TABLE B–42.—*Unemployment by duration and reason, 1950–99*

[Thousands of persons, except as noted; monthly data seasonally adjusted [1]]

Year or month	Unemployment	Duration of unemployment						Reason for unemployment					
		Less than 5 weeks	5–14 weeks	15–26 weeks	27 weeks and over	Average (mean) duration (weeks)	Median duration (weeks)	Job losers [3]			Job leavers	Reentrants	New entrants
								Total	On layoff	Other			
1950	3,288	1,450	1,055	425	357	12.1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
1951	2,055	1,177	574	166	137	9.7	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
1952	1,883	1,135	516	148	84	8.4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
1953	1,834	1,142	482	132	78	8.0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
1954	3,532	1,605	1,116	495	317	11.8	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
1955	2,852	1,335	815	366	336	13.0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
1956	2,750	1,412	805	301	232	11.3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
1957	2,859	1,408	891	321	239	10.5	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
1958	4,602	1,753	1,396	785	667	13.9	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
1959	3,740	1,585	1,114	469	571	14.4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
1960	3,852	1,719	1,176	503	454	12.8	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
1961	4,714	1,806	1,376	728	804	15.6	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
1962	3,911	1,663	1,134	534	585	14.7	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
1963	4,070	1,751	1,231	535	553	14.0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
1964	3,786	1,697	1,117	491	482	13.3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
1965	3,366	1,628	983	404	351	11.8	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
1966	2,875	1,573	779	287	239	10.4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
1967 [2]	2,975	1,634	893	271	177	8.7	2.3	1,229	394	836	438	945	396
1968	2,817	1,594	810	256	156	8.4	4.5	1,070	334	736	431	909	407
1969	2,832	1,629	827	242	133	7.8	4.4	1,017	339	678	436	965	413
1970	4,093	2,139	1,290	428	235	8.6	4.9	1,811	675	1,137	550	1,228	504
1971	5,016	2,245	1,585	668	519	11.3	6.3	2,323	735	1,588	590	1,472	630
1972	4,882	2,242	1,472	601	566	12.0	6.2	2,108	582	1,526	641	1,456	677
1973	4,365	2,224	1,314	483	343	10.0	5.2	1,694	472	1,221	683	1,340	649
1974	5,156	2,604	1,597	574	381	9.8	5.2	2,242	746	1,495	768	1,463	681
1975	7,929	2,940	2,484	1,303	1,203	14.2	8.4	4,386	1,671	2,714	827	1,892	823
1976	7,406	2,844	2,196	1,018	1,348	15.8	8.2	3,679	1,050	2,628	903	1,928	895
1977	6,991	2,919	2,132	913	1,028	14.3	7.0	3,166	865	2,300	909	1,963	953
1978	6,202	2,865	1,923	766	648	11.9	5.9	2,585	712	1,873	874	1,857	885
1979	6,137	2,950	1,946	706	535	10.8	5.4	2,635	851	1,784	880	1,806	817
1980	7,637	3,295	2,470	1,052	820	11.9	6.5	3,947	1,488	2,459	891	1,927	872
1981	8,273	3,449	2,539	1,122	1,162	13.7	6.9	4,267	1,430	2,837	923	2,102	981
1982	10,678	3,883	3,311	1,708	1,776	15.6	8.7	6,268	2,127	4,141	840	2,384	1,185
1983	10,717	3,570	2,937	1,652	2,559	20.0	10.1	6,258	1,780	4,478	830	2,412	1,216
1984	8,539	3,350	2,451	1,104	1,634	18.2	7.9	4,421	1,171	3,250	823	2,184	1,110
