

TABLE B-28. Unemployment by duration and reason, 1977-2022
[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			
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	8,774	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	6,924	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
2020	12,947	3,708	4,728	2,516	1,995	16.5	9.7	9,770	6,371	3,399	683	1,969	526
2021	8,623	2,140	1,981	1,164	3,337	28.7	16.5	5,099	1,582	3,516	803	2,204	518
2022	5,996	2,216	1,711	756	1,314	22.6	8.7	2,767	830	1,936	857	1,891	482
2021: Jan	10,155	2,250	2,484	1,321	4,055	25.9	15.7	6,932	2,705	4,227	654	2,055	563
Feb	9,982	2,211	2,254	1,370	4,146	27.5	17.7	6,596	2,259	4,337	707	2,178	594
Mar	9,712	2,178	1,950	1,336	4,216	29.6	19.7	6,284	2,086	4,198	769	2,258	506
Apr	9,737	2,377	2,011	1,137	4,170	28.3	19.8	6,263	2,072	4,191	819	2,118	580
May	9,257	2,018	2,199	1,243	3,761	29.7	19.3	5,827	1,829	3,998	786	2,174	506
June	9,508	2,005	2,240	1,353	3,970	32.0	19.9	5,737	1,814	3,923	944	2,253	501
July	8,704	2,246	1,763	1,200	3,446	29.8	14.6	4,924	1,220	3,705	926	2,297	470
Aug	8,324	2,116	1,885	1,245	3,124	29.4	14.2	4,444	1,213	3,230	827	2,439	524
Sept	7,677	2,240	1,740	1,041	2,682	28.6	13.6	4,027	1,094	2,933	789	2,262	498
Oct	7,345	2,075	1,852	1,021	2,327	26.9	12.9	3,690	1,026	2,664	844	2,175	532
Nov	6,780	1,965	1,708	906	2,156	28.9	13.0	3,353	870	2,482	839	2,142	422
Dec	6,329	1,989	1,593	799	1,989	28.1	12.3	3,089	801	2,288	725	2,024	508
2022: Jan	6,511	2,428	1,619	819	1,683	24.5	9.6	3,217	952	2,265	953	1,995	438
Feb	6,272	2,142	1,803	726	1,691	26.2	9.3	3,004	879	2,125	964	1,971	429
Mar	5,972	2,303	1,688	552	1,429	24.1	8.3	2,840	784	2,057	789	1,992	472
Apr	5,968	2,242	1,630	526	1,474	24.8	8.2	2,850	857	1,993	794	1,856	516
May	5,979	2,052	1,771	687	1,349	22.5	8.7	2,732	815	1,916	766	1,944	530
June	5,945	2,259	1,576	777	1,337	22.3	8.2	2,633	832	1,802	833	1,979	466
July	5,718	2,086	1,769	734	1,093	22.1	8.3	2,616	802	1,814	843	1,822	465
Aug	6,021	2,227	1,797	887	1,165	22.3	8.6	2,693	796	1,898	897	1,833	451
Sept	5,770	2,158	1,643	901	1,089	20.3	8.5	2,530	772	1,758	904	1,834	460
Oct	6,053	2,215	1,774	817	1,169	20.8	8.4	2,695	853	1,842	861	1,873	494
Nov	6,000	2,244	1,694	821	1,215	21.4	8.8	2,761	806	1,956	829	1,798	558
Dec	5,722	2,233	1,639	826	1,069	19.5	8.9	2,629	814	1,815	825	1,767	497

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).