

A-12. Unemployed persons by duration of unemployment, seasonally adjusted

(Numbers in thousands)

Duration	2008										2009		
	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.
NUMBER OF UNEMPLOYED													
Less than 5 weeks	2,797	2,496	3,257	2,733	2,884	3,242	2,864	3,108	3,255	3,267	3,658	3,404	3,371
5 to 14 weeks	2,549	2,529	2,478	3,012	2,853	2,874	3,083	3,055	3,141	3,398	3,519	3,969	4,041
15 weeks and over	2,444	2,652	2,808	2,966	3,168	3,447	3,662	4,109	3,964	4,517	4,634	5,264	5,715
15 to 26 weeks	1,143	1,277	1,238	1,345	1,450	1,568	1,621	1,834	1,757	1,927	1,987	2,347	2,534
27 weeks and over	1,300	1,375	1,570	1,621	1,718	1,878	2,041	2,275	2,207	2,591	2,647	2,917	3,182
Average (mean) duration, in weeks	16.1	17.0	16.8	17.6	17.3	17.6	18.7	19.8	18.9	19.7	19.8	19.8	20.1
Median duration, in weeks	8.2	9.3	8.3	10.1	9.8	9.3	10.3	10.6	10.0	10.6	10.3	11.0	11.2
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	35.9	32.5	38.1	31.4	32.4	33.9	29.8	30.3	31.4	29.2	31.0	26.9	25.7
5 to 14 weeks	32.7	32.9	29.0	34.6	32.0	30.1	32.1	29.7	30.3	30.4	29.8	31.4	30.8
15 weeks and over	31.4	34.6	32.9	34.1	35.6	36.0	38.1	40.0	38.3	40.4	39.2	41.7	43.5
15 to 26 weeks	14.7	16.6	14.5	15.4	16.3	16.4	16.9	17.9	17.0	17.2	16.8	18.6	19.3
27 weeks and over	16.7	17.9	18.4	18.6	19.3	19.6	21.2	22.1	21.3	23.2	22.4	23.1	24.2

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