

Average (mean) duration of unemployment in weeks, not seasonally adjusted, January 2011
A comparison of new (5-year) and previous (2-year) topcodes

Characteristic	New topcode (5 years)	Previous topcode (2 years)	Difference (New - previous)
AGE AND SEX			
Total, 16 years and over	35.5	34.2	1.3
16 to 19 years	21.4	21.2	0.2
20 to 24 years	28.5	27.8	0.8
25 to 34 years	32.8	31.9	0.9
35 to 44 years	38.5	37.4	1.2
45 to 54 years	42.0	39.9	2.1
55 to 64 years	43.0	40.9	2.1
65 years and over	49.3	45.2	4.1
Men, 16 years and over	35.2	34.1	1.1
16 to 19 years	22.4	22.2	0.2
20 to 24 years	30.2	29.3	0.9
25 to 34 years	32.9	32.1	0.9
35 to 44 years	36.5	35.8	0.7
45 to 54 years	40.1	38.8	1.3
55 to 64 years	42.1	40.1	2.0
65 years and over	53.8	48.4	5.5
Women, 16 years and over	35.8	34.3	1.5
16 to 19 years	20.1	19.9	0.2
20 to 24 years	26.2	25.7	0.5
25 to 34 years	32.5	31.7	0.9
35 to 44 years	41.5	39.7	1.8
45 to 54 years	44.6	41.5	3.1
55 to 64 years	44.2	42.0	2.1
65 years and over	43.2	41.0	2.3
RACE AND HISPANIC OR LATINO ETHNICITY			
White, 16 years and over	33.8	32.6	1.2
Men	33.5	32.4	1.0
Women	34.4	32.9	1.5
Black or African American, 16 years and over	40.2	38.6	1.5
Men	40.8	39.5	1.3
Women	39.3	37.5	1.8
Asian, 16 years and over	42.3	40.3	1.9
Men	42.1	39.3	2.8
Women	42.4	41.6	0.8
Hispanic or Latino ethnicity, 16 years and over	32.8	31.6	1.2
Men	30.8	30.0	0.8
Women	36.1	34.3	1.8
MARITAL STATUS			
Men, 16 years and over	35.2	34.1	1.1
Married spouse present	35.1	34.0	1.0
Widowed, divorced, or separated	42.3	40.4	2.0
Never married	33.1	32.2	1.0
Women, 16 years and over	35.8	34.3	1.5
Married spouse present	38.7	36.6	2.1
Widowed, divorced, or separated	40.2	38.3	1.9
Never married	31.2	30.4	0.9

See footnotes at end of table.

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OCCUPATION			
Management, professional, and related occupations	37.5	36.5	1.0
Management, business, and financial operations occupations	38.3	37.7	0.6
Professional and related occupations	36.8	35.5	1.3
Service occupations	33.1	31.6	1.5
Sales and office occupations	35.7	34.7	1.0
Sales and related occupations	34.5	33.3	1.2
Office and administrative support occupations	36.8	35.9	0.9
Natural resources, construction, and maintenance occupations	32.5	31.4	1.1
Farming, fishing, and forestry occupations	18.0	17.9	0.1
Construction and extraction occupations	32.9	31.8	1.1
Installation, maintenance, and repair occupations	38.3	36.9	1.5
Production, transportation, and material moving occupations	39.7	37.7	2.0
Production occupations	42.9	40.9	2.0
Transportation and material moving occupations	36.9	34.9	2.1
INDUSTRY¹			
Agriculture and related industries	22.9	22.4	0.6
Nonagricultural industries ²	35.6	34.4	1.2
Construction	32.1	31.2	0.9
Manufacturing	44.8	42.9	1.9
Durable goods	45.6	44.6	1.0
Nondurable goods	43.4	40.1	3.3
Wholesale and retail trade	35.0	33.6	1.4
Transportation and utilities	36.3	34.9	1.3
Information	41.4	41.0	0.5
Financial activities	37.5	36.9	0.6
Professional and business services	36.0	34.7	1.4
Education and health services	34.8	33.6	1.3
Leisure and hospitality	31.1	30.2	0.9
Other services	38.9	36.5	2.4
Public administration	30.1	30.1	0.0
No previous work experience	34.0	32.5	1.5

¹ Includes wage and salary workers only.

² Includes other industries not shown separately.

NOTE: Differences are calculated using unrounded estimates and may differ slightly from calculations using the rounded average durations displayed in this table. With the release of data for January 2011, the Current Population Survey (CPS) was modified to allow respondents to

report durations of unemployment of up to 5 years. Previously, the CPS accepted unemployment durations of up to 2 years; any response of unemployment duration greater than this was entered as 2 years. With the release of data for January 2011, the official estimates of unemployment duration use the new 5-year topcode. This table presents research estimates using the previous 2-year topcode.