

NYS DOL Unemployment Insurance Beneficiaries and Benefit Amounts Paid

Overview

General Description

The mission of the New York State Department of Labor is to protect workers, assist the unemployed, and connect job seekers to jobs.

The Unemployment Insurance (UI) Division administers the State Unemployment Insurance Law, including both the unemployment insurance benefit payment program and the unemployment tax program. The Unemployment Insurance Program assists eligible workers who become unemployed, by providing weekly unemployment insurance benefit payments to partially offset the loss of income while they seek new employment. Under the program, eligible persons file an initial claim for benefits and certify weekly during their eligibility period to collect benefits. The program verifies eligibility for continuation of benefits with the claimant on a periodic basis throughout the benefit period. Unemployment Insurance is temporary income for eligible workers who become unemployed through no fault of their own.

Unemployment Insurance is temporary income:

- For eligible workers
- Who lose their jobs
- Through no fault of their own

To collect benefits, you must be ready, willing, and able to work, and actively looking for work during each week in which you are claiming benefits.

To qualify for Unemployment Insurance benefits, you must have worked and earned enough wages in covered employment. In New York State, employers pay contributions that fund Unemployment Insurance. It is not deducted from your paycheck. The Department of Labor decides if you qualify for benefits.

This dataset contains, by State, region and county, for each month between July 2010 to present, the number of New York State unemployment insurance beneficiaries and the benefit amounts paid.

Benefits paid include Regular Unemployment Insurance, Unemployment Compensation for Federal Employees (UCFE), Unemployment Compensation for Ex-Service Members (UCX), Shared Work (SW), Self Employment Assistance Program (SEAP) and excludes federal extension programs and 599.2 training.

Data Collection Methodology

Data is collected administratively from the unemployment insurance program. For a number of reasons, not all unemployment insurance claimants receive benefits. Beneficiaries are counted, but only if they receive any benefit payments from the above mentioned programs during the month in question.

Beneficiaries and amounts received are summed monthly, and data are sorted by the county and region (Out-of-State residents counted separately) where the beneficiaries live

Statistical and Analytic Issues

The beneficiaries are counted with their current geography. The beneficiaries may have moved during the time between when the benefits were received and the time in which the data is measured. So the county and regional counts may change slightly over time as the current geographies are counted.

Limitations of Data Use

Counts of beneficiaries are rounded to the nearest 100. Benefit Amounts are rounded to the nearest \$10,000.