

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

(Numbers in thousands)

Duration	2008						2009						
	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July
<b>NUMBER OF UNEMPLOYED</b>													
Less than 5 weeks .....	2,884	3,242	2,864	3,108	3,255	3,267	3,658	3,404	3,371	3,346	3,275	3,204	3,233
5 to 14 weeks .....	2,853	2,874	3,083	3,055	3,141	3,398	3,519	3,969	4,041	3,982	4,321	4,066	3,557
15 weeks and over .....	3,168	3,447	3,662	4,109	3,964	4,517	4,634	5,264	5,715	6,211	7,002	7,833	7,880
15 to 26 weeks .....	1,450	1,568	1,621	1,834	1,757	1,927	1,987	2,347	2,534	2,531	3,054	3,452	2,916
27 weeks and over .....	1,718	1,878	2,041	2,275	2,207	2,591	2,647	2,917	3,182	3,680	3,948	4,381	4,965
Average (mean) duration, in weeks .....	17.3	17.6	18.7	19.8	18.9	19.7	19.8	19.8	20.1	21.4	22.5	24.5	25.1
Median duration, in weeks .....	9.8	9.3	10.3	10.6	10.0	10.6	10.3	11.0	11.2	12.5	14.9	17.9	15.7
<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	100.0	100.0	100.0
Less than 5 weeks .....	32.4	33.9	29.8	30.3	31.4	29.2	31.0	26.9	25.7	24.7	22.4	21.2	22.0
5 to 14 weeks .....	32.0	30.1	32.1	29.7	30.3	30.4	29.8	31.4	30.8	29.4	29.6	26.9	24.2
15 weeks and over .....	35.6	36.0	38.1	40.0	38.3	40.4	39.2	41.7	43.5	45.9	48.0	51.9	53.7
15 to 26 weeks .....	16.3	16.4	16.9	17.9	17.0	17.2	16.8	18.6	19.3	18.7	20.9	22.9	19.9
27 weeks and over .....	19.3	19.6	21.2	22.1	21.3	23.2	22.4	23.1	24.2	27.2	27.0	29.0	33.8

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