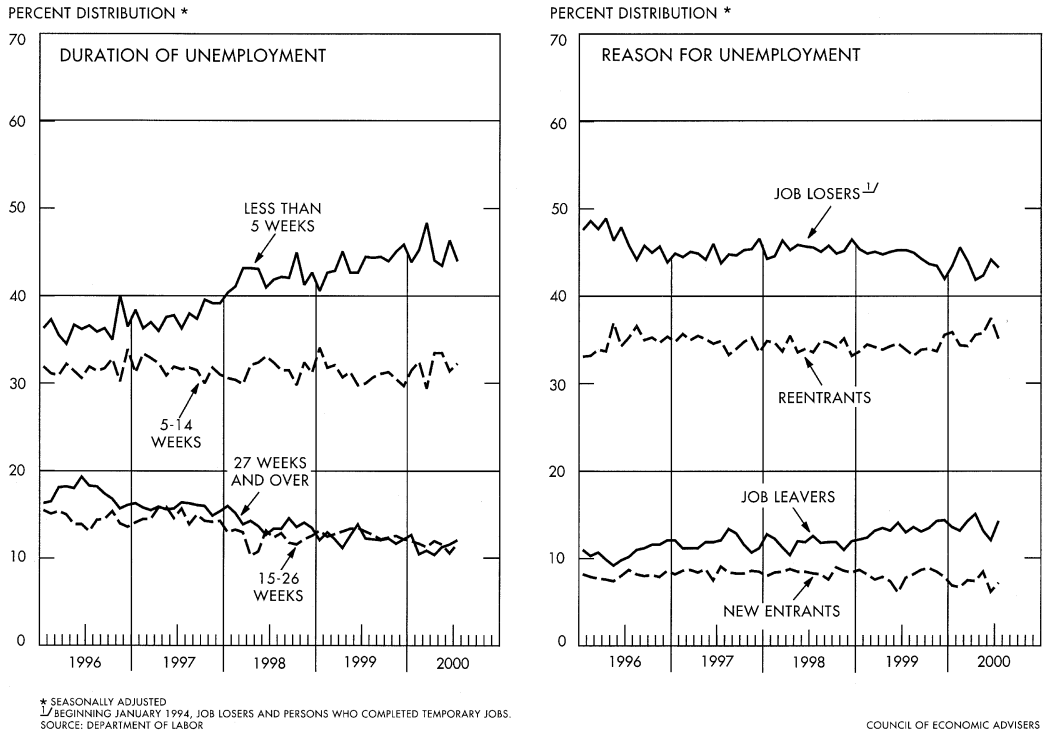
SELECTED MEASURES OF UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE PROGRAMS

In July, the percentage of the unemployed who had been out of work for less than 5 weeks fell; the percentages for 5–14 weeks, for 15–26 weeks, and for 27 weeks and over rose. The mean duration of unemployment rose to 13.3 weeks and the median duration rose to 6.0 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		
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	2,222	321	2,257
1999	5,880	43.7	31.2	12.8	12.3	13.4	6.4	44.6	13.3	34.1	8.0	2,188	298	2,219
1999: July	5,937	44.5	30.0	13.1	12.3	13.5	5.8	45.3	13.0	33.9	7.8	2,215	295	2,061
Aug	5,842	44.4	30.7	12.7	12.2	13.2	6.4	45.0	13.6	33.2	8.2	2,203	290	2,173
Sept	5,825	44.5	31.1	12.2	12.1	13.0	5.9	44.3	13.1	33.9	8.7	2,184	294	1,781
Oct	5,757	44.0	31.3	12.4	12.3	13.2	6.3	43.7	13.5	34.0	8.9	2,142	290	1,762
Nov	5,736	45.1	30.5	12.6	11.7	13.0	6.2	43.5	14.3	33.7	8.5	2,130	287	1,941
Dec	5,688	45.9	29.7	12.2	12.2	12.8	5.9	42.0	14.4	35.6	7.9	2,131	284	2,049
2000: Jan	5,689	43.9	31.5	12.0	12.7	13.2	5.7	43.5	13.6	35.9	6.9	2,082	281	2,844
Feb	5,804	45.3	32.5	11.7	10.5	12.5	6.1	45.6	13.2	34.4	6.7	2,097	283	2,663
Mar	5,708	48.4	29.4	11.3	10.9	12.8	6.0	44.0	14.3	34.3	7.5	2,000	265	r2,289
Apr	5,524	44.1	33.5	12.0	10.4	12.4	6.0	41.9	15.1	35.6	7.4	1,966	278	2,168
May	5,774	43.5	33.5	11.6	11.3	12.6	5.8	42.4	13.2	35.8	8.5	1,975	291	r1,882
June	5,583	46.4	31.4	10.6	11.6	12.4	5.8	44.2	12.1	37.5	6.2	2,063	r302	1,802
July	5,650	44.0	32.3	11.7	12.1	13.3	6.0	43.3	14.3	35.1	7.2	.....	p296	.....

[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).

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

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