

Average (mean) duration of unemployment in weeks, not seasonally adjusted, March 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	39.8	37.0	2.8
16 to 19 years	22.3	22.1	0.2
20 to 24 years	31.9	30.3	1.7
25 to 34 years	36.8	34.6	2.1
35 to 44 years	43.4	40.1	3.3
45 to 54 years	46.0	42.4	3.6
55 to 64 years	51.9	47.6	4.4
65 years and over	49.9	43.4	6.5
Men, 16 years and over	40.5	37.7	2.8
16 to 19 years	22.6	22.2	0.4
20 to 24 years	32.5	30.9	1.6
25 to 34 years	37.8	35.9	1.9
35 to 44 years	44.5	41.0	3.5
45 to 54 years	45.3	41.8	3.4
55 to 64 years	53.4	48.9	4.4
65 years and over	54.4	45.8	8.7
Women, 16 years and over	38.8	36.1	2.7
16 to 19 years	22.0	22.0	0.0
20 to 24 years	31.0	29.3	1.8
25 to 34 years	35.2	32.8	2.4
35 to 44 years	42.0	38.9	3.1
45 to 54 years	47.2	43.2	4.0
55 to 64 years	49.9	45.7	4.3
65 years and over	42.8	39.8	3.1
RACE AND HISPANIC OR LATINO ETHNICITY			
White, 16 years and over	38.0	35.6	2.5
Men	38.3	35.7	2.6
Women	37.6	35.4	2.3
Black or African American, 16 years and over	43.9	40.3	3.6
Men	45.6	42.3	3.3
Women	41.6	37.6	4.0
Asian, 16 years and over	48.3	44.2	4.1
Men	51.5	47.6	3.9
Women	45.2	40.8	4.4
Hispanic or Latino ethnicity, 16 years and over	37.8	35.1	2.6
Men	37.3	34.8	2.4
Women	38.5	35.6	2.9
MARITAL STATUS			
Men, 16 years and over	40.5	37.7	2.8
Married spouse present	43.1	39.7	3.4
Widowed, divorced, or separated	49.2	45.7	3.5
Never married	35.6	33.5	2.1
Women, 16 years and over	38.8	36.1	2.7
Married spouse present	43.3	40.1	3.2
Widowed, divorced, or separated	41.1	37.8	3.2
Never married	33.4	31.4	2.0

See footnotes at end of table.

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OCCUPATION			
Management, professional, and related occupations	44.4	41.1	3.2
Management, business, and financial operations occupations	42.8	41.0	1.8
Professional and related occupations	45.7	41.2	4.5
Service occupations	38.5	35.2	3.3
Sales and office occupations	39.5	37.3	2.3
Sales and related occupations	37.7	35.6	2.1
Office and administrative support occupations	41.2	38.7	2.4
Natural resources, construction, and maintenance occupations	36.3	34.2	2.1
Farming, fishing, and forestry occupations	24.8	24.1	0.7
Construction and extraction occupations	36.2	33.8	2.4
Installation, maintenance, and repair occupations	42.2	40.4	1.8
Production, transportation, and material moving occupations	42.4	39.7	2.7
Production occupations	46.4	42.9	3.5
Transportation and material moving occupations	38.7	36.8	1.9
INDUSTRY¹			
Agriculture and related industries	28.2	26.3	1.9
Nonagricultural industries ²	40.4	37.7	2.7
Construction	38.5	36.2	2.3
Manufacturing	48.6	45.5	3.1
Durable goods	48.8	46.3	2.5
Nondurable goods	48.3	43.9	4.4
Wholesale and retail trade	38.1	35.9	2.2
Transportation and utilities	42.6	40.1	2.4
Information	44.9	42.6	2.3
Financial activities	41.5	38.6	2.9
Professional and business services	38.5	36.0	2.5
Education and health services	39.6	36.9	2.7
Leisure and hospitality	38.0	35.2	2.8
Other services	42.3	37.0	5.3
Public administration	39.0	37.5	1.5
No previous work experience	36.6	33.2	3.4

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.