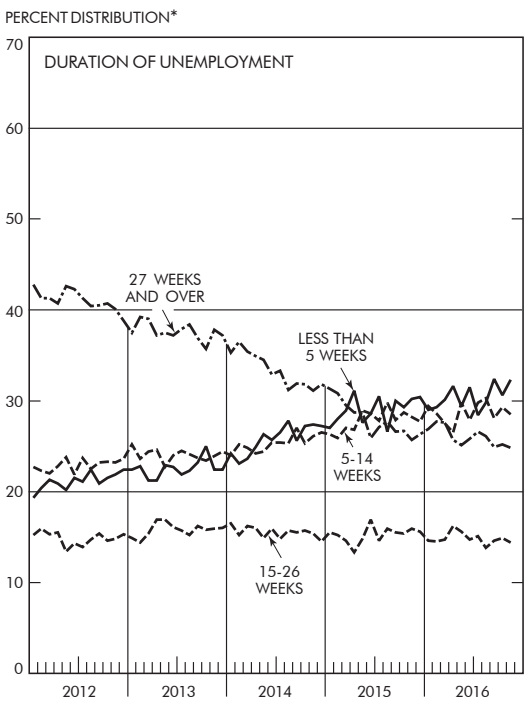
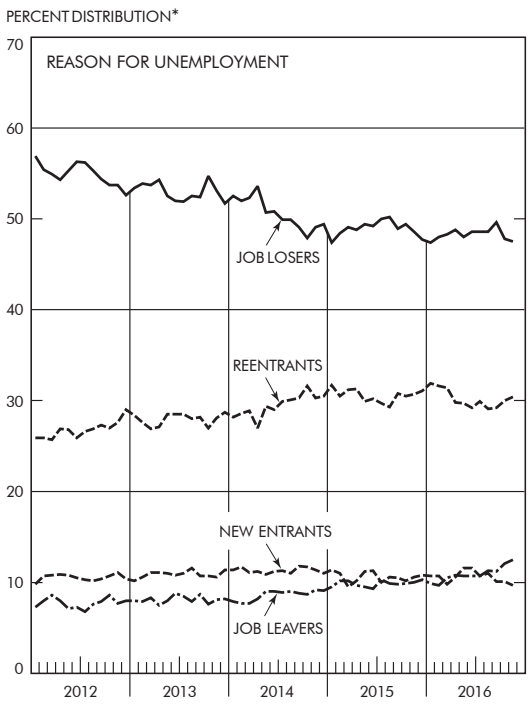
Selected Measures of Unemployment and Unemployment Insurance Programs

In November, the percentage of the unemployed who had been out of work for less than 5 weeks rose, while the percentages for 5 to 14 weeks, 15 to 26 weeks, and 27 weeks and over fell. The mean duration of unemployment fell to 26.3 weeks and the median duration fell to 10.1 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		
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	2,657
2015	8,296	28.9	27.7	15.3	28.1	29.2	11.6	49.0	9.9	30.6	10.6	2,238	275	2,273
2015: Nov	7,924	30.2	28.2	15.9	25.7	27.9	10.7	48.6	10.0	30.7	10.6	2,263	307	2,303
Dec	7,904	30.4	27.7	15.6	26.3	27.6	10.5	47.7	10.3	31.1	10.8	2,441	403	2,478
2016: Jan	7,791	29.0	29.4	14.6	26.9	28.9	10.9	47.4	9.9	31.9	10.7	2,916	378	2,953
Feb	7,815	29.3	28.6	14.5	27.7	29.0	11.2	48.0	9.7	31.6	10.7	2,803	277	2,838
Mar	7,966	30.1	27.5	14.7	27.6	28.4	11.4	48.3	10.5	31.4	9.8	2,594	267	2,626
Apr	7,920	31.6	26.5	16.2	25.7	27.7	11.4	48.8	10.8	29.8	10.6	2,189	259	2,217
May	7,436	29.4	29.8	15.6	25.1	26.7	10.7	48.0	10.7	29.7	11.6	2,337	268	2,366
June	7,783	31.5	27.9	14.7	25.8	27.7	10.3	48.6	10.7	29.2	11.6	2,061	282	2,087
July	7,770	28.4	29.8	15.1	26.6	28.1	11.6	48.6	10.7	29.9	10.7	2,291	268	2,318
Aug	7,849	29.8	30.3	13.8	26.1	27.6	11.2	48.6	11.3	29.1	11.0	2,264	251	2,294
Sept	7,939	32.4	28.1	14.6	24.9	27.5	10.3	49.6	11.2	29.2	10.1	1,814	214	1,841
Oct	7,787	30.6	29.3	14.9	25.2	27.2	10.2	47.8	12.1	30.0	10.1	1,960	255	1,992
Nov	7,400	32.3	28.5	14.4	24.8	26.3	10.1	47.5	12.5	30.4	9.7	.....	.....	.....

[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).

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

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