



Unemployment Compensation and Trade Adjustment Assistance for Workers

The unemployment insurance system is a joint federal and state program that provides temporary weekly benefits (consisting of regular benefits and, in economic downturns, extended and emergency benefits) to qualified workers who are unemployed through no fault of their own. Funding for the program is drawn from payroll taxes imposed on employers both by state governments and by the federal government. The states administer the system, set regular benefit amounts (based in part on recipients' past earnings), and distribute payments. The federal government sets broad guidelines for the system, pays a portion of administrative costs incurred by state governments, and makes repayable advances to states that lack the money to pay benefits promptly.

The Trade Adjustment Assistance program, operated by the Department of Labor, provides job training, extended unemployment compensation, and wage insurance benefits to workers who have lost their jobs or seen their wages or hours reduced as a result of international trade. The program's most recent authorization expired at the end of June 2022.

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	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034	2025- 2029	2025- 2034
BUDGET INFORMATION													
Millions of dollars, by fiscal year													
Budget Authority	36,766	42,543	44,042	45,957	47,952	50,186	52,431	54,401	56,085	57,740	59,380	230,680	510,717
Estimated Outlays	36,794	42,543	44,042	45,957	47,952	50,186	52,431	54,401	56,085	57,740	59,380	230,680	510,717
Unemployment Compensation Programs													
Regular Benefits													
Budget Authority	36,465	42,130	43,595	45,535	47,505	49,720	51,965	53,935	55,605	57,260	58,900	228,485	506,150
Estimated Outlays	36,465	42,130	43,595	45,535	47,505	49,720	51,965	53,935	55,605	57,260	58,900	228,485	506,150
Extended Benefits													
Budget Authority	301	413	447	422	447	466	466	466	480	480	480	2,195	4,567
Estimated Outlays	301	413	447	422	447	466	466	466	480	480	480	2,195	4,567
Trade Adjustment Assistance ^a													
Budget Authority	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Estimated Outlays	28	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
DETAIL FOR REGULAR UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS													
By fiscal year													
First Payments (Millions of people)	5.5	6.0	6.0	6.1	6.1	6.2	6.3	6.4	6.4	6.4	6.4	n.a.	n.a.
Average Weekly Benefit (Dollars)	440	455	470	485	500	516	531	547	564	581	598	n.a.	n.a.
Average Duration (Weeks)	15.2	15.5	15.5	15.5	15.5	15.5	15.5	15.5	15.5	15.5	15.5	n.a.	n.a.
Labor Force (Millions of people)	168.8	170.7	172.6	173.8	174.6	175.4	176.1	176.8	177.5	178.1	178.7	n.a.	n.a.
Unemployment Rate (Percent)	4.1	4.4	4.3	4.4	4.4	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.5	n.a.	n.a.

n.a. = not applicable.

a. Authorization for the Trade Adjustment Assistance program expired at the end of June 2022. The amounts include cash and training benefits for workers certified before the program expired.