

Table 539. State Unemployment Insurance—Summary: 1990 to 2006

[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 | 2001 | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 |
|---|-----------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Insured unemployment, average weekly | 1,000 | 2,522 | 2,572 | 2,110 | 2,974 | 3,585 | 3,531 | 2,950 | 2,661 | 2,476 |
| Percent of covered employment ¹ | Percent . . . | 2.4 | 2.3 | 1.7 | 2.3 | 2.8 | 2.8 | 2.3 | 2.1 | 2.5 |
| Percent of civilian unemployed | Percent . . . | 35.8 | 34.7 | 37.6 | 44.2 | 43.2 | 40.7 | 36.8 | 35.7 | 36.0 |
| Unemployment benefits, average weekly | Dollars . . . | 161 | 187 | 221 | 238 | 257 | 262 | 263 | 267 | 277 |
| Percent of weekly wage | Percent . . . | 36.0 | 35.5 | 32.9 | 34.6 | 36.8 | 36.5 | 35.2 | 34.6 | 35.0 |
| Weeks compensated | Million . . . | 116.2 | 118.3 | 96.0 | 136.3 | 166.3 | 163.2 | 135.1 | 121.2 | 112.1 |
| Beneficiaries, first payments | 1,000 | 8,629 | 8,035 | 7,033 | 9,877 | 10,088 | 9,935 | 8,369 | 7,922 | 7,349 |
| Average duration of benefits ² | Weeks | 13.4 | 14.7 | 13.7 | 13.8 | 16.5 | 16.4 | 16.1 | 15.3 | 15.3 |
| Claimants exhausting benefits | 1,000 | 2,323 | 2,662 | 2,144 | 2,827 | 4,416 | 4,417 | 3,532 | 2,856 | 2,666 |
| Percent of first payment ³ | Percent . . . | 29.4 | 34.3 | 31.8 | 34.1 | 42.5 | 43.4 | 39.0 | 35.9 | 35.1 |
| Contributions collected ⁴ | Bil. dol. . . . | 15.2 | 22.0 | 19.9 | 19.7 | 19.7 | 25.3 | 31.2 | 34.8 | 34.1 |
| Benefits paid | Bil. dol. . . . | 18.1 | 21.2 | 20.5 | 31.6 | 42.0 | 41.4 | 34.4 | 31.2 | 29.8 |
| Funds available for benefits ⁵ | Bil. dol. . . . | 37.9 | 35.4 | 53.4 | 45.6 | 35.2 | 23.4 | 23.0 | 29.0 | 36.0 |
| Average employer contribution rate ⁶ | Percent . . . | 1.95 | 2.44 | 1.75 | 1.71 | 1.80 | 2.20 | 2.68 | 2.86 | 2.70 |

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>>.