

32. Unemployed persons by occupation, industry, and duration of unemployment

Occupation and industry	1998							Average (mean) duration	Median duration	
	Thousands of persons						Weeks			
	Total	Less than 5 weeks	5 to 14 weeks	15 weeks and over			Average (mean) duration			Median duration
				Total	15 to 26 weeks	27 weeks and over				
OCCUPATION										
Managerial and professional specialty	722	297	214	211	99	112	15.8	7.2		
Technical, sales, and administrative support	1,550	668	490	393	186	206	13.9	6.5		
Service occupations	1,216	527	370	320	143	177	14.6	6.3		
Precision production, craft, and repair	630	280	189	161	77	84	13.9	6.1		
Operators, fabricators, and laborers	1,304	536	427	341	164	177	14.3	7.0		
Farming, forestry, and fishing	244	103	78	63	36	27	13.1	6.7		
INDUSTRY¹										
Agriculture	180	75	61	44	24	20	13.0	7.0		
Construction	544	233	177	134	68	66	13.7	6.5		
Manufacturing	818	331	258	230	117	113	14.5	7.3		
Durable goods	427	180	132	115	57	58	14.3	6.9		
Nondurable goods	391	150	125	115	59	56	14.7	7.8		
Transportation and public utilities	281	114	86	80	31	49	16.1	7.0		
Wholesale and retail trade	1,500	666	475	359	168	191	13.3	6.1		
Finance, insurance, and real estate	204	72	69	63	28	34	16.3	8.2		
Services	1,802	779	553	470	222	248	14.4	6.5		
Public administration	107	39	25	44	16	27	21.3	10.0		
No previous work experience	520	203	178	140	54	85	15.7	7.2		

¹ Includes wage and salary workers only.

procedures and revised population controls used in the household survey.

NOTE: Beginning in January 1998, data reflect new composite estimation