

TABLE B-13. Unemployment by duration and reason, 1970-2014

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

Year or month	Un-employment	Duration of unemployment						Reason for unemployment					
		Less than 5 weeks	5-14 weeks	15-26 weeks	27 weeks and over	Average (mean) duration (weeks) ²	Median duration (weeks)	Job losers ³			Job leavers	Re-entrants	New entrants
								Total	On layoff	Other			
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	1,498	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	2,537	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	1,711	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
2011	13,747	2,677	2,993	2,061	6,016	39.3	21.4	8,106	1,230	6,876	956	3,401	1,284
2012	12,506	2,644	2,866	1,859	5,136	39.4	19.3	6,877	1,183	5,694	967	3,345	1,316
2013	11,460	2,584	2,759	1,807	4,310	36.5	17.0	6,073	1,136	4,937	932	3,207	1,247
2012: Jan	12,650	2,461	2,880	1,942	5,524	40.1	20.9	7,270	1,253	6,017	928	3,303	1,252
Feb	12,883	2,584	2,842	2,021	5,352	40.0	20.0	7,167	1,160	6,007	1,035	3,360	1,383
Mar	12,732	2,724	2,792	1,924	5,292	39.4	19.6	7,051	1,148	5,903	1,101	3,300	1,392
Apr	12,603	2,621	2,839	1,951	5,106	39.3	19.2	6,859	1,099	5,760	987	3,360	1,357
May	12,689	2,575	3,018	1,677	5,392	39.6	19.8	6,980	1,143	5,838	906	3,395	1,347
June	12,702	2,741	2,804	1,839	5,331	40.0	19.8	7,106	1,264	5,842	929	3,193	1,318
July	12,698	2,708	3,037	1,780	5,166	38.8	17.2	7,121	1,383	5,738	873	3,365	1,298
Aug	12,464	2,832	2,834	1,845	5,003	39.1	18.2	6,885	1,231	5,654	953	3,336	1,264
Sept	12,070	2,517	2,825	1,853	4,875	39.4	18.7	6,508	1,170	5,338	956	3,303	1,268
Oct	12,138	2,619	2,850	1,774	5,021	40.3	20.0	6,511	1,058	5,452	1,018	3,321	1,306
Nov	12,045	2,636	2,777	1,796	4,767	39.2	18.6	6,434	1,082	5,351	929	3,336	1,349
Dec	12,273	2,688	2,876	1,862	4,772	38.0	17.8	6,475	1,110	5,365	1,000	3,615	1,296
2013: Jan	12,315	2,753	3,077	1,867	4,707	35.4	16.0	6,675	1,164	5,511	984	3,520	1,274
Feb	12,047	2,677	2,788	1,735	4,750	36.9	17.7	6,495	1,091	5,404	952	3,330	1,276
Mar	11,706	2,497	2,843	1,779	4,576	37.0	18.1	6,321	1,118	5,204	978	3,182	1,304
Apr	11,683	2,491	2,844	1,969	4,360	36.6	17.3	6,367	1,179	5,188	857	3,131	1,268
May	11,690	2,704	2,642	1,934	4,353	36.9	16.9	6,094	980	5,114	944	3,326	1,257
June	11,747	2,665	2,848	1,892	4,325	35.7	16.2	6,089	1,985	4,894	1,034	3,240	1,250
July	11,408	2,548	2,826	1,786	4,246	36.7	15.8	5,894	1,197	4,697	970	3,234	1,246
Aug	11,256	2,527	2,738	1,704	4,269	37.0	16.5	5,887	1,059	4,828	890	3,116	1,295
Sept	11,203	2,571	2,685	1,802	4,125	36.8	16.4	5,803	1,091	4,712	984	3,165	1,211
Oct	11,140	2,794	2,636	1,777	4,047	36.0	16.5	6,162	1,507	4,655	842	3,104	1,217
Nov	10,841	2,439	2,585	1,742	4,044	37.1	17.0	5,731	1,128	4,603	890	3,065	1,169
Dec	10,351	2,255	2,506	1,651	3,878	37.1	17.1	5,366	997	4,369	862	3,036	1,201
2014: Jan	10,236	2,434	2,429	1,689	3,646	35.4	16.0	5,407	986	4,421	818	2,937	1,184

¹ Because of independent seasonal adjustment of the various series, detail will not sum to totals.² Beginning with January 2011, includes unemployment durations of up to 5 years; prior data are for up to 2 years.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 Note, Table B-11.

Source: Department of Labor (Bureau of Labor Statistics).