

32. Unemployed persons by occupation, industry, and duration of unemployment

Occupation and industry	2008							Average (mean) duration	Median duration
	Thousands of persons					Weeks			
	Total	Less than 5 weeks	5 to 14 weeks	15 weeks and over					
				Total	15 to 26 weeks	27 weeks and over			
OCCUPATION									
Management, professional, and related occupations	1,463	440	454	569	249	320	19.3	10.2	
Management, business, and financial operations occupations	619	166	195	258	112	146	19.9	11.2	
Professional and related occupations	844	274	259	311	138	174	18.9	9.7	
Service occupations	1,769	620	554	595	266	329	17.2	8.9	
Sales and office occupations	2,006	611	654	741	330	411	18.4	9.9	
Sales and related occupations	980	312	323	344	155	189	17.8	9.4	
Office and administrative support occupations	1,026	299	330	397	175	221	19.1	10.4	
Natural resources, construction, and maintenance occupations	1,421	515	444	463	222	240	16.1	8.5	
Farming, fishing, and forestry occupations	112	44	36	32	19	13	13.5	8.1	
Construction and extraction occupations	1,067	392	334	340	164	176	15.7	8.3	
Installation, maintenance, and repair occupations	243	79	74	90	39	51	18.8	9.7	
Production, transportation, and material moving occupations ..	1,474	481	423	570	247	323	18.8	10.0	
Production occupations	746	236	217	293	119	174	19.3	10.2	
Transportation and material moving occupations	727	244	206	277	128	149	18.3	9.8	
INDUSTRY ¹									
Agriculture and related industries	126	48	41	38	23	15	13.3	8.4	
Mining	26	11	8	7	3	4	(²)	(²)	
Construction	1,045	373	332	339	172	168	15.3	8.6	
Manufacturing	954	294	275	385	155	230	20.1	10.5	
Durable goods	603	183	175	246	96	150	20.3	10.6	
Nondurable goods	351	112	100	139	59	80	19.9	10.3	
Wholesale and retail trade	1,220	381	399	440	204	237	18.0	9.6	
Transportation and utilities	347	106	99	142	64	77	19.6	11.0	
Information	173	53	54	66	28	38	20.6	10.2	
Financial activities	389	98	123	168	71	97	20.6	12.1	
Professional and business services	943	294	303	346	161	184	17.4	9.8	
Education and health services	922	306	296	320	139	182	17.9	9.2	
Leisure and hospitality	1,132	410	367	356	161	196	16.0	8.3	
Other services	335	112	91	132	59	73	19.3	9.9	
Public administration	139	41	42	55	26	29	21.0	10.5	
No previous work experience	766	258	268	241	108	133	16.8	8.9	

¹ Includes wage and salary workers only.

² Data not shown where base is less than 35,000.

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