

TABLE B-42.—Unemployment by duration and reason, 1950–96

[Thousands of persons, except as noted; monthly data seasonally adjusted¹]

Year or month	Unem- p- ment	Duration of unemployment						Reason for unemployment					
		Less than 5 weeks	5–14 weeks	15–26 weeks	27 weeks and over	Average (mean) dura- tion (weeks)	Median dura- tion (weeks)	Job losers ³			Job leav- ers	Reen- trants	New en- trants
								Total	On layoff	Other			
1950	3,288	1,450	1,055	425	357	12.1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
1951	2,055	1,177	574	166	137	9.7	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
1952	1,883	1,135	516	148	84	8.4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
1953	1,834	1,142	482	132	78	8.0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
1954	3,532	1,605	1,116	495	317	11.8	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
1955	2,852	1,335	815	366	336	13.0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
1956	2,750	1,412	805	301	232	11.3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
1957	2,859	1,408	891	321	239	10.5	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
1958	4,602	1,753	1,396	785	667	13.9	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
1959	3,740	1,585	1,114	469	571	14.4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
1960	3,852	1,719	1,176	503	454	12.8	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
1961	4,714	1,806	1,376	728	804	15.6	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
1962	3,911	1,663	1,134	534	585	14.7	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
1963	4,070	1,751	1,231	535	553	14.0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
1964	3,786	1,697	1,117	491	482	13.3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
1965	3,366	1,628	983	404	351	11.8	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
1966	2,875	1,573	779	287	239	10.4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
1967 ²	2,975	1,634	893	271	177	8.7	2.3	1,229	394	836	438	945	396
1968	2,817	1,594	810	256	156	8.4	4.5	1,070	334	736	431	909	407
1969	2,832	1,629	827	242	133	7.8	4.4	1,017	339	678	436	965	413
1970	4,093	2,139	1,290	428	235	8.6	4.9	1,811	675	1,137	550	1,228	504
1971	5,016	2,245	1,585	668	519	11.3	6.3	2,323	735	1,588	590	1,472	630
1972	4,882	2,242	1,472	601	566	12.0	6.2	2,108	582	1,526	641	1,456	677
1973	4,365	2,224	1,314	483	343	10.0	5.2	1,694	472	1,221	683	1,340	649
1974	5,156	2,604	1,597	574	381	9.8	5.2	2,242	746	1,495	768	1,463	681
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	8.9	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
1995: Jan	7,432	2,813	2,155	1,032	1,367	17.1	7.9	3,560	999	2,561	716	2,553	573
Feb	7,203	2,582	2,212	1,109	1,245	17.1	8.3	3,378	1,021	2,357	788	2,485	575
Mar	7,201	2,589	2,300	927	1,328	17.2	8.2	3,377	1,028	2,349	798	2,436	597
Apr	7,590	2,669	2,353	1,059	1,377	17.4	8.3	3,423	1,067	2,356	827	2,765	618
May	7,358	2,595	2,302	1,253	1,288	16.9	8.9	3,525	956	2,569	879	2,440	558
June	7,445	2,744	2,382	1,097	1,183	15.7	7.8	3,431	1,059	2,372	855	2,540	564
July	7,496	2,573	2,548	1,079	1,246	16.5	8.7	3,516	1,112	2,404	836	2,538	543
Aug	7,517	2,747	2,444	1,156	1,239	16.2	8.3	3,516	1,084	2,432	863	2,532	587
Sept	7,523	2,848	2,313	1,064	1,277	16.3	8.0	3,452	922	2,530	871	2,570	614
Oct	7,329	2,808	2,351	1,036	1,250	16.2	8.1	3,553	1,044	2,509	748	2,511	560
Nov	7,409	2,739	2,383	1,082	1,273	16.5	8.1	3,511	1,062	2,449	830	2,502	582
Dec	7,354	2,683	2,368	1,120	1,247	16.4	8.2	3,512	1,024	2,488	879	2,443	587
1996: Jan	7,588	2,774	2,370	1,114	1,255	16.2	8.2	3,586	1,106	2,480	835	2,481	620
Feb	7,364	2,736	2,291	1,097	1,225	16.6	8.1	3,543	1,041	2,502	749	2,499	603
Mar	7,402	2,632	2,305	1,102	1,304	17.2	8.2	3,508	1,031	2,477	783	2,538	593
Apr	7,302	2,450	2,330	1,098	1,289	17.3	8.6	3,535	1,092	2,443	723	2,487	567
May	7,331	2,754	2,310	1,048	1,306	16.9	8.4	3,409	1,070	2,339	688	2,709	546
June	7,119	2,544	2,201	1,051	1,302	17.2	8.1	3,399	1,000	2,399	702	2,437	545
July	7,276	2,603	2,307	994	1,332	16.9	8.5	3,348	980	2,368	754	2,522	590
Aug	6,910	2,534	2,199	1,003	1,270	17.2	8.5	3,095	931	2,164	775	2,467	552
Sept	7,043	2,522	2,245	1,040	1,237	16.9	8.6	3,236	989	2,247	800	2,441	559
Oct	7,019	2,556	2,265	1,062	1,232	16.7	8.3	3,171	957	2,214	797	2,489	577
Nov	7,187	2,819	2,252	1,018	1,166	16.0	7.7	3,261	994	2,267	825	2,523	586
Dec	7,167	2,671	2,357	976	1,203	15.8	7.8	3,221	987	2,234	845	2,556	626

¹ Because of independent seasonal adjustment of the various series, detail will not add to totals.

² Data for 1967 by reason for unemployment are not equal to total unemployment.

³ Beginning January 1994, job losers and persons who completed temporary jobs.

Note.—Data relate to persons 16 years of age and over.
See footnote 5 and Note, Table B-33.

Source: Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.