

Table 539. State Unemployment Insurance—Summary: 1990 to 2007

[2,522 represents 2,522,000. Includes unemployment compensation for state and local government employees where covered by state law]

Item	Unit	1990	1995	2000	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Insured unemployment, average weekly	1,000	2,522	2,572	2,110	3,585	3,531	2,950	2,661	2,475	2,571
Percent of covered employment ¹	Percent	2.4	2.3	1.7	2.8	2.8	2.3	2.1	1.9	2.0
Percent of civilian unemployed	Percent	35.8	34.7	37.6	43.2	40.7	36.8	35.7	35.3	36.3
Unemployment benefits, average weekly	Dollars	161	187	221	257	262	263	267	277	288
Percent of weekly wage	Percent	36.0	35.5	32.9	36.8	36.5	35.2	34.6	34.3	35.1
Weeks compensated	Million	116.2	118.3	96.0	166.3	163.2	135.1	121.2	112.2	116.3
Beneficiaries, first payments	1,000	8,629	8,035	7,033	10,088	9,935	8,369	7,922	7,350	7,641
Average duration of benefits	Weeks	13.4	14.7	13.7	16.5	16.4	16.1	15.3	15.2	15.3
Claimants exhausting benefits	1,000	2,323	2,662	2,144	4,416	4,417	3,532	2,856	2,676	2,670
Percent of first payment ³	Percent	29.4	34.3	31.8	42.5	43.4	39.0	35.9	35.4	35.3
Contributions collected ⁴	Bil. dol.	15.2	22.0	19.9	19.7	25.3	31.2	34.8	34.1	34.5
Benefits paid	Bil. dol.	18.1	21.2	20.5	42.0	41.4	34.4	31.2	29.8	30.1
Funds available for benefits ⁵	Bil. dol.	37.9	35.4	53.4	35.2	23.4	23.0	29.0	35.8	32.5
Average employer contribution rate ⁶	Percent	1.95	2.44	1.75	1.80	2.20	2.68	2.86	2.68	2.61

¹ Insured unemployment as percent of average covered employment in preceding year. ² Weeks compensated divided by first payment. ³ Based on first payments for 12-month period ending June 30. ⁴ Contributions from employers; also employees in states which tax workers. ⁵ End of year. Sum of balances in state clearing accounts, benefit-payment accounts, and state accounts in federal unemployment trust funds. ⁶ As percent of taxable wages.

Source: U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration, *Unemployment Insurance Financial Data Handbook*. See also <<http://www.ows.doleta.gov/unemploy/hb394.asp>>.