

TABLE B-44.—*Unemployment by duration and reason, 1959–2005*[Thousands of persons, except as noted; monthly data seasonally adjusted<sup>1</sup>]

| Year or month           | Unem-<br>plov-<br>ment | Duration of unemployment   |               |                |                            |                                               |                                    | Reason for unemployment |              |       |                     |                 |                      |
|-------------------------|------------------------|----------------------------|---------------|----------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------|-------|---------------------|-----------------|----------------------|
|                         |                        | Less<br>than<br>5<br>weeks | 5-14<br>weeks | 15-26<br>weeks | 27<br>weeks<br>and<br>over | Average<br>(mean)<br>dura-<br>tion<br>(weeks) | Median<br>dura-<br>tion<br>(weeks) | Job losers <sup>3</sup> |              |       | Job<br>leav-<br>ers | Reen-<br>trants | New<br>en-<br>trants |
|                         |                        |                            |               |                |                            |                                               |                                    | Total                   | On<br>layoff | Other |                     |                 |                      |
| 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 <sup>2</sup> ..... | 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           | 604                  |
| 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                  |
| 2000 .....              | 5,692                  | 2,558                      | 1,815         | 669            | 649                        | 12.6                                          | 5.9                                | 2,517                   | 852          | 1,664 | 780                 | 1,961           | 434                  |
| 2001 .....              | 6,801                  | 2,853                      | 2,196         | 951            | 801                        | 13.1                                          | 6.8                                | 3,476                   | 1,067        | 2,409 | 835                 | 2,031           | 459                  |
| 2002 .....              | 8,378                  | 2,893                      | 2,580         | 1,369          | 1,535                      | 16.6                                          | 9.1                                | 4,607                   | 1,124        | 3,483 | 866                 | 2,368           | 536                  |
| 2003 .....              | 8,774                  | 2,785                      | 2,612         | 1,442          | 1,936                      | 19.2                                          | 10.1                               | 4,838                   | 1,121        | 3,717 | 818                 | 2,477           | 641                  |
| 2004 .....              | 8,149                  | 2,696                      | 2,382         | 1,293          | 1,779                      | 19.6                                          | 9.8                                | 4,197                   | 998          | 3,199 | 858                 | 2,408           | 686                  |
| 2005 .....              | 7,591                  | 2,667                      | 2,304         | 1,130          | 1,490                      | 18.4                                          | 8.9                                | 3,667                   | 933          | 2,734 | 872                 | 2,386           | 666                  |
| 2004: Jan .....         | 8,345                  | 2,657                      | 2,397         | 1,446          | 1,903                      | 19.8                                          | 10.6                               | 4,350                   | 1,027        | 3,323 | 815                 | 2,559           | 677                  |
| Feb .....               | 8,186                  | 2,419                      | 2,422         | 1,367          | 1,865                      | 20.2                                          | 10.2                               | 4,258                   | 1,053        | 3,205 | 821                 | 2,411           | 660                  |
| Mar .....               | 8,397                  | 2,638                      | 2,421         | 1,333          | 1,982                      | 19.8                                          | 10.2                               | 4,548                   | 1,029        | 3,519 | 847                 | 2,429           | 628                  |
| Apr .....               | 8,140                  | 2,768                      | 2,387         | 1,190          | 1,787                      | 19.6                                          | 9.4                                | 4,362                   | 1,005        | 3,357 | 825                 | 2,306           | 638                  |
| May .....               | 8,178                  | 2,683                      | 2,390         | 1,274          | 1,794                      | 19.8                                          | 9.9                                | 4,225                   | 963          | 3,262 | 851                 | 2,446           | 705                  |
| June .....              | 8,247                  | 2,684                      | 2,371         | 1,325          | 1,774                      | 19.9                                          | 10.8                               | 4,125                   | 1,004        | 3,121 | 904                 | 2,443           | 651                  |
| July .....              | 8,182                  | 2,868                      | 2,438         | 1,227          | 1,709                      | 18.8                                          | 8.9                                | 4,243                   | 1,056        | 3,187 | 905                 | 2,297           | 701                  |
