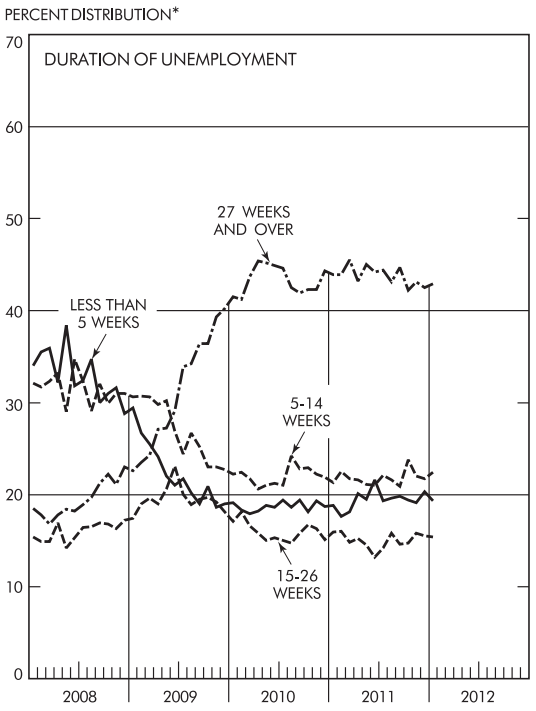
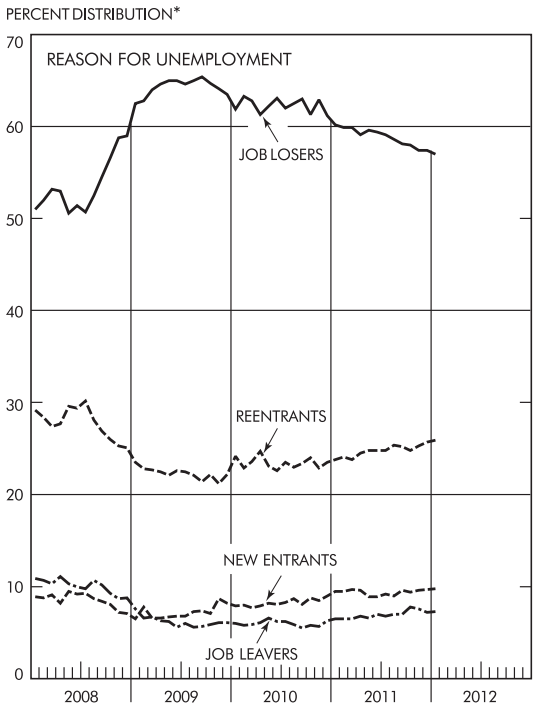
Selected Measures of Unemployment and Unemployment Insurance Programs

In January, the percentages of the unemployed who had been out of work for 5-14 weeks and for 27 weeks and over rose, while the percentages for less than 5 weeks and 15-26 weeks fell. The mean duration of unemployment fell to 40.1 weeks and the median duration rose to 21.1 weeks.





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[Monthly data seasonally adjusted, except as noted by NSA]

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) [1]	Median	Reason for unemployment: percent distribution: Job losers	Job leavers	Reentrants	New entrants	State programs: Insured unemployment (NSA)	Initial claims (NSA)	Insured unemployment, all programs (NSA) [2]
												Weekly average, thousands		
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	4,453
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	4,400
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	3,103
2005	7,591	35.1	30.4	14.9	19.6	18.4	8.9	48.3	11.5	31.4	8.8	2,661	328	2,709
2006	7,001	37.3	30.3	14.7	17.6	16.8	8.3	47.4	11.8	32.0	8.8	2,476	313	2,521
2007	7,078	35.9	31.5	15.0	17.6	16.8	8.5	49.7	11.2	30.3	8.9	2,572	324	2,612
2008	8,924	32.8	31.4	16.0	19.7	17.9	9.4	53.7	10.0	27.7	8.6	3,306	424	3,898
2009	14,265	22.2	26.8	19.5	31.5	24.4	15.1	64.2	6.2	22.3	7.3	5,724	568	9,122
2010	14,825	18.7	22.0	16.0	43.3	33.0	21.4	62.4	6.0	23.4	8.2	4,487	454	9,724
2011	13,747	19.5	21.8	15.0	43.8	39.3	21.4	59.0	7.0	24.7	9.3	3,681	406	7,717
2011: Jan	13,919	18.8	21.3	15.9	43.9	37.1	21.7	60.2	6.5	23.8	9.5	5,209	598	10,646
Feb	13,751	17.6	22.5	16.0	43.9	37.4	21.1	59.9	6.5	24.1	9.5	4,450	397	8,971
Mar	13,628	18.1	21.7	14.8	45.5	38.9	21.6	59.9	6.5	23.8	9.7	4,545	416	9,328
Apr	13,792	20.1	21.6	15.2	43.2	38.3	20.8	59.1	6.8	24.5	9.6	3,862	428	8,113
May	13,892	19.5	21.1	14.5	45.0	39.6	21.9	59.6	6.6	24.8	8.9	4,094	407	8,831
June	14,024	21.6	21.0	13.2	44.2	39.8	22.1	59.4	7.0	24.8	8.9	3,688	447	7,885
July	13,908	19.3	22.1	14.2	44.4	40.2	21.2	59.1	6.8	24.8	9.2	3,887	439	7,958
Aug	13,920	19.6	21.6	15.8	43.1	40.3	21.7	58.6	7.0	25.4	9.0	4,013	398	8,252
Sept	13,897	19.8	20.9	14.6	44.7	40.4	21.8	58.1	7.0	25.2	9.6	3,305	366	6,849
Oct	13,759	19.4	23.8	14.7	42.2	39.2	20.8	58.0	7.8	24.8	9.4	r3,582	403	r7,406
Nov	13,323	19.1	22.0	15.8	43.1	40.9	21.5	57.4	7.6	25.3	9.6	3,533	459	8,746
Dec	13,097	20.3	21.7	15.5	42.5	40.8	21.0	57.4	7.2	25.7	9.7	3,688	517	7,330
2012: Jan	12,758	19.3	22.4	15.4	42.9	40.1	21.1	57.0	7.3	25.9	9.8	.....	.....	.....

[1] Beginning January 2011, includes unemployment durations of up to 5 years; prior data are for up to 2 years.

[2] Includes State (50 States, District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands), Federal (UCFE), ex-service members (UCX), and Federal and State extended benefit programs. Also includes Temporary Extended Unemployment Compensation (2002-2004), Emergency Unemployment Compensation (2008-2011), and Federal Additional Compensation (2009-2010).

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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