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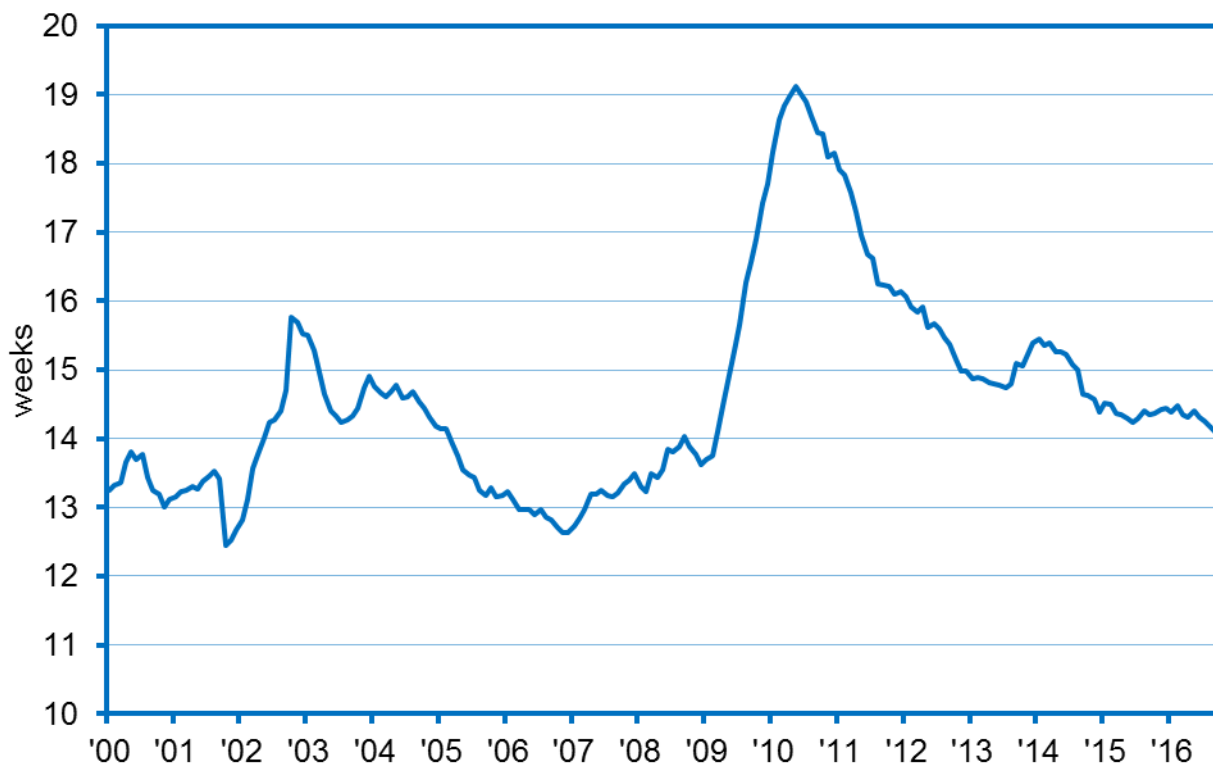
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Average Duration of UI Benefits  
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## Avg. Duration of State UI Benefits Peaked at 19+ Weeks; Now at 14 Weeks; Claimants More Successful with Job Search Efforts



- The average duration of unemployment insurance 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 to nearly 16 weeks.
- The most recent and more severe recession saw average duration rise to all-time highs in Nevada, peaking at over 19 weeks in mid-2010.
- Since then, the average duration has generally fallen and has been stable at around 14 weeks. The decline indicates that UI claimants have had more success finding employment.