



## Unemployment Insurance (UI) Definitions

Average Benefits Per First Payment	Benefits Paid for all weeks compensated divided by the number of first payments.
Average Duration of a Claim	The number of weeks compensated for the year divided by the number of first payments. (ETA 5159)
Average Tax Rate (Taxable Wages)	Total employer contributions for a 12 month period divided by the total taxable wages for the same time period. (ES 202)
Average Tax Rate (Total Wages)	Total employer contributions for a 12 month period divided by the total wages paid by taxable employers for the same time period. (ES 202)
Average Weekly Benefit Amount (AWBA)	Benefits Paid for Total Unemployment divided by Weeks Compensated for Total Unemployment. (ETA 5159)
Average Weekly Wage (AWW)	Total wages divided by covered employment, divided by 52 weeks. (ES 202)
Benefits Paid	The Unemployment benefits paid to individuals under a state program, usually the first 26 weeks of benefits, for all weeks compensated including partial payments. (ETA 5159)
Civilian Labor Force (CLF)	That portion of the population, age sixteen or older, which is employed or unemployed and actively seeking employment during the reference week of the twelfth of the month. (Bureau of Labor Statistics)
	Employed - the members of the labor force who worked for pay or profit, or had a job from which they were temporarily absent because of illness, vacation, labor dispute, or other reasons not reflecting a shortage of work, or who worked fifteen hours or more as unpaid workers in an enterprise operated by a member of the family.
	Unemployed - the members of the labor force who did not work but were seeking work or were awaiting recall from layoffs or the beginning of a new job within thirty days.
	Unemployment Rate - the number of unemployed persons expressed as a percentage of the labor force.
Continued Claim	Each week claimed subsequent to the filing of the initial claim for a week of unemployment compensation.
Covered Employment	The number of employees covered by Unemployment Insurance reported to the states by employers. (ETA 202)
EB	Extended Benefits - Permanent triggered program.
ETA	Employment and Training Administration
EUC08	Emergency Unemployment Compensation, 2008. Temporary extended benefit program enacted July 2008.
EUCA	Extended Unemployment Compensation Account. Pays Federal share of EB and EUC08



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Exhaustions	Number of claimants drawing the final payment of their original entitlement for a given program. (ETA 5159)
Exhaustion Rate	A rate computed by dividing the average monthly exhaustions by the average monthly first payments. To allow for the normal flow of claimants through the program, the numerator lags the denominator by 26 weeks, e.g., the exhaustion rate for CY 2008.3 is computed by dividing the average monthly exhaustions for the twelve months ending September 2008, by the average monthly first payments for the twelve months ending March 2008.
Extended Benefits (EB)	The supplemental program that pays extended compensation during periods of specified high unemployment in a state to individuals for weeks of unemployment after exhaustion of regular UI benefits. One-half of EB is funded by the state trust fund. (ETA 5159)
FAC	Federal Additional Compensation. Temporary \$25 supplement to all UI payments.
FECA	Federal Employees Compensation Account. Pays benefits to UCFE and UCX claimants.
First Payments	The first payment in a benefit year for a week of unemployment claimed under a specific program. This is used as a proxy for "beneficiaries" under a specific program. (ETA 5159)
FUA	Federal Unemployment Account. Makes repayable advances to state trust funds.
FUBA	Federal Unemployment Benefits and Allowances. Benefit payments to Trade Act claimants.
FUTA	Federal Unemployment Tax Act
Initial Claims	Any notice of unemployment filed (1) to request a determination of entitlement to and eligibility for compensation or (2) to begin a second or subsequent period of eligibility within a benefit year or period of eligibility. Interstate claims are counted in the paying state. (ETA 5159)
Insured Unemployment Rate (IUR)	The rate computed by dividing Insured Unemployed for the current quarter by Covered Employment for the first four of the last six completed quarters. (ETA 539)
Reciency Rate	The insured unemployed in regular programs as a percent of total unemployed.
State Revenue	Funds deposited in state accounts in the Unemployment Trust Fund (UTF). These revenues are used to pay state UI benefits and the state share of EB. (ETA 2112)
Subject Employers	The number of employers subject to UI taxes. (ETA 581)
Tax Year	The twelve-month time period in which a state's tax rate schedules and taxable wage base remain constant. This is equivalent to the calendar year for most states, with the exception of NH, NJ, TN, and VT. These 4 states have July-June tax years.



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Taxable Wages	Wages paid to covered employees that are subject to State Unemployment Insurance taxes. (ES 202)
Taxable Wage Base	For each State, the maximum amount of wages paid to an employee by an employer during a tax year which are subject to UI taxes. Wages above this amount are not subject to tax.
TEUC	Temporary Extended Unemployment Compensation. Temporary extended benefit program, March 2002 - January 2005.
Total Unemployment Rate (TUR)	The rate computed by dividing Total Unemployed by the Civilian Labor Force. (Bureau of Labor Statistics)
Total Wages	All wages or remuneration paid to workers on all payrolls covered by Unemployment Insurance. (ES 202)
Total Wages (Taxable Employers)	All wages or remuneration paid to workers by all taxable employers. (ES 202)
Trust Fund Balance (TF)	The balance in the individual state account in the Unemployment Trust Fund. (unpublished US Treasury reports)
UCFE	Unemployment Compensation for former Federal Employees
UCX	Unemployment Compensation for Ex-Service Members
UI	Regular Unemployment Insurance (UI) applicable to unemployed workers in employment covered under the state Employment Security Law.
Unemployment Trust Fund (UTF)	A fund established in the Treasury of the United States which contains all monies deposited by state agencies to the credit of their unemployment fund accounts and Federal unemployment taxes collected by the Internal Revenue Service.
Weeks Claimed	The number of weeks of benefits claimed, including weeks for which a waiting period or fixed disqualification period is being served. Interstate claims are counted in the paying state. (ETA 5159)
Weeks Compensated	The number of weeks claimed for which UI benefits are paid. Weeks compensated for partial unemployment are included. Interstate claims are counted in the paying state. (ETA 5159)

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