

E-10. Unemployed persons by duration of unemployment, seasonally adjusted

(Numbers in thousands)

Duration	2008			2009				2010				2011	
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NUMBER OF UNEMPLOYED													
Less than 5 weeks	2,839	3,010	3,247	3,433	3,240	3,012	2,967	2,766	2,745	2,821	2,736	2,506	2,810
5 to 14 weeks	2,670	2,895	3,293	3,875	4,161	3,786	3,522	3,312	3,066	3,344	3,316	3,008	2,924
15 weeks and over	2,784	3,398	4,182	5,334	7,044	8,058	8,845	8,905	8,906	8,566	8,741	8,249	8,051
15 to 26 weeks	1,275	1,541	1,811	2,367	3,010	2,892	2,945	2,589	2,219	2,248	2,407	2,140	1,942
27 weeks and over	1,509	1,857	2,371	2,968	4,035	5,166	5,900	6,317	6,687	6,317	6,334	6,108	6,110
Average (mean) duration, in weeks ¹	16.9	17.8	19.5	20.3	22.8	25.7	28.5	30.7	34.1	33.6	34.0	37.7	39.3
Median duration, in weeks	8.8	9.8	10.3	11.5	14.9	16.6	19.8	20.0	23.3	20.9	21.8	21.5	21.7
PERCENT DISTRIBUTION													
Total unemployed	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Less than 5 weeks	34.2	32.4	30.3	27.2	22.4	20.3	19.3	18.5	18.7	19.1	18.5	18.2	20.4
5 to 14 weeks	32.2	31.1	30.7	30.6	28.8	25.5	23.0	22.1	20.8	22.7	22.4	21.9	21.2
15 weeks and over	33.6	36.5	39.0	42.2	48.8	54.2	57.7	59.4	60.5	58.2	59.1	59.9	58.4
15 to 26 weeks	15.4	16.6	16.9	18.7	20.8	19.5	19.2	17.3	15.1	15.3	16.3	15.6	14.1
27 weeks and over	18.2	20.0	22.1	23.5	27.9	34.8	38.5	42.2	45.4	42.9	42.8	44.4	44.3

¹ Beginning in January 2011, this series reflects a change to the collection of data on unemployment duration. For more information, see www.bls.gov/cps/duration.htm.

NOTE: Updated population controls are introduced annually with the release of January data.