

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

Characteristic	New topcode (5 years)	Previous topcode (2 years)	Difference (New - previous)
<b>AGE AND SEX</b>			
Total, 16 years and over .....	41.4	38.2	3.2
16 to 19 years .....	23.2	22.8	0.4
20 to 24 years .....	33.3	31.4	1.9
25 to 34 years .....	39.5	36.9	2.7
35 to 44 years .....	45.5	41.6	3.9
45 to 54 years .....	46.7	42.4	4.3
55 to 64 years .....	55.3	49.7	5.6
65 years and over .....	47.7	43.2	4.5
Men, 16 years and over .....	42.9	39.5	3.4
16 to 19 years .....	26.5	25.9	0.6
20 to 24 years .....	34.2	32.2	1.9
25 to 34 years .....	41.7	38.9	2.8
35 to 44 years .....	47.2	43.4	3.8
45 to 54 years .....	47.5	42.3	5.2
55 to 64 years .....	56.2	50.7	5.5
65 years and over .....	48.4	44.5	4.0
Women, 16 years and over .....	39.4	36.4	3.0
16 to 19 years .....	18.7	18.5	0.2
20 to 24 years .....	32.1	30.3	1.8
25 to 34 years .....	36.5	34.1	2.4
35 to 44 years .....	43.4	39.4	4.0
45 to 54 years .....	45.6	42.5	3.1
55 to 64 years .....	54.2	48.4	5.8
65 years and over .....	46.5	41.2	5.4
<b>RACE AND HISPANIC OR LATINO ETHNICITY</b>			
White, 16 years and over .....	39.6	36.9	2.6
Men .....	40.6	37.9	2.7
Women .....	38.1	35.7	2.5
Black or African American, 16 years and over .....	45.7	41.0	4.8
Men .....	47.8	42.6	5.1
Women .....	43.3	39.0	4.3
Asian, 16 years and over .....	49.4	43.5	5.9
Men .....	50.7	45.2	5.5
Women .....	48.2	41.9	6.3
Hispanic or Latino ethnicity, 16 years and over .....	40.0	37.3	2.7
Men .....	39.8	37.3	2.5
Women .....	40.2	37.3	3.0
<b>MARITAL STATUS</b>			
Men, 16 years and over .....	42.9	39.5	3.4
Married spouse present .....	45.8	42.1	3.7
Widowed, divorced, or separated .....	48.9	44.1	4.9
Never married .....	38.7	36.0	2.7
Women, 16 years and over .....	39.4	36.4	3.0
Married spouse present .....	43.2	39.4	3.7
Widowed, divorced, or separated .....	44.1	40.2	3.9
Never married .....	33.6	31.8	1.8

See footnotes at end of table.

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<b>OCCUPATION</b>			
Management, professional, and related occupations .....	43.5	40.1	3.3
Management, business, and financial operations occupations .....	44.2	41.4	2.8
Professional and related occupations .....	42.7	39.0	3.8
Service occupations .....	39.2	35.8	3.4
Sales and office occupations .....	42.1	39.1	3.1
Sales and related occupations .....	44.3	40.5	3.8
Office and administrative support occupations .....	40.2	37.8	2.4
Natural resources, construction, and maintenance occupations .....	42.2	39.1	3.1
Farming, fishing, and forestry occupations .....	28.2	26.3	2.0
Construction and extraction occupations .....	42.8	39.7	3.1
Installation, maintenance, and repair occupations .....	46.4	42.8	3.6
Production, transportation, and material moving occupations .....	42.2	39.9	2.3
Production occupations .....	43.3	41.2	2.1
Transportation and material moving occupations .....	41.2	38.8	2.4
<b>INDUSTRY<sup>1</sup></b>			
Agriculture and related industries .....	30.3	28.7	1.7
Nonagricultural industries <sup>2</sup> .....	41.6	38.6	3.0
Construction .....	44.2	40.3	3.9
Manufacturing .....	46.1	43.2	2.8
Durable goods .....	47.7	45.1	2.7
Nondurable goods .....	42.9	39.7	3.2
Wholesale and retail trade .....	40.6	37.1	3.5
Transportation and utilities .....	43.3	41.1	2.2
Information .....	52.4	48.4	4.0
Financial activities .....	44.4	41.7	2.7
Professional and business services .....	39.7	36.6	3.1
Education and health services .....	36.1	34.3	1.8
Leisure and hospitality .....	35.4	33.4	2.0
Other services .....	50.7	45.8	4.9
Public administration .....	41.5	38.6	2.9
No previous work experience .....	36.9	32.4	4.5

<sup>1</sup> Includes wage and salary workers only.

<sup>2</sup> 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.