Table B–44. Unemployment by duration and reason, 1964–2010

[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	Re-entrants	New entrants
								Total	On layoff	Other			
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	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
2006	7,001	2,614	2,121	1,031	1,235	16.8	8.3	3,321	921	2,400	827	2,237	616
2007	7,078	2,542	2,232	1,061	1,243	16.8	8.5	3,515	976	2,539	793	2,142	627
2008	8,924	2,932	2,804	1,427	1,761	17.9	9.4	4,789	1,176	3,614	896	2,472	766
2009	14,265	3,165	3,828	2,775	4,496	24.4	15.1	9,160	1,630	7,530	882	3,187	1,035
2010	14,825	2,771	3,267	2,371	6,415	33.0	21.4	9,250	1,431	7,819	889	3,466	1,220
2009: Jan	11,984	3,522	3,638	2,080	2,689	19.9	10.7	7,420	1,486	5,935	905	2,776	783
Feb	12,737	3,399	3,931	2,425	2,982	20.1	11.6	8,032	1,504	6,528	840	2,917	1,013
Mar	13,278	3,377	4,056	2,594	3,233	20.9	12.2	8,432	1,552	6,880	884	2,991	888
Apr	13,734	3,325	4,066	2,597	3,702	21.6	12.9	8,869	1,657	7,212	878	3,097	916
May	14,512	3,230	4,387	3,003	4,005	22.6	14.4	9,396	1,790	7,607	893	3,214	963
June	14,776	3,164	4,030	3,429	4,397	24.1	17.4	9,551	1,740	7,811	822	3,343	989
July	14,663	3,150	3,587	2,895	4,951	25.2	15.8	9,524	1,767	7,757	882	3,301	998
Aug	14,953	3,000	3,975	2,822	5,051	25.3	16.1	9,729	1,696	8,033	836	3,310	1,074
Sept	15,149	2,887	3,797	2,958	5,497	26.6	18.0	10,056	1,906	8,150	881	3,283	1,139
Oct	15,628	3,225	3,607	3,098	5,649	27.3	18.9	10,076	1,701	8,375	915	3,420	1,099
Nov	15,206	2,767	3,475	2,955	5,919	28.8	20.2	9,763	1,518	8,245	933	3,218	1,319
Dec	15,212	2,908	3,483	2,781	6,133	29.3	20.4	9,688	1,530	8,158	916	3,385	1,244
2010: Jan	14,842	2,915	3,346	2,614	6,302	30.5	20.0	9,287	1,452	7,835	908	3,603	1,210
Feb	14,860	2,729	3,380	2,703	6,131	29.8	19.6	9,493	1,541	7,953	878	3,444	1,220
Mar	14,943	2,654	3,210	2,449	6,517	31.7	20.3	9,368	1,570	7,798	893	3,523	1,185
Apr	15,138	2,695	3,000	2,274	6,659	33.1	21.6	9,237	1,356	7,881	933	3,749	1,217
May	14,884	2,763	3,060	2,174	6,710	34.3	22.8	9,194	1,448	7,746	966	3,430	1,192
June	14,593	2,779	3,138	2,209	6,691	34.8	25.5	9,097	1,403	7,694	897	3,272	1,147
July	14,637	2,833	3,098	2,171	6,539	33.9	21.7	9,090	1,268	7,822	896	3,417	1,197
Aug	14,849	2,756	3,604	2,210	6,261	33.5	20.6	9,285	1,505	7,780	868	3,418	1,260
Sept	14,746	2,872	3,329	2,364	6,153	33.4	20.5	9,286	1,340	7,947	809	3,441	1,193
Oct	14,876	2,659	3,427	2,500	6,234	33.9	21.3	9,070	1,293	7,777	854	3,498	1,278
Nov	15,041	2,824	3,336	2,515	6,328	33.9	21.7	9,471	1,430	8,042	864	3,427	1,269
Dec	14,485	2,725	3,184	2,205	6,441	34.2	22.4	8,923	1,402	7,521	914	3,408	1,311

[1] Because of independent seasonal adjustment of the various series, detail will not sum to totals.
[2] For 1967, the sum of the unemployed categorized by reason for unemployment does not equal total unemployment.
[3] Beginning with 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).

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