

**HOUSEHOLD DATA  
NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED  
QUARTERLY AVERAGES**

**E-18. Unemployed persons by duration of unemployment, race, and Hispanic or Latino ethnicity**  
[Numbers in thousands]

Duration	Total		White		Black or African American		Asian		Hispanic or Latino	
	4th 2017	4th 2018	4th 2017	4th 2018	4th 2017	4th 2018	4th 2017	4th 2018	4th 2017	4th 2018
<b>NUMBER OF UNEMPLOYED</b>										
Total unemployed.....	6,269	5,817	4,249	3,979	1,406	1,248	270	306	1,295	1,231
Less than 5 weeks.....	2,062	1,963	1,489	1,417	376	372	67	79	458	462
5 to 14 weeks.....	1,813	1,768	1,275	1,208	361	382	81	104	390	360
15 weeks and over.....	2,394	2,085	1,485	1,354	669	494	123	123	447	408
15 to 26 weeks.....	878	833	559	556	234	160	44	56	171	180
27 weeks and over.....	1,515	1,251	926	798	435	334	79	66	276	228
Average (mean) duration, in weeks <sup>1</sup> .....	25.6	22.6	23.7	21.8	30.1	24.7	38.0	27.3	21.9	20.5
Median duration, in weeks.....	9.5	9.2	8.7	8.6	13.4	10.5	12.9	11.5	8.8	8.3
<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
Less than 5 weeks.....	32.9	33.8	35.0	35.6	26.7	29.8	24.6	25.9	35.4	37.6
5 to 14 weeks.....	28.9	30.4	30.0	30.4	25.7	30.6	29.8	34.1	30.1	29.3
15 weeks and over.....	38.2	35.8	35.0	34.0	47.6	39.6	45.6	40.1	34.5	33.2
15 to 26 weeks.....	14.0	14.3	13.2	14.0	16.7	12.8	16.3	18.4	13.2	14.7
27 weeks and over.....	24.2	21.5	21.8	20.1	30.9	26.7	29.2	21.7	21.3	18.5

<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: Estimates for the above race groups (White, Black or African American, and Asian) do not sum to totals because data are not presented for all races. Persons whose ethnicity is identified as Hispanic or Latino may be of any race. Updated population controls are introduced annually with the release of January data.