

THE EMPLOYMENT SITUATION

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Duration of Unemployment. The reduction in unemployment in April was primarily among those who had been out of work from 1 to 3 months (5 to 14 weeks) about in line with seasonal expectations, as was the lack of change in the number of long-term unemployed (of 15 or more weeks duration). Workers who had been seeking work for 27 weeks or more numbered 700,000 in April, unchanged from March, but 300,000 less than the recession high in July 1961. However, the number in this group was still 300,000 higher than before the recession.

New Workers. Among the unemployed in April were 450,000 persons seeking their first jobs, some 80 percent of whom were teenagers. Inexperienced workers have found it increasingly difficult to find jobs in recent years. This April, they accounted for 12 percent of total unemployment compared with 7 percent at the trough of the 1958 recession.