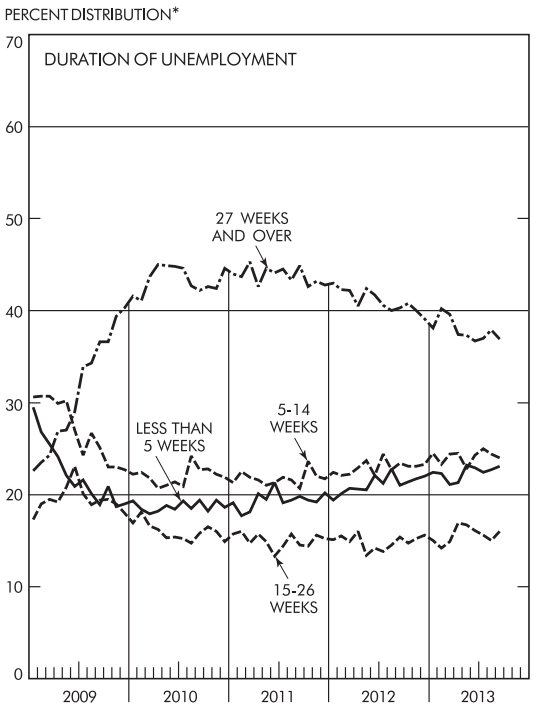
Selected Measures of Unemployment and Unemployment Insurance Programs

In September, the percentages of the unemployed who had been out of work for 5 to 14 weeks and 27 weeks and over weeks fell, while the percentages for less than 5 weeks and 5 to 14 weeks rose. The mean duration of unemployment fell to 36.9 weeks and the median duration fell to 16.3 weeks.





*SEASONALLY ADJUSTED
SOURCE: DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

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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		
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	3,899
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	9,123
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	9,723
2011	13,747	19.5	21.8	15.0	43.8	39.3	21.4	59.0	7.0	24.7	9.3	3,679	406	7,630
2012	12,506	21.1	22.9	14.9	41.1	39.4	19.3	55.0	7.7	26.7	10.5	3,297	374	6,048
2012: Sept	12,082	21.0	23.4	15.4	40.3	39.6	18.7	54.0	8.0	27.6	10.4	3,014	311	5,378
Oct	12,248	21.4	23.1	14.7	40.8	39.9	19.6	53.7	8.3	27.3	10.7	3,157	391	5,630
Nov	12,042	21.7	23.1	15.2	40.0	39.7	18.9	53.5	7.7	27.7	11.0	3,052	470	5,331
Dec	12,206	22.0	23.3	15.6	39.1	38.1	18.0	52.2	8.0	29.2	10.5	3,757	483	6,226
2013: Jan	12,332	22.4	24.5	15.0	38.1	35.3	16.0	53.4	7.9	28.3	10.4	4,007	520	6,203
Feb	12,032	22.3	23.3	14.2	40.2	36.9	17.8	53.9	7.9	27.6	10.6	3,571	341	5,511
Mar	11,742	21.1	24.4	14.9	39.6	37.1	18.1	53.6	8.4	26.9	11.1	3,652	333	5,679
Apr	11,659	21.3	24.5	16.9	37.4	36.5	17.5	54.8	7.4	26.9	10.9	3,312	353	5,311
May	11,760	23.2	22.8	16.7	37.3	36.9	17.3	52.6	8.1	28.5	10.8	2,848	340	4,708
June	11,777	22.9	24.3	16.1	36.7	35.6	16.3	52.3	8.8	28.1	10.8	2,874	336	4,698
July	11,514	22.4	25.0	15.6	37.0	36.6	15.7	51.9	8.6	28.5	11.0	.....	.....	.....
Aug	11,316	22.7	24.4	15.0	37.9	37.0	16.4	52.9	7.9	27.7	11.5	.....	.....	.....
Sept	11,255	23.1	24.0	16.0	36.9	36.9	16.3	52.0	8.8	28.3	10.9	.....	.....	.....

[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 (2008-2013), 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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