

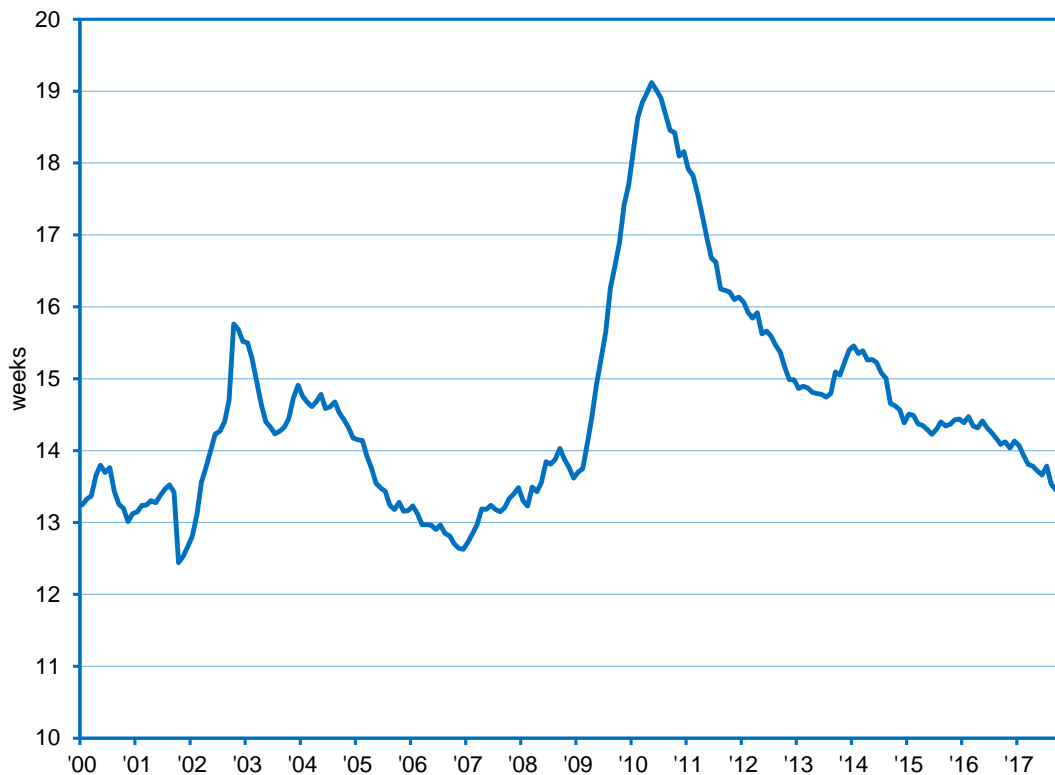
# Research Notes



Average Duration of Unemployment Insurance Benefits  
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## Average Duration of State UI Benefits Peaked at 19+ Weeks; Now Down to Nearly 13 Weeks



- The average duration of unemployment insurance (UI) benefits measures the average length of time UI claimants receive unemployment benefits.
- The duration of benefits tends to decline during robust economic periods and increase during economic downturns.
- Since 2000, average duration has seen two significant spikes, both occurring during recessionary periods.
- The more mild recession of the early-2000s drove the average duration up to nearly 16 weeks.
- The most recent, and more severe, recession saw average duration rise to an all-time high in Nevada, peaking at over 19 weeks in mid-2010.
- Since then, the average duration has generally fallen and has been stable at around 13.5 weeks. The decline indicates that UI claimants have had more success finding employment.