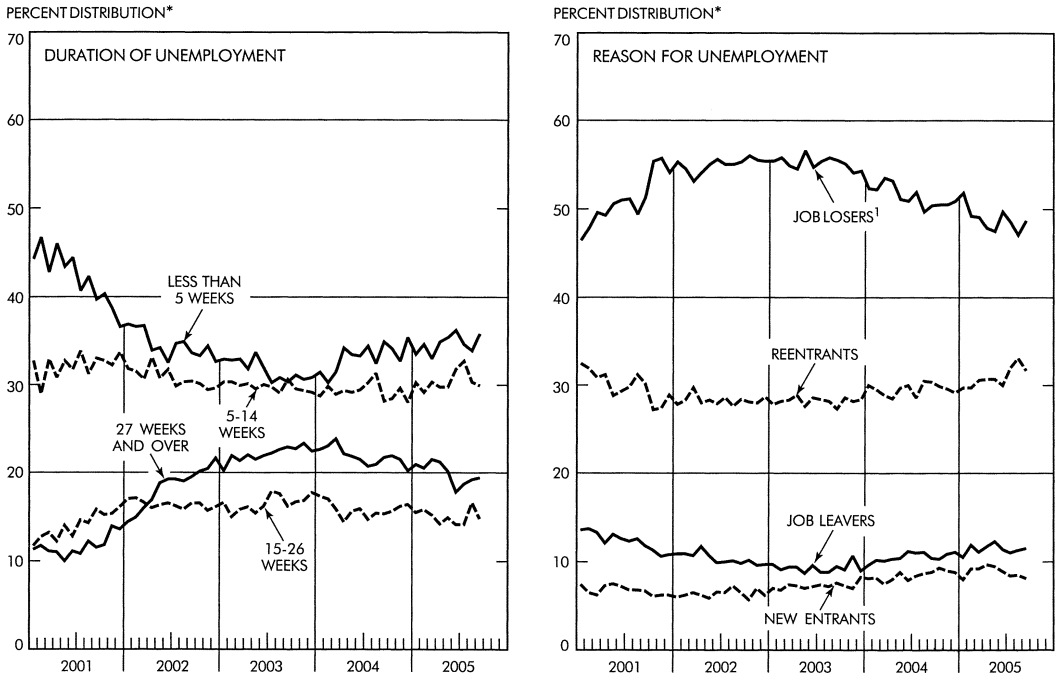
SELECTED MEASURES OF UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE PROGRAMS

In September, the percentages of the unemployed who had been out of work for less than 5 weeks and for 27 weeks and over rose; the percentages for 5–14 weeks and for 15–26 weeks fell. The mean duration of unemployment fell to 18.3 weeks and the median duration fell to 8.6 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		
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
2000	5,692	44.9	31.9	11.8	11.4	12.6	5.9	44.2	13.7	34.5	7.6	2,110	301	2,141
2001	6,801	42.0	32.3	14.0	11.8	13.1	6.8	51.1	12.3	29.9	6.8	2,974	404	3,007
2002	8,378	34.5	30.8	16.3	18.3	16.6	9.1	55.0	10.3	28.3	6.4	3,585	407	3,619
2003	8,774	31.7	29.8	16.4	22.1	19.2	10.1	55.1	9.3	28.2	7.3	3,531	404	3,569
2004	8,149	33.1	29.2	15.9	21.8	19.6	9.8	51.5	10.5	29.5	8.4	2,950	345	2,995
2004: Sept	8,005	34.9	28.1	15.3	21.7	19.6	9.5	50.4	10.4	30.4	8.8	2,846	343	2,401
Oct	8,066	34.1	28.4	15.6	21.9	19.7	9.5	50.5	10.3	29.9	9.3	2,797	339	2,426
Nov	8,020	32.7	29.6	16.2	21.5	19.8	9.8	50.5	10.9	29.6	9.0	2,756	336	2,621
Dec	8,047	35.4	28.0	16.4	20.2	19.3	9.5	50.9	11.1	29.2	8.8	2,738	332	2,693
2005: Jan	7,737	33.5	30.2	15.5	20.9	19.3	9.4	51.8	10.5	29.7	8.0	2,723	329	3,654
Feb	7,988	34.6	29.1	15.8	20.5	19.1	9.3	49.2	11.9	29.7	9.2	2,674	309	3,258
Mar	7,656	33.0	30.3	15.2	21.5	19.5	9.3	49.1	11.1	30.6	9.2	2,652	337	2,954
Apr	7,663	34.9	29.7	14.2	21.2	19.6	8.9	47.9	11.7	30.7	9.7	2,593	323	2,659
May	7,647	35.4	29.7	14.9	20.1	18.8	9.1	47.5	12.3	30.7	9.5	2,590	334	2,587
June	7,486	36.2	31.8	14.1	17.8	17.1	9.1	49.7	11.4	30.0	8.9	2,600	323	2,410
July	7,497	34.6	32.7	14.1	18.7	17.6	9.0	48.6	11.0	32.0	8.4	2,582	317	r2,617
Aug	7,391	33.9	30.3	16.6	19.2	18.9	9.4	47.1	11.3	33.1	8.5	2,581	r318	2,491
Sept	7,661	35.8	29.9	14.8	19.4	18.3	8.6	48.7	11.5	31.7	8.1	p2,759	p398	.....

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

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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