

TABLE B-28. Unemployment by duration and reason, 1975-2019

[Thousands of persons, except as noted; monthly data seasonally adjusted <sup>1</sup>]

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) <sup>2</sup>	Median duration (weeks)	Job losers <sup>3</sup>			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	871	
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	
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	
2019 .....	6,001	2,086	1,789	860	1,266	21.6	9.1	2,786	823	1,963	814	1,810	591	
2018: Jan .....	6,582	2,255	1,913	955	1,437	24.2	9.6	3,199	889	2,309	725	1,953	634	
Feb .....	6,641	2,412	1,907	918	1,410	23.1	9.2	3,244	885	2,359	778	1,958	691	
Mar .....	6,493	2,257	1,987	889	1,333	24.1	9.0	3,091	850	2,241	867	1,934	599	
Apr .....	6,418	2,139	1,957	1,026	1,316	22.9	9.9	2,999	884	2,115	812	1,984	622	
May .....	6,209	2,021	1,943	993	1,193	21.1	9.4	2,865	771	2,094	841	1,883	571	
June .....	6,519	2,222	1,867	865	1,457	21.2	8.6	3,081	917	2,164	795	2,073	585	
July .....	6,180	2,093	1,810	967	1,417	23.2	10.0	2,978	858	2,119	829	1,802	591	
Aug .....	6,167	2,189	1,755	933	1,321	22.6	9.3	2,843	844	1,999	875	1,856	591	
Sept .....	6,045	2,088	1,747	859	1,372	23.5	9.1	2,864	857	2,007	742	1,907	582	
Oct .....	6,123	2,098	1,832	847	1,363	22.3	9.4	2,876	825	2,050	732	1,925	597	
Nov .....	6,034	2,133	1,820	860	1,263	22.0	8.8	2,849	835	2,014	709	1,897	585	
Dec .....	6,286	2,117	2,007	899	1,311	22.0	9.4	2,892	768	2,123	827	1,968	600	
2019: Jan .....	6,516	2,319	1,999	898	1,259	20.6	9.0	3,060	940	2,120	816	1,944	607	
Feb .....	6,181	2,169	1,809	928	1,279	22.0	9.4	2,863	828	2,036	841	1,902	619	
Mar .....	6,194	2,116	1,812	936	1,305	22.2	9.5	2,826	866	1,959	780	2,002	605	
Apr .....	5,850	1,906	1,835	860	1,227	22.8	9.3	2,660	722	1,938	728	1,899	535	
May .....	5,938	2,158	1,572	822	1,298	24.1	9.1	2,674	865	1,810	809	1,850	602	
June .....	5,985	1,949	1,832	776	1,413	22.1	9.4	2,744	805	1,939	889	1,850	537	
July .....	6,027	2,222	1,795	909	1,170	19.7	9.0	2,796	828	1,968	832	1,794	597	
Aug .....	5,999	2,218	1,746	831	1,251	22.1	9.0	2,864	812	2,052	784	1,765	577	
Sept .....	5,753	1,869	1,778	806	1,318	21.7	9.4	2,575	729	1,846	840	1,669	673	
Oct .....	5,857	1,978	1,747	884	1,259	21.6	9.2	2,691	772	1,919	846	1,698	622	
Nov .....	5,811	2,026	1,753	865	1,219	20.2	9.2	2,804	768	2,036	776	1,663	581	
Dec .....	5,753	2,065	1,730	812	1,186	20.8	9.0	2,686	807	1,880	829	1,655	551	

<sup>1</sup> Because of independent seasonal adjustment of the various series, detail will not sum to totals.

<sup>2</sup> Beginning with 2011, includes unemployment durations of up to 5 years; prior data are for up to 2 years.

<sup>3</sup> 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).