1985	8,312	3,498	2,509	1,025	1,280	15.6	6.8	4,139	1,157	2,982	877	2,256	1,039
1986	8,237	3,448	2,557	1,045	1,187	15.0	6.9	4,033	1,090	2,943	1,015	2,160	1,029
1987	7,425	3,246	2,196	943	1,040	14.5	6.5	3,566	943	2,623	965	1,974	920
1988	6,701	3,084	2,007	801	809	13.5	5.9	3,092	851	2,241	983	1,809	816
1989	6,528	3,174	1,978	730	646	11.9	4.8	2,983	850	2,133	1,024	1,843	677
1990	7,047	3,265	2,257	822	703	12.0	5.3	3,387	1,028	2,359	1,041	1,930	688
1991	8,628	3,480	2,791	1,246	1,111	13.7	6.8	4,694	1,292	3,402	1,004	2,139	792
1992	9,613	3,376	2,830	1,453	1,954	17.7	8.7	5,389	1,260	4,129	1,002	2,285	937
1993	8,940	3,262	2,584	1,297	1,798	18.0	8.3	4,848	1,115	3,733	976	2,198	919
1994	7,996	2,728	2,408	1,237	1,623	18.8	9.2	3,815	977	2,838	791	2,786	60
1995	7,404	2,700	2,342	1,085	1,278	16.6	8.3	3,476	1,030	2,446	824	2,525	579
1996	7,236	2,633	2,287	1,053	1,262	16.7	8.3	3,370	1,021	2,349	774	2,512	580
1997	6,739	2,538	2,138	995	1,067	15.8	8.0	3,037	931	2,106	795	2,338	569
1998	6,210	2,622	1,950	763	875	14.5	6.7	2,822	866	1,957	734	2,132	520
1999	5,880	2,568	1,832	755	725	13.4	6.4	2,622	848	1,774	783	2,005	469
1998: Jan	6,406	2,550	1,932	824	1,009	15.6	7.3	2,836	860	1,976	819	2,232	509
Feb	6,352	2,584	1,912	837	958	15.3	7.0	2,815	839	1,976	774	2,190	528
Mar	6,479	2,836	1,964	852	915	14.6	6.8	3,032	989	2,043	741	2,203	555
Apr	5,961	2,598	1,928	620	862	14.6	6.6	2,694	722	1,972	621	2,110	522
May	6,051	2,639	1,984	663	841	14.8	6.0	2,832	829	2,003	743	2,076	525
June	6,215	2,556	2,064	820	793	14.0	6.8	2,818	838	1,980	731	2,095	524
July	6,202	2,586	1,998	762	824	14.2	6.8	2,801	924	1,877	773	2,062	508
Aug	6,184	2,621	1,957	804	833	13.8	6.7	2,801	903	1,898	731	2,168	509
Sept	6,234	2,616	1,959	730	906	14.4	6.7	2,850	887	1,963	742	2,160	472
Oct	6,239	2,829	1,873	730	855	14.0	5.9	2,816	874	1,942	743	2,144	562
Nov	6,074	2,525	1,978	745	860	14.4	6.7	2,749	831	1,918	668	2,142	522
Dec	6,028	2,573	1,884	759	813	14.0	6.8	2,795	865	1,930	719	1,994	503
1999: Jan	6,007	2,397	2,012	776	715	13.5	6.8	2,708	863	1,845	729	2,009	519
Feb	6,108	2,585	1,925	754	785	13.8	6.9	2,721	854	1,867	750	2,090	498
Mar	5,828	2,521	1,884	752	715	13.6	6.8	2,646	833	1,813	774	2,007	446
Apr	6,032	2,741	1,868	794	680	13.2	6.1	2,695	843	1,852	810	2,039	473
May	5,823	2,502	1,832	784	735	13.4	6.6	2,678	837	1,841	781	2,034	440
June	5,934	2,540	1,775	806	828	14.3	6.3	2,670	876	1,794	831	2,038	359
July	5,937	2,640	1,778	779	732	13.5	5.8	2,670	847	1,823	768	2,003	459
Aug	5,842	2,599	1,798	747	716	13.2	6.4	2,629	893	1,736	793	1,942	481
Sept	5,825	2,582	1,805	708	704	13.0	5.9	2,573	869	1,704	758	1,967	504
Oct	5,757	2,545	1,811	719	715	13.2	6.3	2,518	802	1,716	778	1,958	511
Nov	5,736	2,601	1,760	725	676	13.0	6.2	2,493	851	1,642	821	1,935	485
Dec	5,688	2,620	1,694	693	695	12.8	5.9	2,401	795	1,606	825	2,036	453

[1] Because of independent seasonal adjustment of the various series, detail will not add to totals.
[2] Data for 1967 by reason for unemployment are not equal to total unemployment.
[3] Beginning January 1994, job losers and persons who completed temporary jobs.

Note.—Data relate to persons 16 years of age and over.
See footnote 5 and Note, Table B–33.

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