

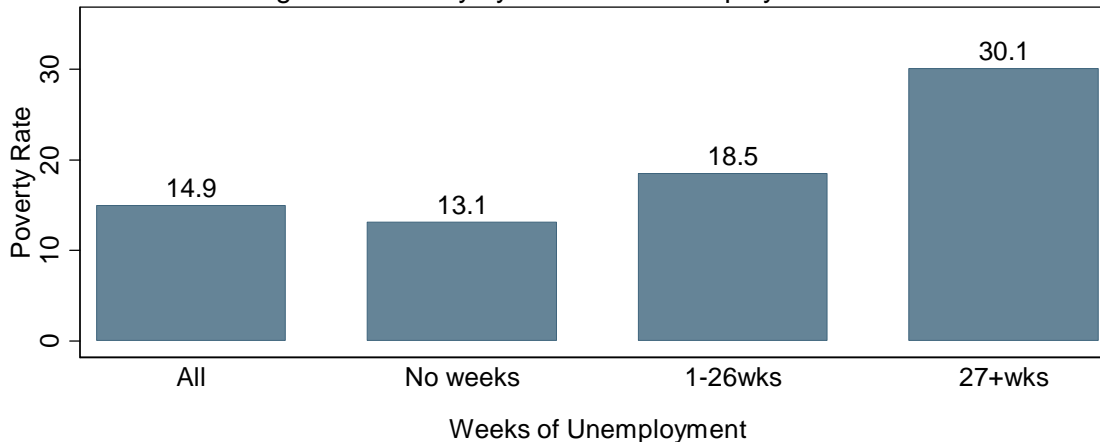
Unemployment and Poverty

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According to new Census data,¹ about one in five people in nonelderly² families experienced unemployment in 2010. Poverty increased with the number of weeks of unemployment (figure 1). The poverty rate of the long-term unemployed was more than twice the rate of those with no unemployment in 2010.

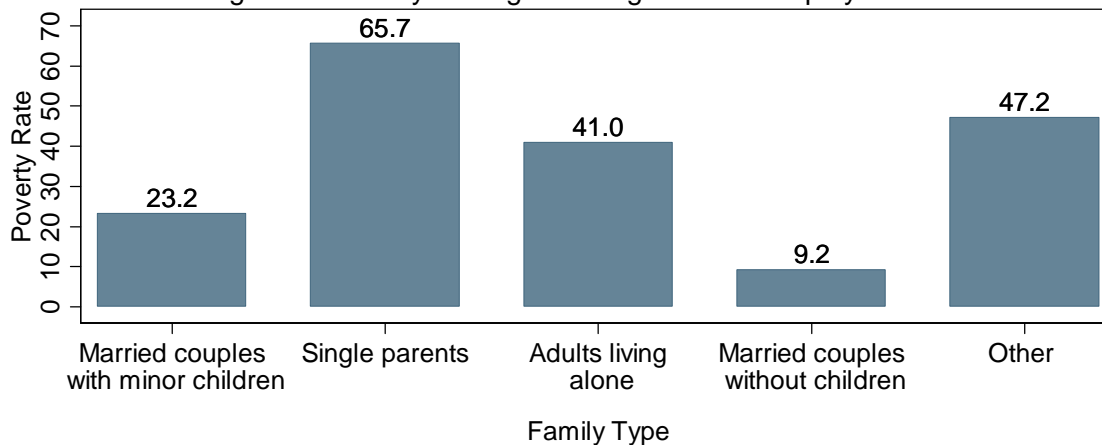
Figure 1. Poverty by Weeks of Unemployment in 2010



Source: Authors' tabulations of 2011 CPS ASEC data

Poverty was highest among single parents and more complex households unemployed for more than 26 weeks (figure 2). Nearly two out of three single parents with long-term unemployment were poor in 2010.

Figure 2. Poverty among the Long-Term Unemployed in 2010



Source: Authors' tabulations of 2011 CPS ASEC data

¹ Data from 2011 Current Population Survey, Annual Social and Economic (ASEC) Supplement.

² Sample restricted to family heads age 24 through 61.