Table B–28. Unemployment by duration and reason, 1975–2020

[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) [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	1,652	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
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	1,785	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
2020: Jan	5,892	2,059	1,755	887	1,166	21.9	9.3	2,665	742	1,923	836	1,838	557
Feb	5,787	2,013	1,803	825	1,102	20.9	9.1	2,723	801	1,922	777	1,803	505
Mar	7,140	3,542	1,794	808	1,164	17.1	7.0	3,946	1,848	2,099	727	1,778	509
Apr	23,078	14,283	7,004	833	939	6.1	2.0	20,626	18,063	2,563	570	1,477	389
May	20,985	3,875	14,814	1,078	1,164	9.9	7.7	18,291	15,343	2,948	554	1,645	536
June	17,750	2,838	11,496	1,903	1,391	15.7	13.6	14,272	10,565	3,707	565	2,356	563
July	16,338	3,202	5,169	6,484	1,501	17.9	15.0	12,924	9,225	3,699	571	2,358	513
Aug	13,550	2,281	3,134	6,517	1,624	20.2	16.7	10,307	6,160	4,147	589	2,095	554
Sept	12,580	2,552	2,732	4,918	2,405	20.7	17.8	9,135	4,637	4,498	801	2,146	537
Oct	11,061	2,500	2,275	2,617	3,556	21.2	19.3	7,712	3,205	4,507	769	2,009	528
Nov	10,735	2,467	2,413	1,857	3,941	23.2	18.8	7,485	2,764	4,721	721	1,924	560

[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).