

TABLE B-45.—Unemployment insurance programs, selected data, 1978–2008

[Thousands of persons, except as noted]

Year or month	All programs			State programs				Benefits paid	
	Covered employment ^{1,2}	Insured unemployment (weekly average) ^{3,4}	Total benefits paid (millions of dollars) ^{3,5}	Insured unemployment (weekly average) ⁴	Initial claims (weekly average)	Exhaustions (weekly average) ⁶	Insured unemployment as percent of covered employment	Total (millions of dollars) ⁵	Average weekly check (dollars) ⁷
1978	88,804	2,645	9,007	2,359	346	39	3.3	7,717	83.67
1979	92,062	2,592	9,401	2,434	388	39	2.9	8,613	89.67
1980	92,659	3,837	16,175	3,350	498	59	3.9	13,761	98.95
1981	93,300	3,410	15,287	3,047	460	57	3.5	13,282	106.70
1982	91,628	4,592	24,491	4,059	583	80	4.6	20,649	119.34
1983	91,898	3,774	20,988	3,395	438	80	3.9	18,549	123.59
1984	96,474	2,580	13,739	2,475	377	50	2.8	13,237	123.47
1985	99,186	2,699	15,217	2,617	397	49	2.9	14,707	128.11
1986	101,099	2,739	16,563	2,643	378	52	2.8	15,950	135.65
1987	103,936	2,369	14,684	2,300	328	46	2.4	14,211	140.39
1988	107,156	2,135	13,481	2,081	310	38	2.0	13,086	144.74
1989	109,929	2,205	14,569	2,158	330	37	2.1	14,205	151.43
1990	111,500	2,575	18,387	2,522	388	45	2.4	17,932	161.20
1991	109,606	3,406	26,327	3,342	447	67	3.2	25,479	169.56
1992	110,167	3,348	^a 26,035	3,245	408	74	3.1	25,056	173.38
1993	112,146	2,845	^a 22,629	2,751	341	62	2.6	21,661	179.41
1994	115,255	2,746	22,508	2,670	340	57	2.4	21,537	181.91
1995	118,088	2,639	21,991	2,572	357	51	2.3	21,226	187.04
1996	120,567	2,656	22,495	2,595	356	53	2.2	21,820	189.27
1997	121,044	2,370	20,324	2,323	323	48	1.9	19,735	192.84
1998	124,184	2,260	19,941	2,222	321	44	1.8	19,431	200.58
1999	127,042	2,223	21,024	2,188	298	44	1.7	20,563	212.10
2000	129,877	2,146	20,983	2,110	301	41	1.6	20,507	221.01
2001	129,636	3,012	32,228	2,974	404	54	2.3	31,680	238.07
2002	128,234	3,624	^a 42,980	3,585	407	85	2.8	47,251	256.79
2003	127,796	3,573	^a 42,413	3,531	404	85	2.8	43,159	261.67
2004	129,278	2,999	^a 36,388	2,950	345	68	2.3	35,776	262.50
2005	131,572	2,709	32,073	2,661	328	55	2.0	31,238	266.62
2006	133,834	2,521	30,640	2,476	313	51	1.9	29,800	277.19
2007	135,366	2,613	33,004	2,572	324	51	1.9	32,241	287.73
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2007: Jan		3,163	3,591.5	2,482	314	56	1.9	3,509.8	287.20
Feb		3,104	3,122.7	2,523	324	51	1.9	3,056.3	290.49
Mar		2,741	3,052.2	2,500	313	48	1.9	2,987.0	290.62
Apr		2,833	2,890.7	2,524	320	58	1.9	2,828.3	288.90
May		2,240	2,602.8	2,504	307	52	1.9	2,544.6	288.94
June		2,281	2,297.7	2,529	318	48	1.9	2,248.3	284.23
July		2,705	2,771.3	2,550	309	55	1.9	2,711.8	279.60
Aug		2,272	2,543.1	2,579	324	47	2.0	2,483.9	281.22
Sept		2,346	2,222.2	2,553	319	48	1.9	2,166.4	286.52
Oct		2,260	2,589.2	2,573	329	51	1.9	2,520.5	289.42
Nov		2,277	2,427.4	2,620	339	46	2.0	2,365.1	290.02
Dec		3,075	3,081.2	2,696	344	54	2.0	3,010.7	294.17
2008: Jan		3,275	3,872.7	2,718	337	57	2.0	3,795.6	297.86
Feb		3,260	3,555.6	2,776	346	53	2.1	3,490.1	300.02
Mar		3,557	3,778.6	2,910	374	60	2.2	3,713.4	299.60
Apr		3,040	3,563.6	3,012	365	65	2.3	3,503.0	298.80
May		2,669	2,991.8	3,096	369	58	2.3	2,942.1	297.40
June		3,110	3,145.8	3,126	389	62	2.3	3,094.0	293.66
July		3,008	¹⁰ 3,470.7	3,233	406	66	2.4	3,413.6	290.97
Aug		3,181	¹⁰ 3,203.1	3,429	440	66	2.6	3,146.6	290.65
Sept		3,163	¹⁰ 3,493.6	3,581	475	69	2.7	3,430.0	294.78
Oct ^a		2,981	¹⁰ 3,444.4	3,787	478	98	2.8	3,373.5	297.24

** Monthly data are seasonally adjusted.

¹ Through 1996, includes persons under the following programs: State, Unemployment Compensation for Federal Employees (UCFE), Railroad Retirement Board (RRB), and Unemployment Compensation for Ex-Servicemembers (UCX). Beginning with 1997, covered employment data are under the State and UCFE programs only. Workers covered by State programs account for about 97 percent of wage and salary earners.

² Covered employment data beginning 2001 are based on the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS). Prior data are based on the Standard Industrial Classification (SIC).

³ Includes State, UCFE, RRB, and UCX. Also includes Federal and State extended benefit programs. Does not include Federal Supplemental Benefits (FSB), Special Unemployment Assistance (SUA), Federal Supplemental Compensation, Emergency Unemployment Compensation, and Temporary Extended Unemployment Compensation (TEUC) programs.

⁴ Covered workers who have completed at least one week of unemployment.

⁵ Annual data are net amounts, and monthly data are gross amounts.

⁶ Individuals receiving final payments in benefit year.

⁷ For total unemployment only.

⁸ Including Emergency Unemployment Compensation (EUC), total benefits paid would be approximately (in millions of dollars): 39,990 for 1992 and 34,876 for 1993.

⁹ Including TEUC, total benefits paid (not including RRB program) would be approximately (in millions of dollars): 52,709 for 2002; 63,097 for 2003; and 37,932 for 2004.

¹⁰ Including EUC 2008, total benefits paid (not including RRB program) would be approximately (in millions of dollars): 3,837.5 for July; 4,727.2 for August; 5,273.5 for September; and 4,697.0 for October.

Note.—Insured unemployment and initial claims programs include Puerto Rican sugar cane workers.

Source: Department of Labor (Employment and Training Administration).