

Unemployment Compensation and Trade Adjustment Assistance

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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	By Fiscal Year, Millions of Dollars												
	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2024- 2028	2024- 2033
BUDGET INFORMATION													
Budget Authority	30,260	44,260	44,280	44,530	45,405	46,710	48,755	50,850	52,725	54,345	55,980	225,185	487,840
Estimated Outlays	30,376	44,316	44,290	44,530	45,405	46,710	48,755	50,850	52,725	54,345	55,980	225,251	487,906
Unemployment Compensation Programs													
Regular Benefits Budget Authority Estimated Outlays	30,170 30,170	43,965 43,965	44,030 44,030	44,325 44,325	45,220 45,220	46,560 46,560	48,605 48,605	50,700 50,700	52,575 52,575	54,195 54,195	55,830 55,830	224,100 224,100	486,005 486,005
Extended Benefits Budget Authority Estimated Outlays	90 90	295 295	250 250	205 205	185 185	150 150	150 150	150 150	150 150	150 150	150 150	1,085 1,085	1,835 1,835
Trade Adjustment Assistance ^a Budget Authority Estimated Outlays	0 116	0 56	0 10	0 0	0 0	0	0	0	0 0	0 0	0	0 66	0 66
DETAIL FOR REGULAR UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS													
First Payments (Millions of people) Average Weekly Benefit (Dollars) Average Duration (Weeks) Labor Force (Millions of people)	5.0 396 15.2 165.0	6.8 417 15.5 166.1	6.5 434 15.5 167.1	6.4 450 15.5 168.0	6.3 465 15.5 168.8	6.2 481 15.5 169.5	6.3 497 15.5 170.3	6.4 513 15.5 171.0	6.4 529 15.5 171.6	6.4 546 15.5 172.3	6.4 563 15.5 172.9	n.a. n.a. n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a. n.a. n.a.
Unemployment Rate (Percent)	4.3	5.0	4.8	4.6	4.5	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.