



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 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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	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034	2035	2026- 2030	2026- 2035
BUDGET INFORMATION													
Estimated outlays in millions of dollars, by fiscal year													
Regular Benefits	39,730	43,780	45,790	47,585	49,055	50,580	52,240	53,930	55,555	57,195	58,865	236,790	514,575
Extended Benefits	53	78	136	151	175	209	223	227	230	230	230	749	1,889
Trade Adjustment Assistance ^a	34	6	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	7
Total Estimated Outlays	39,817	43,864	45,927	47,736	49,230	50,789	52,463	54,157	55,785	57,425	59,095	237,546	516,471
DETAIL FOR REGULAR UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS													
By fiscal year													
First Payments (Millions of people)	5.6	6.0	6.1	6.1	6.1	6.1	6.1	6.2	6.2	6.2	6.2	n.a.	n.a.
Average Weekly Benefit (Dollars)	457	472	488	503	518	534	550	566	582	600	617	n.a.	n.a.
Average Duration (Weeks)	15.4	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)	169.9	173.0	173.9	174.5	175.1	175.8	176.6	177.4	178.0	178.6	179.2	n.a.	n.a.
Unemployment Rate (Percent)	4.2	4.4	4.4	4.4	4.4	4.4	4.4	4.4	4.4	4.3	4.3	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.