

25. Unemployed persons by occupation and sex

Occupation	Thousands of persons		Unemployment rates					
	Total		Total		Men		Women	
	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999
Total, 16 years and over <sup>1</sup> .....	6,210	5,880	4.5	4.2	4.4	4.1	4.6	4.3
Managerial and professional specialty .....	722	770	1.8	1.9	1.7	1.8	2.0	1.9
Executive, administrative, and managerial .....	343	376	1.8	1.9	1.6	1.7	2.0	2.0
Professional specialty .....	380	394	1.9	1.9	1.8	1.8	2.0	1.9
Technical, sales, and administrative support .....	1,550	1,477	3.9	3.7	3.3	3.2	4.2	3.9
Technicians and related support .....	96	101	2.2	2.3	2.3	2.6	2.1	1.9
Sales occupations .....	745	714	4.5	4.2	3.3	3.0	5.6	5.4
Administrative support, including clerical .....	710	662	3.7	3.5	4.0	3.7	3.6	3.4
Service occupations .....	1,216	1,081	6.4	5.7	6.3	5.5	6.4	5.8
Private household .....	74	67	8.0	7.4	8.7	6.0	8.0	7.5
Protective service .....	85	72	3.4	2.9	3.1	2.4	5.0	4.9
Service, except private household and protective .....	1,057	943	6.8	6.0	7.5	6.7	6.3	5.7
Precision production, craft, and repair .....	630	607	4.2	4.0	4.1	3.9	4.8	5.2
Mechanics and repairers .....	149	136	3.0	2.7	3.1	2.6	2.3	4.8
Construction trades .....	338	330	5.7	5.4	5.6	5.3	10.4	8.8
Other precision production, craft, and repair .....	143	142	3.4	3.5	3.1	3.1	4.6	4.7
Operators, fabricators, and laborers .....	1,304	1,207	6.7	6.2	6.3	5.9	7.7	7.3
Machine operators, assemblers, and inspectors .....	494	440	6.0	5.6	5.0	4.7	7.6	7.2
Transportation and material moving occupations .....	279	235	4.9	4.1	4.8	4.0	6.3	5.3
Handlers, equipment cleaners, helpers, and laborers .....	531	532	9.4	9.2	9.6	9.4	8.8	8.4
Construction laborers .....	136	140	14.2	13.2	14.2	13.0	16.0	18.2
Other handlers, equipment cleaners, helpers, and laborers .....	395	392	8.4	8.3	8.4	8.4	8.5	8.0
Farming, forestry, and fishing .....	244	249	6.5	6.8	6.1	6.2	8.0	9.0
No previous work experience .....	520	469	—	—	—	—	—	—
16 to 19 years .....	361	328	—	—	—	—	—	—
20 to 24 years .....	80	67	—	—	—	—	—	—
25 years and over .....	80	74	—	—	—	—	—	—

<sup>1</sup> Includes a small number of persons whose last job was in the Armed Forces.

NOTE: Beginning in January 1999, data reflect revised population controls used in the household survey.