

Table 615. Unemployed Persons by Reason of Unemployment: 2008

[8,924 represents 8,924,000. Annual averages of monthly data. Based on Current Population Survey; see text, Section 1, and Appendix III]

Age, sex, and reason	Total unemployed (1,000)	Percent distribution by duration				
		Less than 5 weeks	5 to 14 weeks	15 weeks and over		
				Total	15 to 26 weeks	27 weeks or longer
Total 16 years old and over	8,924	32.8	31.4	35.7	16.0	19.7
16 to 19 years old	1,285	42.2	34.2	23.6	12.3	11.4
Total 20 years old and over	7,639	31.3	31.0	37.8	16.6	21.1
Males	4,297	31.8	29.9	38.3	16.9	21.4
Job losers and persons who completed temporary jobs	2,918	34.2	30.3	35.4	16.6	18.8
On temporary layoff	751	56.3	31.1	12.6	9.8	2.8
Not on temporary layoff	2,167	26.6	30.1	43.4	19.0	24.4
Permanent job losers	1,574	24.3	29.9	45.8	19.6	26.2
Persons who completed temporary jobs	593	32.6	30.5	36.9	17.3	19.6
Job leavers	410	30.9	31.4	37.7	18.5	19.1
Reentrants	856	24.7	27.3	48.0	17.2	30.9
New entrants	113	26.4	31.9	41.6	16.3	25.3
Females	3,342	30.6	32.4	37.0	16.3	20.8
Job losers and persons who completed temporary jobs	1,668	32.8	32.0	35.2	16.3	18.9
On temporary layoff	352	55.8	31.3	12.9	7.9	5.0
Not on temporary layoff	1,316	26.6	32.2	41.2	18.6	22.6
Permanent job losers	1,013	25.2	31.6	43.2	19.2	24.0
Persons who completed temporary jobs	302	31.5	34.1	34.3	16.3	18.0
Job leavers	406	33.6	37.1	29.3	14.8	14.6
Reentrants	1,126	27.2	31.1	41.8	16.5	25.2
New entrants	143	23.8	33.4	42.7	17.7	25.0

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, "Employment and Earnings Online," January 2009; <<http://www.bls.gov/opub/ee/home.htm>> and <<http://www.bls.gov/cps/home.htm>>.