

31. Unemployed persons by age, sex, race, Hispanic or Latino ethnicity, marital status, and duration of unemployment

Characteristic	2008							Average (mean) duration	Median duration
	Thousands of persons								
	Total	Less than 5 weeks	5 to 14 weeks	15 weeks and over					
				Total	15 to 26 weeks	27 weeks and over			
AGE AND SEX									
Total, 16 years and over	8,924	2,932	2,804	3,188	1,427	1,761	17.9	9.4	
16 to 19 years	1,285	542	439	304	158	146	12.3	6.7	
20 to 24 years	1,545	561	500	484	239	245	15.3	8.4	
25 to 34 years	1,949	643	628	678	307	371	17.3	9.3	
35 to 44 years	1,604	487	499	619	285	334	18.7	10.2	
45 to 54 years	1,473	395	426	653	262	391	22.3	12.2	
55 to 64 years	803	215	238	350	138	212	22.2	11.8	
65 years and over	264	88	75	101	39	62	21.3	9.9	
Men, 16 years and over									
16 to 19 years	5,033	1,674	1,536	1,824	813	1,011	18.0	9.5	
16 to 19 years	736	307	252	177	86	91	12.6	6.8	
20 to 24 years	920	337	279	305	145	160	15.8	8.6	
25 to 34 years	1,119	375	345	399	185	215	17.1	9.5	
35 to 44 years	875	276	251	348	157	191	19.2	10.2	
45 to 54 years	804	221	235	348	142	206	22.3	11.9	
55 to 64 years	425	108	133	185	76	109	22.1	12.0	
65 years and over	153	50	41	62	21	41	23.3	10.4	
Women, 16 years and over									
16 to 19 years	3,891	1,258	1,269	1,364	615	750	17.7	9.3	
16 to 19 years	549	235	187	127	71	56	12.0	6.5	
20 to 24 years	625	224	222	179	93	86	14.6	8.2	
25 to 34 years	830	268	283	279	123	156	17.6	9.0	
35 to 44 years	730	211	248	271	128	143	18.1	10.2	
45 to 54 years	669	174	191	305	120	185	22.3	12.6	
55 to 64 years	377	108	105	165	62	103	22.3	11.5	
65 years and over	111	38	34	39	17	21	18.5	9.2	
RACE AND HISPANIC OR LATINO ETHNICITY									
White, 16 years and over									
Men	6,509	2,281	2,044	2,184	1,011	1,173	16.7	8.8	
Women	3,727	1,321	1,140	1,266	587	679	16.8	8.8	
Black or African American, 16 years and over	2,782	960	904	918	424	494	16.6	8.7	
Black or African American, 16 years and over									
Men	1,788	453	559	776	316	460	21.7	12.1	
Women	949	245	282	421	166	255	22.2	12.4	
Asian, 16 years and over	839	208	277	355	150	205	21.1	11.7	
Asian, 16 years and over									
Men	285	87	89	109	46	62	20.4	10.2	
Women	160	46	50	64	27	37	20.9	10.8	
Hispanic or Latino ethnicity, 16 years and over	125	42	39	45	19	25	19.7	9.5	
Hispanic or Latino ethnicity, 16 years and over									
Men	1,678	617	524	537	246	291	16.0	8.4	
Women	1,007	387	305	315	148	167	15.3	8.1	
MARITAL STATUS									
Men, 16 years and over:									
Married, spouse present	2,705	936	831	937	414	523	17.2	9.1	
Widowed, divorced, or separated	739	221	213	304	128	176	20.4	10.8	
Single (never married)	1,590	516	491	583	270	313	18.3	9.7	
Women, 16 years and over:									
Married, spouse present	1,717	604	577	536	257	279	15.9	8.5	
Widowed, divorced, or separated	849	242	265	342	147	196	20.0	10.9	
Single (never married)	1,325	413	427	486	211	275	18.6	9.7	

NOTE: Estimates for the above race groups (white, black or African American, and Asian) do not sum to totals because data are not presented for all races. Persons whose ethnicity is identified as Hispanic or Latino may be of any race. Updated population controls are introduced annually with the release of January data.