Table B–28. Unemployment by duration and reason, 1980–2025

[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			
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
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
2023	6,080	2,112	1,866	925	1,177	20.6	8.9	2,870	811	2,059	822	1,831	556
2024	6,761	2,235	2,012	1,064	1,449	21.6	9.6	3,253	859	2,393	810	2,052	647
2025	7,314	2,357	2,150	1,113	1,696	23.0	9.9	3,443	910	2,534	835	2,267	770
2024: Jan	6,175	2,135	1,878	874	1,279	20.9	9.4	3,047	865	2,182	791	1,858	566
Feb	6,486	2,317	1,932	974	1,219	20.9	9.2	3,222	827	2,395	710	1,954	639
Mar	6,521	2,186	1,973	985	1,259	21.6	9.5	3,061	793	2,268	822	1,938	659
Apr	6,486	2,287	1,968	886	1,249	20.0	8.8	3,211	857	2,354	785	1,944	586
May	6,627	2,302	1,910	969	1,356	21.3	9.1	3,201	833	2,368	725	2,049	645
June	6,881	2,155	2,111	1,069	1,534	20.7	9.8	3,192	821	2,371	754	2,123	709
July	7,098	2,353	2,180	1,076	1,537	20.6	9.5	3,529	1,091	2,438	857	2,180	646
Aug	7,063	2,443	2,044	1,156	1,536	21.0	9.6	3,323	868	2,454	848	2,136	698
Sept	6,849	2,165	1,958	1,125	1,612	22.6	10.0	3,236	902	2,335	818	2,053	643
Oct	6,951	2,118	2,081	1,226	1,604	22.9	10.2	3,360	818	2,542	802	2,145	608
Nov	7,089	2,192	2,060	1,231	1,651	23.7	10.7	3,383	769	2,615	852	2,149	706
Dec	6,920	2,175	2,014	1,202	1,551	23.7	10.2	3,261	865	2,396	945	2,050	649
2025: Jan	6,865	2,292	1,956	1,158	1,449	22.0	10.1	3,254	837	2,417	910	2,132	668
Feb	7,104	2,334	2,161	1,033	1,461	21.4	9.9	3,327	819	2,508	915	2,212	673
Mar	7,132	2,362	2,154	1,010	1,499	22.9	9.7	3,322	818	2,503	869	2,182	743
Apr	7,155	2,194	2,262	993	1,672	23.2	10.2	3,455	873	2,582	854	2,240	709
May	7,248	2,456	2,203	1,042	1,464	21.9	9.5	3,459	879	2,580	706	2,291	734
June	7,054	2,254	2,129	1,064	1,651	23.1	10.1	3,306	867	2,438	825	2,160	723
July	7,272	2,304	2,041	1,166	1,822	24.0	10.2	3,412	940	2,472	785	2,199	982
Aug	7,380	2,475	2,058	1,051	1,924	24.5	9.9	3,447	890	2,558	785	2,302	792
Sept	7,605	2,232	2,356	1,286	1,815	24.1	10.1	3,524	844	2,680	860	2,336	813
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Nov	7,781	2,540	2,190	1,190	1,910	23.1	9.8	3,560	1,002	2,558	861	2,600	774
Dec	7,503	2,289	2,069	1,195	1,948	24.4	11.4	3,473	929	2,544	832	2,337	840

[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. Data for October 2025 are unavailable due to the 2025 lapse in appropriations.

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