

**HOUSEHOLD DATA  
NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED  
QUARTERLY AVERAGES**

**E-18. Unemployed persons by duration of unemployment, race, and Hispanic or Latino ethnicity**  
[Numbers in thousands]

Duration	Total		White		Black or African American		Asian		Hispanic or Latino	
	4th 2016	4th 2017	4th 2016	4th 2017	4th 2016	4th 2017	4th 2016	4th 2017	4th 2016	4th 2017
<b>NUMBER OF UNEMPLOYED</b>										
Total unemployed.....	7,228	6,269	5,020	4,249	1,570	1,406	290	270	1,526	1,295
Less than 5 weeks.....	2,223	2,062	1,637	1,489	398	376	82	67	545	458
5 to 14 weeks.....	2,041	1,813	1,401	1,275	455	361	83	81	449	390
15 weeks and over.....	2,964	2,394	1,983	1,485	717	669	125	123	533	447
15 to 26 weeks.....	1,131	878	780	559	245	234	59	44	199	171
27 weeks and over.....	1,833	1,515	1,202	926	472	435	66	79	334	276
Average (mean) duration, in weeks <sup>1</sup> .....	26.9	25.6	26.1	23.7	30.6	30.1	23.1	38.0	22.7	21.9
Median duration, in weeks.....	10.5	9.5	9.9	8.7	12.7	13.4	11.9	12.9	8.5	8.8
<b>PERCENT DISTRIBUTION</b>										
Total unemployed.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Less than 5 weeks.....	30.8	32.9	32.6	35.0	25.4	26.7	28.2	24.6	35.7	35.4
5 to 14 weeks.....	28.2	28.9	27.9	30.0	29.0	25.7	28.7	29.8	29.4	30.1
15 weeks and over.....	41.0	38.2	39.5	35.0	45.7	47.6	43.2	45.6	34.9	34.5
15 to 26 weeks.....	15.6	14.0	15.5	13.2	15.6	16.7	20.5	16.3	13.0	13.2
27 weeks and over.....	25.4	24.2	24.0	21.8	30.0	30.9	22.7	29.2	21.9	21.3

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

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.