



Unemployment Compensation and Trade Adjustment Assistance Program

The unemployment insurance system is a joint state and federal 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. The program is funded by 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 funds 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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| | 2026 | 2027 | 2028 | 2029 | 2030 | 2031 | 2032 | 2033 | 2034 | 2035 | 2036 | 2027- 2031 | 2027- 2036 |
|---|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|---------------|---------------|
| BUDGET INFORMATION | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Millions of dollars, by fiscal year | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Estimated Outlays | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Regular Benefits | 43,420 | 45,995 | 47,175 | 47,920 | 48,545 | 49,835 | 51,265 | 52,735 | 54,225 | 55,730 | 57,260 | 239,470 | 510,685 |
| Extended Benefits | 105 | 155 | 175 | 165 | 165 | 170 | 190 | 190 | 190 | 190 | 190 | 830 | 1,780 |
| Trade Adjustment Assistance ^a | 5 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Total | 43,530 | 46,151 | 47,350 | 48,085 | 48,710 | 50,005 | 51,455 | 52,925 | 54,415 | 55,920 | 57,450 | 240,301 | 512,466 |
| DETAIL FOR REGULAR UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| By fiscal year | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| First Payments (Millions of people) | 6.0 | 6.1 | 6.1 | 6.0 | 5.9 | 5.9 | 5.9 | 5.9 | 5.8 | 5.8 | 5.8 | n.a. | n.a. |
| Average Weekly Benefit (Dollars) | 471 | 487 | 502 | 517 | 533 | 549 | 565 | 582 | 599 | 616 | 634 | n.a. | n.a. |
| Average Duration (Weeks) | 15.5 | 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) | 172.0 | 173.1 | 173.9 | 174.8 | 175.7 | 176.5 | 177.3 | 178.0 | 178.7 | 179.3 | 179.9 | n.a. | n.a. |
| Unemployment Rate (Percent) | 4.6 | 4.5 | 4.5 | 4.4 | 4.3 | 4.3 | 4.3 | 4.2 | 4.2 | 4.2 | 4.2 | 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.