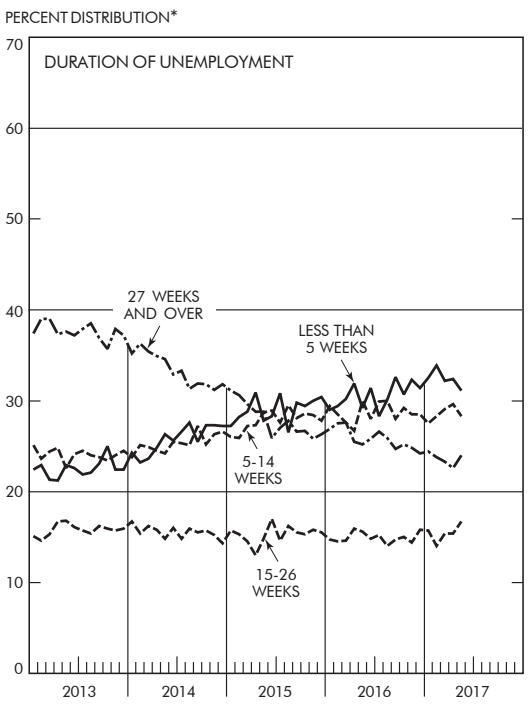
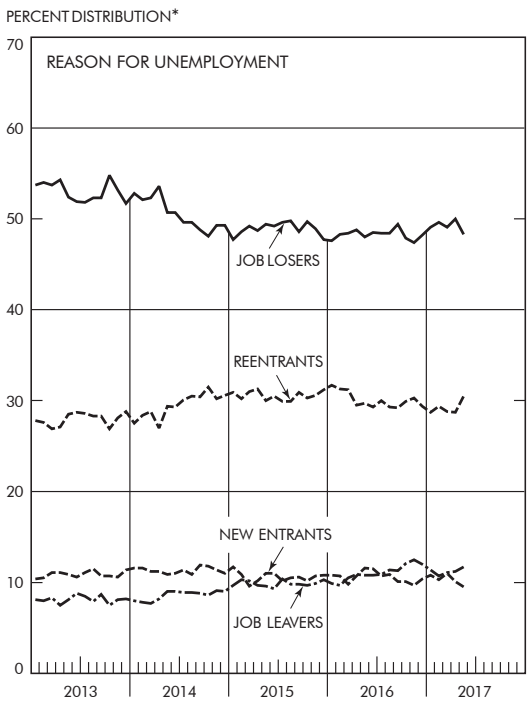
Selected Measures of Unemployment and Unemployment Insurance Programs

In May, the percentages of the unemployed who had been out of work for less than 5 weeks and 5 to 14 weeks fell, while the percentages for 15 to 26 weeks and 27 weeks and over rose. The mean duration of unemployment rose to 24.7 weeks and the median duration rose to 10.4 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		
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	304	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	2,237	275	2,272
2016	7,751	30.5	28.7	14.9	25.9	27.5	10.6	48.2	11.1	30.1	10.6	2,098	259	2,126
2016: May	7,451	29.2	30.0	15.6	25.2	26.7	10.6	48.0	10.8	29.7	11.6	2,337	267	2,367
June	7,799	31.4	28.0	14.8	25.8	27.7	10.2	48.5	10.8	29.3	11.5	2,061	282	2,088
July	7,749	28.3	29.9	15.2	26.6	28.0	11.5	48.4	10.9	30.0	10.7	2,292	269	2,319
Aug	7,853	30.1	30.0	14.0	25.9	27.4	10.9	48.4	11.4	29.3	10.9	2,265	252	2,294
Sept	7,904	32.6	28.0	14.7	24.7	27.3	10.3	49.4	11.3	29.2	10.1	1,815	214	1,841
Oct	7,740	30.7	29.2	15.0	25.2	27.0	10.2	47.9	12.1	29.9	10.1	1,963	255	1,995
Nov	7,409	32.3	28.5	14.4	24.8	26.2	10.2	47.4	12.5	30.3	9.7	1,907	293	1,938
Dec	7,529	31.4	28.5	15.8	24.2	26.0	10.3	48.2	12.0	29.4	10.4	2,136	352	2,165
2017: Jan	7,635	32.5	27.5	15.7	24.4	25.1	10.2	49.1	11.4	28.7	10.8	2,891	361	2,924
Feb	7,528	33.9	28.3	14.0	23.8	25.1	10.0	49.6	10.7	29.4	10.3	2,399	235	2,427
Mar	7,202	32.2	29.1	15.4	23.3	25.3	10.3	49.1	11.1	28.8	11.0	2,353	243	2,380
Apr	7,056	32.4	29.6	15.4	22.6	24.1	10.2	50.0	11.2	28.7	10.1	.....	.....	.....
May	6,861	31.1	28.3	16.7	24.0	24.7	10.4	48.3	11.7	30.5	9.5	.....	.....	.....

[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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