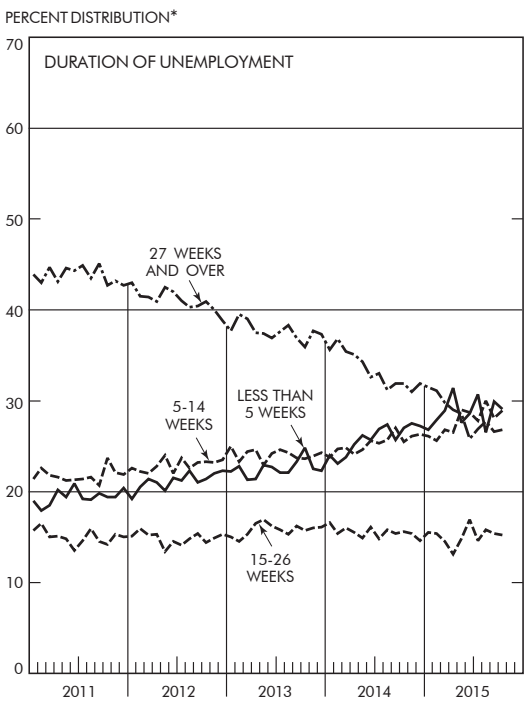
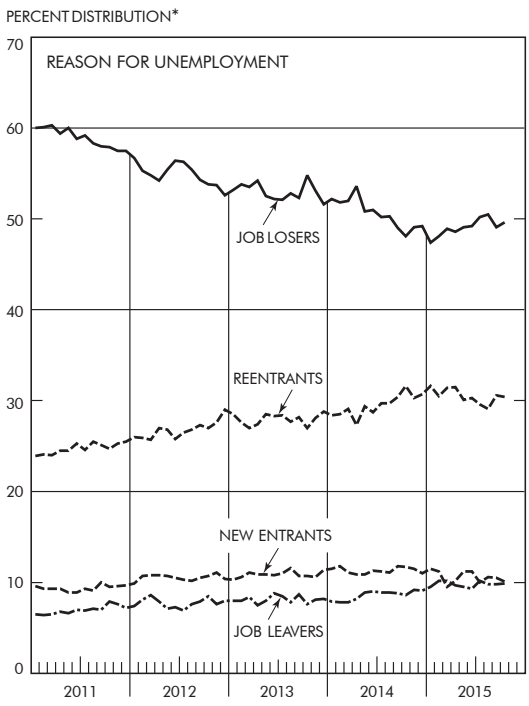
Selected Measures of Unemployment and Unemployment Insurance Programs

In October, the percentages of the unemployed who had been out of work for less than 5 weeks and 15 to 26 weeks fell, while the percentages for 5 to 14 weeks and 27 weeks and over rose. The mean duration of unemployment rose to 28.0 weeks and the median duration fell to 11.2 weeks.





*SEASONALLY ADJUSTED
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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		
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	9,732
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
2013	11,460	22.5	24.1	15.8	37.6	36.5	17.0	53.0	8.1	28.0	10.9	2,947	342	4,605
2014	9,617	25.7	25.3	15.6	33.5	33.7	14.0	50.7	8.6	29.4	11.3	2,574	305	2,658
2014: Oct	8,983	27.0	25.5	15.6	31.9	32.9	13.5	48.1	8.6	31.6	11.7	2,129	297	2,176
Nov	9,071	27.5	26.1	15.4	31.0	33.0	12.8	49.1	9.2	30.3	11.5	2,277	316	2,323
Dec	8,688	27.2	26.3	14.6	31.9	32.8	12.6	49.2	9.1	30.7	11.0	2,814	435	2,865
2015: Jan	8,979	26.8	26.1	15.5	31.5	32.3	13.4	47.4	9.5	31.6	11.5	2,912	399	2,958
Feb	8,705	27.9	25.6	15.4	31.1	31.7	13.1	48.1	10.2	30.5	11.2	2,759	296	2,801
Mar	8,575	28.9	26.8	14.5	29.8	30.7	12.2	48.9	10.2	31.4	9.5	3,120	282	3,166
Apr	8,549	31.4	26.5	13.1	29.0	30.8	11.7	48.6	9.7	31.5	10.2	2,400	289	2,438
May	8,674	27.6	29.0	14.8	28.6	30.7	11.6	49.1	9.5	30.1	11.2	2,224	254	2,260
June	8,299	28.6	28.7	16.9	25.8	28.1	11.3	49.2	9.3	30.3	11.2	2,311	300	2,346
July	8,266	30.7	27.8	14.6	26.9	28.3	11.3	50.2	10.2	29.6	10.0	2,325	298	2,359
Aug	8,029	26.5	30.0	15.8	27.7	28.4	12.1	50.5	9.8	29.1	10.6	2,461	246	2,498
Sept	7,915	29.9	28.1	15.4	26.6	26.3	11.4	49.1	9.8	30.6	10.5	.....	.....	.....
Oct	7,908	29.1	28.9	15.2	26.8	28.0	11.2	49.6	9.9	30.4	10.1	.....	.....	.....

[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 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).

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