

Average (mean) duration of unemployment in weeks, not seasonally adjusted, February 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	36.7	34.9	1.8
16 to 19 years	21.6	21.2	0.4
20 to 24 years	29.2	27.9	1.3
25 to 34 years	34.5	33.6	1.0
35 to 44 years	39.5	37.1	2.4
45 to 54 years	43.6	41.1	2.5
55 to 64 years	44.1	42.2	1.9
65 years and over	50.8	44.1	6.7
Men, 16 years and over	37.2	35.2	1.9
16 to 19 years	23.7	23.1	0.6
20 to 24 years	29.4	27.9	1.5
25 to 34 years	34.9	34.0	0.9
35 to 44 years	39.1	36.8	2.2
45 to 54 years	43.1	40.6	2.5
55 to 64 years	44.0	41.7	2.2
65 years and over	62.2	52.0	10.2
Women, 16 years and over	36.1	34.4	1.6
16 to 19 years	18.8	18.5	0.2
20 to 24 years	29.0	28.0	1.0
25 to 34 years	34.0	32.9	1.0
35 to 44 years	40.0	37.4	2.6
45 to 54 years	44.4	41.8	2.6
55 to 64 years	44.4	43.0	1.4
65 years and over	36.4	34.2	2.3
RACE AND HISPANIC OR LATINO ETHNICITY			
White, 16 years and over	35.0	33.4	1.6
Men	35.5	33.8	1.7
Women	34.1	32.8	1.3
Black or African American, 16 years and over	41.9	39.0	2.8
Men	41.4	38.6	2.8
Women	42.4	39.6	2.9
Asian, 16 years and over	43.1	42.0	1.2
Men	41.4	40.4	1.0
Women	44.9	43.6	1.3
Hispanic or Latino ethnicity, 16 years and over	34.3	32.7	1.5
Men	34.4	32.9	1.5
Women	34.0	32.6	1.5
MARITAL STATUS			
Men, 16 years and over	37.2	35.2	1.9
Married spouse present	39.0	37.1	1.9
Widowed, divorced, or separated	44.1	40.9	3.3
Never married	33.4	31.9	1.5
Women, 16 years and over	36.1	34.4	1.6
Married spouse present	37.0	35.4	1.5
Widowed, divorced, or separated	39.9	37.3	2.5
Never married	33.4	32.1	1.2

See footnotes at end of table.

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OCCUPATION			
Management, professional, and related occupations	40.4	38.1	2.4
Management, business, and financial operations occupations	39.6	38.2	1.4
Professional and related occupations	41.1	38.0	3.2
Service occupations	33.0	30.9	2.2
Sales and office occupations	36.4	35.2	1.2
Sales and related occupations	35.4	34.1	1.3
Office and administrative support occupations	37.3	36.2	1.1
Natural resources, construction, and maintenance occupations	35.2	33.8	1.4
Farming, fishing, and forestry occupations	24.3	23.7	0.6
Construction and extraction occupations	35.2	33.4	1.8
Installation, maintenance, and repair occupations	42.8	42.8	0.0
Production, transportation, and material moving occupations	39.8	38.1	1.7
Production occupations	42.4	41.2	1.2
Transportation and material moving occupations	37.5	35.4	2.1
INDUSTRY¹			
Agriculture and related industries	25.2	24.7	0.5
Nonagricultural industries ²	36.7	35.1	1.7
Construction	34.6	33.3	1.3
Manufacturing	43.7	42.4	1.3
Durable goods	45.0	43.7	1.3
Nondurable goods	41.3	40.0	1.3
Wholesale and retail trade	34.8	33.3	1.6
Transportation and utilities	39.7	37.0	2.7
Information	46.5	44.6	1.9
Financial activities	38.6	37.6	1.0
Professional and business services	33.5	32.2	1.3
Education and health services	37.6	35.8	1.7
Leisure and hospitality	34.7	32.2	2.4
Other services	36.5	34.0	2.5
Public administration	35.8	35.2	0.6
No previous work experience	36.1	33.6	2.5

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.