| Aug .....               | 8,000                  | 2,638                      | 2,536         | 1,247          | 1,671                      | 19.2                                          | 9.4                                | 4,001                   | 977          | 3,023 | 890                 | 2,419           | 711                  |
| Sept .....              | 7,981                  | 2,760                      | 2,226         | 1,220          | 1,718                      | 19.6                                          | 9.6                                | 4,007                   | 893          | 3,114 | 825                 | 2,414           | 708                  |
| Oct .....               | 8,040                  | 2,735                      | 2,297         | 1,267          | 1,752                      | 19.6                                          | 9.5                                | 4,054                   | 945          | 3,108 | 824                 | 2,411           | 744                  |
| Nov .....               | 7,974                  | 2,610                      | 2,360         | 1,258          | 1,712                      | 19.8                                          | 9.7                                | 4,040                   | 955          | 3,085 | 865                 | 2,373           | 704                  |
| Dec .....               | 8,040                  | 2,887                      | 2,285         | 1,276          | 1,650                      | 19.4                                          | 9.4                                | 4,029                   | 962          | 3,067 | 938                 | 2,367           | 711                  |
| 2005: Jan .....         | 7,723                  | 2,597                      | 2,348         | 1,191          | 1,630                      | 19.2                                          | 9.3                                | 3,982                   | 962          | 3,020 | 815                 | 2,336           | 621                  |
| Feb .....               | 7,986                  | 2,743                      | 2,320         | 1,236          | 1,626                      | 19.1                                          | 9.2                                | 3,886                   | 960          | 2,927 | 950                 | 2,406           | 741                  |
| Mar .....               | 7,616                  | 2,498                      | 2,318         | 1,157          | 1,636                      | 19.3                                          | 9.2                                | 3,759                   | 955          | 2,804 | 855                 | 2,368           | 706                  |
| Apr .....               | 7,644                  | 2,670                      | 2,271         | 1,091          | 1,597                      | 19.6                                          | 8.9                                | 3,677                   | 841          | 2,836 | 894                 | 2,348           | 735                  |
| May .....               | 7,629                  | 2,694                      | 2,270         | 1,122          | 1,528                      | 18.6                                          | 9.1                                | 3,664                   | 898          | 2,766 | 952                 | 2,365           | 699                  |
| June .....              | 7,493                  | 2,661                      | 2,339         | 1,053          | 1,335                      | 17.2                                          | 9.1                                | 3,666                   | 974          | 2,692 | 838                 | 2,240           | 654                  |
| July .....              | 7,494                  | 2,616                      | 2,452         | 1,069          | 1,414                      | 17.7                                          | 8.9                                | 3,626                   | 954          | 2,673 | 825                 | 2,411           | 627                  |
| Aug .....               | 7,367                  | 2,544                      | 2,268         | 1,229          | 1,444                      | 18.9                                          | 9.4                                | 3,474                   | 874          | 2,600 | 839                 | 2,455           | 633                  |
| Sept .....              | 7,648                  | 2,751                      | 2,253         | 1,120          | 1,464                      | 18.2                                          | 8.5                                | 3,697                   | 970          | 2,726 | 874                 | 2,423           | 626                  |
| Oct .....               | 7,418                  | 2,708                      | 2,263         | 1,045          | 1,432                      | 18.0                                          | 8.6                                | 3,508                   | 944          | 2,564 | 889                 | 2,349           | 654                  |
| Nov .....               | 7,572                  | 2,779                      | 2,268         | 1,108          | 1,383                      | 17.6                                          | 8.5                                | 3,455                   | 899          | 2,556 | 900                 | 2,538           | 679                  |
| Dec .....               | 7,375                  | 2,764                      | 2,240         | 1,068          | 1,350                      | 17.3                                          | 8.5                                | 3,486                   | 935          | 2,552 | 841                 | 2,430           | 644                  |

<sup>1</sup> Because of independent seasonal adjustment of the various series, detail will not add to totals.<sup>2</sup> Data for 1967 by reason for unemployment are not equal to total unemployment.<sup>3</sup> 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-35.

Source: Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.