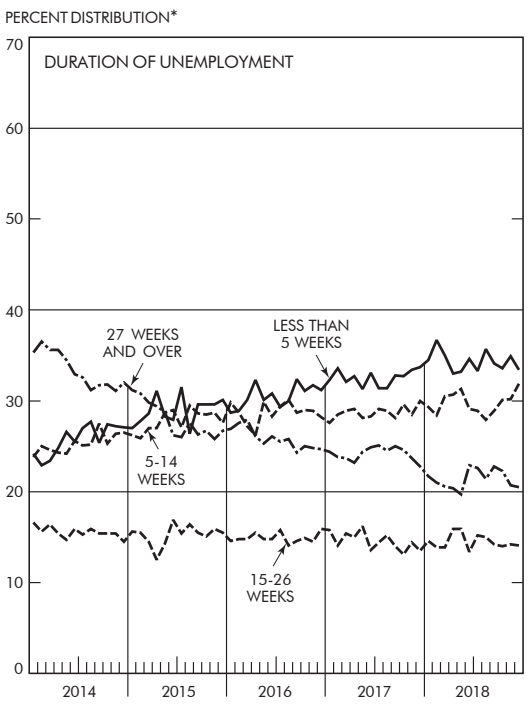
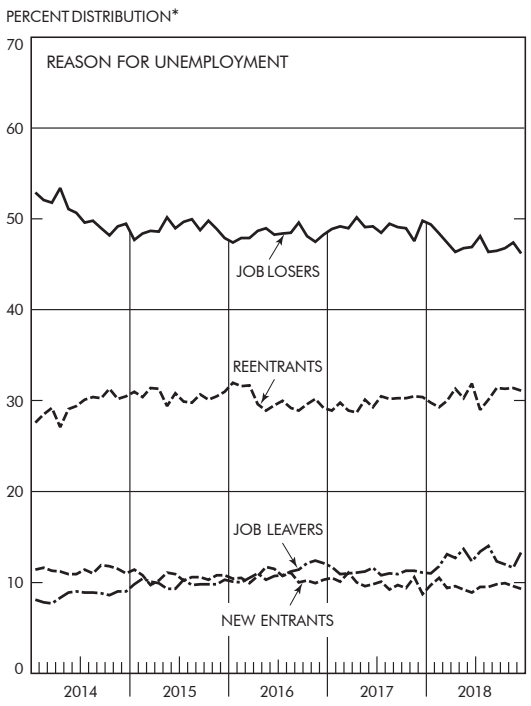
Selected Measures of Unemployment and Unemployment Insurance Programs

In December, the percentages of the unemployed who had been out of work for less than 5 weeks, for 15 to 26 weeks, and for 27 weeks and over fell, while the percentage for 5 to 14 weeks rose. The mean duration of unemployment rose to 21.8 weeks and the median duration rose to 9.1 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		
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	2,099	259	2,127
2017	6,982	32.5	28.8	14.6	24.2	25.0	10.0	49.2	11.1	29.8	9.9	1,948	240	1,971
2018	6,314	34.4	29.7	14.5	21.4	22.7	9.3	47.4	12.6	30.5	9.5	p1,755	p219	p1,774
2017: Dec r	6,572	33.7	30.0	13.5	22.8	23.8	8.9	49.8	11.1	30.4	8.7	2,152	328	2,181
2018: Jan r	6,641	34.5	29.3	14.6	21.7	23.9	9.4	49.4	11.0	29.8	9.7	2,620	350	2,648
Feb r	6,687	36.7	28.4	13.9	21.0	22.9	9.3	48.4	11.8	29.3	10.5	2,243	217	2,266
Mar r	6,486	35.0	30.5	13.9	20.6	24.2	9.2	47.4	13.1	30.0	9.4	2,135	213	2,158
Apr r	6,335	33.0	30.7	15.9	20.4	23.0	9.8	46.4	12.7	31.3	9.6	2,135	223	2,158
May r	6,128	33.2	31.3	15.9	19.7	21.3	9.3	46.8	13.7	30.3	9.2	1,686	220	1,705
June r	6,537	34.6	29.1	13.4	22.9	21.2	9.0	46.9	12.3	31.9	8.9	1,608	226	1,626
July r	6,245	33.3	28.9	15.2	22.6	23.1	9.6	48.1	13.4	29.0	9.5	2,037	240	2,057
Aug r	6,197	35.7	27.9	15.0	21.4	22.6	9.2	46.4	14.0	30.1	9.5	1,714	196	1,732
Sept r	5,986	34.1	28.9	14.2	22.8	24.1	9.3	46.5	12.3	31.4	9.8	1,547	172	1,564
Oct r	6,112	33.6	30.1	14.0	22.3	22.4	9.4	46.8	12.0	31.3	9.9	1,535	225	1,553
Nov r	6,018	34.9	30.2	14.2	20.7	21.7	9.0	47.4	11.6	31.4	9.6	1,516	263	1,533
Dec	6,294	33.4	31.9	14.1	20.5	21.8	9.1	46.2	13.3	31.1	9.3	p2,035	p307	p2,057

[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).

See Note, p. 11.

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

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