

Table 57. **Unemployed persons by duration and reason, annual averages, 1948-2000**

(Numbers in thousands)

Year	Total unemployed	Duration of unemployment						Reason for unemployment			
		Less than 5 weeks	5 to 14 weeks	15 to 26 weeks	27 weeks and over	Mean duration (weeks)	Median duration (weeks)	Job losers ¹	Job leavers	Reentrants	New entrants
1948	2,276	1,300	669	193	116	8.6	-	-	-	-	-
1949	3,637	1,756	1,194	428	256	10.0	-	-	-	-	-
1950	3,288	1,450	1,055	425	357	12.1	-	-	-	-	-
1951	2,055	1,177	574	166	137	9.7	-	-	-	-	-
1952	1,883	1,135	516	148	84	8.4	-	-	-	-	-
1953 ²	1,834	1,142	482	132	78	8.0	-	-	-	-	-
1954	3,532	1,605	1,116	495	317	11.8	-	-	-	-	-
1955	2,852	1,335	815	366	336	13.0	-	-	-	-	-
1956	2,750	1,412	805	301	232	11.3	-	-	-	-	-
1957	2,859	1,408	891	321	239	10.5	-	-	-	-	-
1958	4,602	1,753	1,396	785	667	13.9	-	-	-	-	-
1959	3,740	1,585	1,114	469	571	14.4	-	-	-	-	-
1960 ²	3,852	1,719	1,176	503	454	12.8	-	-	-	-	-
1961	4,714	1,806	1,376	728	804	15.6	-	-	-	-	-
1962 ²	3,911	1,663	1,134	534	585	14.7	-	-	-	-	-
1963	4,070	1,751	1,231	535	553	14.0	-	-	-	-	-
1964	3,786	1,697	1,117	491	482	13.3	-	-	-	-	-
1965	3,366	1,628	983	404	351	11.8	-	-	-	-	-
1966	2,875	1,573	779	287	239	10.4	-	-	-	-	-
1967	2,975	1,634	893	271	177	8.7	2.3	1,229	438	945	396
1968	2,817	1,594	810	256	156	8.4	4.5	1,070	431	909	407
1969	2,832	1,629	827	242	133	7.8	4.4	1,017	436	965	413
1970	4,093	2,139	1,290	428	235	8.6	4.9	1,811	550	1,228	504
1971	5,016	2,245	1,585	668	519	11.3	6.3	2,323	590	1,472	630
1972 ²	4,882	2,242	1,472	601	566	12.0	6.2	2,108	641	1,456	677
1973 ²	4,365	2,224	1,314	483	343	10.0	5.2	1,694	683	1,340	649
1974	5,156	2,604	1,597	574	381	9.8	5.2	2,242	768	1,463	681
1975	7,929	2,940	2,484	1,303	1,203	14.2	8.4	4,386	827	1,892	823
1976	7,406	2,844	2,196	1,018	1,348	15.8	8.2	3,679	903	1,928	895
1977	6,991	2,919	2,132	913	1,028	14.3	7.0	3,166	909	1,963	953
1978 ²	6,202	2,865	1,923	766	648	11.9	5.9	2,585	874	1,857	885
1979	6,137	2,950	1,946	706	535	10.8	5.4	2,635	880	1,806	817
1980	7,637	3,295	2,470	1,052	820	11.9	6.5	3,947	891	1,927	872
1981	8,273	3,449	2,539	1,122	1,162	13.7	6.9	4,267	923	2,102	981
1982	10,678	3,883	3,311	1,708	1,776	15.6	8.7	6,268	840	2,384	1,185
1983	10,717	3,570	2,937	1,652	2,559	20.0	10.1	6,258	830	2,412	1,216
1984	8,539	3,350	2,451	1,104	1,634	18.2	7.9	4,421	823	2,184	1,110
1985	8,312	3,498	2,509	1,025	1,280	15.6	6.8	4,139	877	2,256	1,039
1986 ²	8,237	3,448	2,557	1,045	1,187	15.0	6.9	4,033	1,015	2,160	1,029
1987	7,425	3,246	2,196	943	1,040	14.5	6.5	3,566	965	1,974	920
1988	6,701	3,084	2,007	801	809	13.5	5.9	3,092	983	1,809	816
1989	6,528	3,174	1,978	730	646	11.9	4.8	2,983	1,024	1,843	677
1990 ²	7,047	3,265	2,257	822	703	12.0	5.3	3,387	1,041	1,930	688
1991	8,628	3,480	2,791	1,246	1,111	13.7	6.8	4,694	1,004	2,139	792
1992	9,613	3,376	2,830	1,453	1,954	17.7	8.7	5,389	1,002	2,285	937
1993	8,940	3,262	2,584	1,297	1,798	18.0	8.3	4,848	976	2,198	919
1994 ²	7,996	2,728	2,408	1,237	1,623	18.8	9.2	3,815	791	2,786	604
1995	7,404	2,700	2,342	1,085	1,278	16.6	8.3	3,476	824	2,525	579
1996	7,236	2,633	2,287	1,053	1,262	16.7	8.3	3,370	774	2,512	580
1997 ²	6,739	2,538	2,138	995	1,067	15.8	8.0	3,037	795	2,338	569
1998 ²	6,210	2,622	1,950	763	875	14.5	6.7	2,822	734	2,132	520
1999 ²	5,880	2,568	1,832	755	725	13.4	6.4	2,622	783	2,005	469
2000 ²	5,655	2,543	1,803	665	644	12.6	5.9	2,492	775	1,957	431

¹ Beginning January 1994 includes persons who completed temporary jobs.

² The comparability of historical labor force data has been affected at various times by methodological and conceptual changes. For an explanation, see the Explanatory Notes and

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Dash indicates data not available.