

TABLE B–28. Unemployment by duration and reason, 1975–2018

[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			
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	1,852	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
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
2014	9,617	2,471	2,432	1,497	3,218	33.7	14.0	4,878	1,007	3,871	824	2,829	1,086
2015	8,296	2,399	2,302	1,267	2,328	29.2	11.6	4,063	974	3,089	819	2,535	879
2016	7,751	2,362	2,226	1,158	2,005	27.5	10.6	3,740	966	2,774	858	2,330	823
2017	6,982	2,270	2,008	1,017	1,687	25.0	10.0	3,434	956	2,479	778	2,079	690
2018	6,314	2,170	1,876	917	1,350	22.7	9.3	2,990	852	2,138	794	1,928	602
2017: Jan	7,565	2,427	2,076	1,186	1,834	25.0	10.2	3,650	1,043	2,607	873	2,158	786
Feb	7,437	2,507	2,128	1,049	1,772	25.3	10.1	3,651	970	2,682	813	2,210	750
Mar	7,078	2,272	2,047	1,091	1,677	25.4	10.5	3,501	959	2,541	785	2,061	796
Apr	7,019	2,332	2,076	1,067	1,650	24.4	10.1	3,538	953	2,584	779	2,022	703
May	6,991	2,159	1,935	1,113	1,680	25.0	10.6	3,428	872	2,556	782	2,103	674
June	6,948	2,269	1,943	934	1,708	25.1	10.1	3,422	879	2,544	809	2,038	682
July	6,927	2,181	2,020	1,001	1,739	24.9	10.1	3,329	1,009	2,320	744	2,096	696
Aug	7,115	2,202	2,028	1,065	1,722	24.3	10.4	3,519	1,017	2,502	785	2,148	653
Sept	6,791	2,256	1,931	964	1,720	26.4	10.2	3,356	909	2,446	748	2,073	663
Oct	6,588	2,162	1,957	866	1,628	25.5	9.7	3,236	872	2,365	746	1,998	622
Nov	6,682	2,248	1,919	970	1,597	25.1	9.7	3,175	928	2,248	751	2,035	708
Dec	6,572	2,230	1,984	892	1,511	23.8	8.9	3,249	923	2,326	726	1,985	568
2018: Jan	6,641	2,271	1,927	959	1,428	23.9	9.4	3,243	908	2,335	724	1,959	638
Feb	6,687	2,458	1,900	933	1,403	22.9	9.3	3,227	871	2,356	784	1,954	703
Mar	6,486	2,266	1,976	900	1,337	24.2	9.2	3,107	865	2,242	860	1,966	615
Apr	6,335	2,121	1,975	1,018	1,311	23.0	9.8	2,965	865	2,100	812	2,001	615
May	6,128	2,019	1,906	967	1,197	21.3	9.3	2,882	829	2,054	844	1,868	569
June	6,537	2,218	1,865	862	1,467	21.2	9.0	3,055	901	2,154	801	2,078	579
July	6,245	2,092	1,818	959	1,418	23.1	9.6	2,996	879	2,117	835	1,804	592
Aug	6,197	2,199	1,722	927	1,320	22.6	9.2	2,868	855	2,013	866	1,864	586
Sept	5,986	2,065	1,751	861	1,379	24.1	9.3	2,796	812	1,984	739	1,889	588
Oct	6,112	2,062	1,845	859	1,370	22.4	9.4	2,858	793	2,066	731	1,914	605
Nov	6,018	2,128	1,842	865	1,259	21.7	9.0	2,842	804	2,038	697	1,880	577
Dec	6,294	2,126	2,027	897	1,306	21.8	9.1	2,903	762	2,141	839	1,958	588

¹ Because of independent seasonal adjustment of the various series, detail will not sum to totals.² Beginning with 2011, includes unemployment durations of up to 5 years; prior data are for up to 2 years.³ Beginning with 1994, job losers and persons who completed temporary jobs.

Note: Data relate to persons 16 years of age and over.

See Note, Table B–22.

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