

TABLE B-42.—Unemployment by duration and reason, 1950–94

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

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)	Median duration (weeks)	Job losers <sup>3</sup>			Job leavers	Reentrants	New entrants
								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	2,952	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 <sup>2</sup>	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	10,578	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	1,334	18.2	7.9	4,421	1,171	3,250	823	2,184	1,110
1985	8,312	3,498	2,509	1,025	1,380	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	6,874	3,169	2,201	809	695	12.1	5.4	3,322	1,018	2,305	1,014	1,883	654
1991	8,426	3,380	2,724	1,225	1,098	13.8	6.9	4,608	1,279	3,329	979	2,087	753
1992	9,384	3,270	2,760	1,424	1,930	17.9	8.8	5,291	1,246	4,045	975	2,228	890
1993	8,734	3,160	2,522	1,274	1,778	18.1	8.4	4,769	1,104	3,664	946	2,145	874
1994	7,996	2,728	2,408	1,237	1,623	18.8	9.2	3,815	977	2,838	791	2,786	604
1993: Jan	9,046	3,262	2,543	1,372	1,921	18.5	8.6	4,934	1,072	3,862	834	2,295	950
Feb	8,958	3,232	2,549	1,284	1,890	18.2	8.4	4,799	1,081	3,718	1,020	2,821	899
Mar	8,878	3,148	2,583	1,275	1,835	17.7	8.4	4,856	1,096	3,760	1,061	2,059	922
Apr	8,954	3,309	2,537	1,311	1,675	17.7	8.5	4,862	1,068	3,794	990	2,187	920
May	8,895	3,242	2,526	1,270	1,776	17.8	8.3	4,752	1,144	3,608	960	2,237	890
June	8,869	3,232	2,758	1,257	1,768	17.8	8.3	4,845	1,131	3,714	940	2,201	894
July	8,732	3,223	2,543	1,258	1,749	17.9	8.3	4,872	1,183	3,689	915	2,117	870
Aug	8,642	3,046	2,608	1,259	1,741	18.3	8.4	4,864	1,190	3,674	882	2,081	834
Sept	8,540	3,052	2,457	1,297	1,750	18.4	8.9	4,699	1,112	3,587	926	2,075	843
Oct	8,639	3,156	2,491	1,284	1,746	18.4	8.3	4,779	1,216	3,563	957	2,084	839
Nov	8,330	2,946	2,401	1,216	1,755	18.9	8.5	4,444	963	3,481	960	2,084	833
Dec	8,237	3,063	2,247	1,150	1,714	18.2	8.2	4,442	1,060	3,382	932	2,018	797
1994: Jan	8,740	3,319	2,351	1,308	1,738	18.4	8.5	4,395	1,149	3,246	817	2,824	644
Feb	8,576	2,677	2,670	1,318	1,748	18.8	8.9	4,163	1,091	3,072	852	2,936	636
Mar	8,546	2,749	2,574	1,264	1,792	19.2	9.1	4,068	1,011	3,057	823	2,989	630
Apr	8,385	2,772	2,482	1,237	1,735	19.1	9.2	3,880	979	2,901	810	3,164	679
May	7,996	2,651	2,461	1,160	1,693	19.4	9.2	3,640	811	2,829	796	2,863	611
June	7,903	2,754	2,452	1,193	1,547	18.4	9.1	3,374	931	2,803	788	2,785	498
July	7,993	2,768	2,365	1,234	1,589	19.0	9.2	3,863	1,031	2,832	770	2,766	594
Aug	7,889	2,655	2,572	1,198	1,575	18.9	9.2	3,706	1,012	2,694	786	2,758	621
Sept	7,647	2,675	2,294	1,213	1,555	18.8	9.5	3,574	824	2,750	874	2,620	600
Oct	7,505	2,434	2,256	1,344	1,590	19.3	10.1	3,513	848	2,665	755	2,626	614
Nov	7,315	2,599	2,163	1,187	1,474	18.2	9.1	3,495	881	2,614	710	2,575	578
Dec	7,155	2,587	2,149	1,088	1,368	17.8	8.7	3,442	930	2,512	704	2,525	555

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

<sup>2</sup> Data for 1967 by reason for unemployment are not equal to total unemployment.

<sup>3</sup> 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.