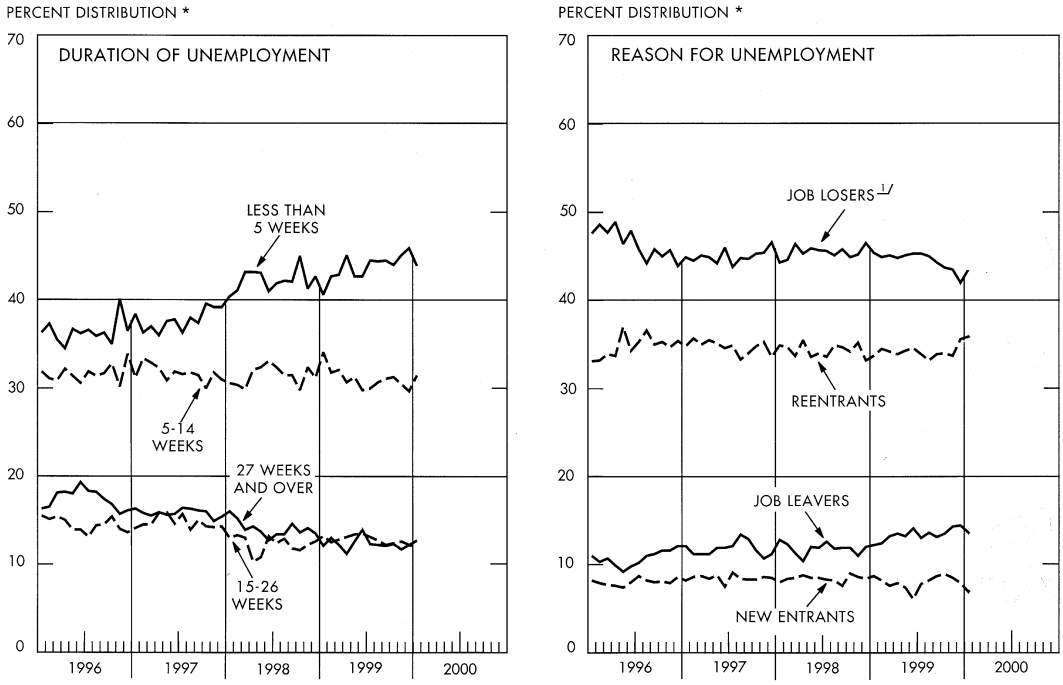
# SELECTED MEASURES OF UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE PROGRAMS

**In January, the percentages of the unemployed who had been out of work for less than 5 weeks and for 15 to 26 weeks fell; the percentages for 5–14 weeks and for 27 weeks and over rose. The mean duration of unemployment rose to 13.2 weeks and the median duration fell to 5.7 weeks. (Series revised.)**




* 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] |
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| | | | | | | | | | | | | Weekly average, thousands | | |
| 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 | 2,323 | 323 | 2,366 |
| 1998 | 6,210 | 42.2 | 31.4 | 12.3 | 14.1 | 14.5 | 6.7 | 45.5 | 11.8 | 34.3 | 8.4 | r2,222 | r321 | r2,257 |
| 1999 | 5,880 | 43.7 | 31.2 | 12.8 | 12.3 | 13.4 | 6.4 | 44.6 | 13.3 | 34.1 | 8.0 | 2,187 | 298 | 2,218 |
| 1999: Jan r | 6,007 | 40.6 | 34.1 | 13.2 | 12.1 | 13.5 | 6.8 | 45.4 | 12.2 | 33.7 | 8.7 | 2,270 | 319 | 2,861 |
| Feb r | 6,108 | 42.7 | 31.8 | 12.5 | 13.0 | 13.8 | 6.9 | 44.9 | 12.4 | 34.5 | 8.2 | 2,228 | 291 | 2,767 |
| Mar r | 5,828 | 42.9 | 32.1 | 12.8 | 12.2 | 13.6 | 6.8 | 45.1 | 13.2 | 34.2 | 7.6 | 2,177 | 295 | 2,727 |
| Apr r | 6,032 | 45.1 | 30.7 | 13.1 | 11.2 | 13.2 | 6.1 | 44.8 | 13.5 | 33.9 | 7.9 | 2,182 | 308 | 2,213 |
| May r | 5,823 | 42.7 | 31.3 | 13.4 | 12.6 | 13.4 | 6.6 | 45.1 | 13.2 | 34.3 | 7.4 | 2,185 | 306 | 2,102 |
| June r | 5,934 | 42.7 | 29.8 | 13.5 | 13.9 | 14.3 | 6.3 | 45.3 | 14.1 | 34.6 | 6.1 | 2,213 | 305 | 2,127 |
| July r | 5,937 | 44.5 | 30.0 | 13.1 | 12.3 | 13.5 | 5.8 | 45.3 | 13.0 | 33.9 | 7.8 | 2,224 | 296 | 2,061 |
| Aug r | 5,842 | 44.4 | 30.7 | 12.7 | 12.2 | 13.2 | 6.4 | 45.0 | 13.6 | 33.2 | 8.2 | 2,202 | 287 | 2,173 |
| Sept r | 5,825 | 44.5 | 31.1 | 12.2 | 12.1 | 13.0 | 5.9 | 44.3 | 13.1 | 33.9 | 8.7 | 2,180 | 293 | 1,780 |
| Oct r | 5,757 | 44.0 | 31.3 | 12.4 | 12.3 | 13.2 | 6.3 | 43.7 | 13.5 | 34.0 | 8.9 | 2,132 | 289 | 1,752 |
| Nov r | 5,736 | 45.1 | 30.5 | 12.6 | 11.7 | 13.0 | 6.2 | 43.5 | 14.3 | 33.7 | 8.5 | 2,128 | 287 | 1,940 |
| Dec | 5,688 | 45.9 | 29.7 | 12.2 | 12.2 | 12.8 | 5.9 | 42.0 | 14.4 | 35.6 | 7.9 | 2,132 | 285 | 2,050 |
| 2000: Jan | 5,689 | 43.9 | 31.5 | 12.0 | 12.7 | 13.2 | 5.7 | 43.5 | 13.6 | 35.9 | 6.9 | ..... | p282 | ..... |

[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).

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



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