

25. Unemployed persons by occupation and sex

Occupation	Thousands of persons		Unemployment rates					
	Total		Total		Men		Women	
	1997	1998	1997	1998	1997	1998	1997	1998
Total, 16 years and over ¹	6,739	6,210	4.9	4.5	4.9	4.4	5.0	4.6
Managerial and professional specialty	761	722	2.0	1.8	1.9	1.7	2.1	2.0
Executive, administrative, and managerial	359	343	1.9	1.8	1.8	1.6	2.0	2.0
Professional specialty	403	380	2.0	1.9	2.0	1.8	2.1	2.0
Technical, sales, and administrative support	1,646	1,550	4.1	3.9	3.6	3.3	4.4	4.2
Technicians and related support	104	96	2.4	2.2	2.2	2.3	2.6	2.1
Sales occupations	814	745	4.9	4.5	3.6	3.3	6.2	5.6
Administrative support, including clerical	728	710	3.8	3.7	4.2	4.0	3.7	3.6
Service occupations	1,255	1,216	6.7	6.4	6.5	6.3	6.8	6.4
Private household	73	74	8.4	8.0	12.6	8.7	8.2	8.0
Protective service	89	85	3.7	3.4	3.4	3.1	5.2	5.0
Service, except private household and protective	1,093	1,057	7.0	6.8	7.6	7.5	6.7	6.3
Precision production, craft, and repair	719	630	4.8	4.2	4.8	4.1	5.1	4.8
Mechanics and repairers	167	149	3.5	3.0	3.4	3.1	4.5	2.3
Construction trades	406	338	7.0	5.7	7.0	5.6	7.2	10.4
Other precision production, craft, and repair	145	143	3.4	3.4	3.0	3.1	5.0	4.6
Operators, fabricators, and laborers	1,490	1,304	7.5	6.7	7.1	6.3	8.8	7.7
Machine operators, assemblers, and inspectors	551	494	6.5	6.0	5.1	5.0	8.6	7.6
Transportation and material moving occupations	306	279	5.4	4.9	5.3	4.8	6.0	6.3
Handlers, equipment cleaners, helpers, and laborers	633	531	11.1	9.4	11.3	9.6	10.5	8.8
Construction laborers	167	136	17.1	14.2	16.9	14.2	20.8	16.0
Other handlers, equipment cleaners, helpers, and laborers	467	395	9.9	8.4	9.9	8.4	10.1	8.5
Farming, forestry, and fishing	267	244	7.1	6.5	6.9	6.1	7.8	8.0
No previous work experience	569	520	—	—	—	—	—	—
16 to 19 years	388	361	—	—	—	—	—	—
20 to 24 years	85	80	—	—	—	—	—	—
25 years and over	96	80	—	—	—	—	—	—

¹ Includes a small number of persons whose last job was in the Armed Forces.

NOTE: Beginning in January 1998, data reflect new composite estimation procedures and revised population controls used in the household survey.