

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

(Numbers in thousands)

Duration	2007				2008								
	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.
NUMBER OF UNEMPLOYED													
Less than 5 weeks	2,537	2,508	2,633	2,793	2,634	2,639	2,767	2,484	3,244	2,712	2,835	3,235	2,853
5 to 14 weeks	2,330	2,454	2,157	2,330	2,396	2,396	2,525	2,495	2,469	2,999	2,823	2,821	3,051
15 weeks and over	2,392	2,367	2,398	2,520	2,503	2,377	2,400	2,626	2,773	2,916	3,118	3,402	3,607
15 to 26 weeks	1,112	1,052	1,014	1,182	1,124	1,079	1,118	1,272	1,223	1,328	1,440	1,561	1,598
27 weeks and over	1,280	1,315	1,384	1,338	1,380	1,299	1,282	1,353	1,550	1,587	1,678	1,841	2,008
Average (mean) duration, in weeks	16.6	17.0	17.2	16.6	17.5	16.8	16.2	16.9	16.6	17.5	17.1	17.4	18.4
Median duration, in weeks	8.9	8.7	8.7	8.4	8.8	8.4	8.1	9.3	8.3	10.0	9.7	9.2	10.2
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	34.9	34.2	36.6	36.5	35.0	35.6	36.0	32.7	38.2	31.4	32.3	34.2	30.0
5 to 14 weeks	32.1	33.5	30.0	30.5	31.8	32.3	32.8	32.8	29.1	34.8	32.2	29.8	32.1
15 weeks and over	33.0	32.3	33.4	33.0	33.2	32.1	31.2	34.5	32.7	33.8	35.5	36.0	37.9
15 to 26 weeks	15.3	14.4	14.1	15.5	14.9	14.6	14.5	16.7	14.4	15.4	16.4	16.5	16.8
27 weeks and over	17.6	17.9	19.3	17.5	18.3	17.5	16.7	17.8	18.3	18.4	19.1	19.5	21.1

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