

**HOUSEHOLD DATA  
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED  
QUARTERLY AVERAGES**

**E-10. Unemployed persons by duration of unemployment, seasonally adjusted**  
[Numbers in thousands]

Duration	2015	2016				2017				2018			
	4th	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	1st	2nd	3rd	4th
<b>NUMBER OF UNEMPLOYED</b>													
Less than 5 weeks.....	2,382	2,280	2,419	2,381	2,394	2,402	2,253	2,213	2,213	2,331	2,119	2,119	2,105
5 to 14 weeks.....	2,261	2,227	2,184	2,290	2,197	2,084	1,985	1,993	1,953	1,935	1,915	1,763	1,905
15 weeks and over.....	3,352	3,293	3,179	3,118	3,054	2,870	2,718	2,737	2,488	2,320	2,274	2,288	2,185
15 to 26 weeks.....	1,242	1,148	1,170	1,155	1,154	1,109	1,038	1,010	909	931	949	916	874
27 weeks and over.....	2,110	2,145	2,009	1,963	1,900	1,761	1,680	1,727	1,579	1,389	1,325	1,372	1,312
Average (mean) duration, in weeks <sup>1</sup> ....	27.7	28.8	27.7	27.3	26.1	25.2	24.8	25.2	24.8	23.7	21.9	23.3	21.9
Median duration, in weeks.....	11.1	11.4	10.8	10.6	10.3	10.3	10.3	10.2	9.4	9.3	9.4	9.4	9.2
<b>PERCENT DISTRIBUTION</b>													
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.....	29.8	29.2	31.1	30.6	31.3	32.7	32.4	31.9	33.3	35.4	33.6	34.3	34.0
5 to 14 weeks.....	28.3	28.6	28.1	29.4	28.7	28.3	28.5	28.7	29.4	29.4	30.4	28.6	30.7
15 weeks and over.....	41.9	42.2	40.9	40.0	39.9	39.0	39.1	39.4	37.4	35.2	36.0	37.1	35.3
15 to 26 weeks.....	15.5	14.7	15.0	14.8	15.1	15.1	14.9	14.5	13.7	14.1	15.0	14.8	14.1
27 weeks and over.....	26.4	27.5	25.8	25.2	24.8	23.9	24.1	24.9	23.7	21.1	21.0	22.2	21.2

<sup>1</sup> Beginning in January 2011, this series reflects a change to the collection of data on unemployment duration. For more information, see <https://www.bls.gov/cps/duration.htm>.

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