



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	34,554	37,801	41,338	44,927	47,862	50,201	52,141	53,886	55,586	57,240	58,875	222,129	499,857
Estimated Outlays	34,663	37,835	41,344	44,928	47,862	50,201	52,141	53,886	55,586	57,240	58,875	222,170	499,898
Unemployment Compensation Programs													
Regular Benefits													
Budget Authority	34,520	37,650	41,105	44,660	47,585	49,900	51,840	53,585	55,280	56,930	58,565	220,900	497,100
Estimated Outlays	34,520	37,650	41,105	44,660	47,585	49,900	51,840	53,585	55,280	56,930	58,565	220,900	497,100
Extended Benefits													
Budget Authority	34	151	233	267	277	301	301	301	306	310	310	1,229	2,757
Estimated Outlays	34	151	233	267	277	301	301	301	306	310	310	1,229	2,757
Trade Adjustment Assistance ^a													
Budget Authority	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Estimated Outlays	109	34	6	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	41	41
DETAIL FOR REGULAR UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS													
By fiscal year													
First Payments (Millions of people)	5.2	5.4	5.6	5.9	6.1	6.2	6.3	6.3	6.3	6.3	6.3	n.a.	n.a.
Average Weekly Benefit (Dollars)	440	457	473	488	503	519	535	551	567	584	602	n.a.	n.a.
Average Duration (Weeks)	15.0	15.4	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)	167.9	169.9	171.9	173.1	173.9	174.6	175.3	176.0	176.6	177.2	177.8	n.a.	n.a.
Unemployment Rate (Percent)	3.8	4.0	4.1	4.3	4.4	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.4	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.