

**HOUSEHOLD DATA  
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED**

**A-12. Unemployed persons by duration of unemployment, seasonally adjusted**

[Numbers in thousands]

Duration	2011					2012							
	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.
<b>NUMBER OF UNEMPLOYED</b>													
Less than 5 weeks.....	2,734	2,743	2,676	2,510	2,669	2,486	2,541	2,572	2,543	2,580	2,810	2,711	2,844
5 to 14 weeks.....	3,019	2,902	3,285	2,896	2,858	2,884	2,807	2,754	2,814	3,002	2,826	3,092	2,868
15 weeks and over.....	8,218	8,227	7,869	7,766	7,628	7,498	7,397	7,175	6,984	7,073	7,182	6,945	6,878
15 to 26 weeks.....	2,203	2,029	2,029	2,087	2,039	1,980	1,971	1,867	1,884	1,662	1,811	1,760	1,845
27 weeks and over.....	6,015	6,197	5,839	5,680	5,588	5,518	5,426	5,308	5,101	5,411	5,370	5,185	5,033
Average (mean) duration, in weeks <sup>1</sup> .....	40.3	40.4	39.2	40.9	40.8	40.1	40.0	39.4	39.1	39.7	39.9	38.8	39.2
Median duration, in weeks.....	21.7	21.8	20.8	21.5	21.0	21.1	20.3	19.9	19.4	20.1	19.8	16.7	18.0
<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.....	19.6	19.8	19.4	19.1	20.3	19.3	19.9	20.6	20.6	20.4	21.9	21.3	22.6
5 to 14 weeks.....	21.6	20.9	23.8	22.0	21.7	22.4	22.0	22.0	22.8	23.7	22.0	24.3	22.8
15 weeks and over.....	58.8	59.3	56.9	59.0	58.0	58.3	58.0	57.4	56.6	55.9	56.0	54.5	54.6
15 to 26 weeks.....	15.8	14.6	14.7	15.8	15.5	15.4	15.5	14.9	15.3	13.1	14.1	13.8	14.7
27 weeks and over.....	43.1	44.7	42.2	43.1	42.5	42.9	42.6	42.5	41.3	42.8	41.9	40.7	40.0

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

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