



Illinois Department of Employment Security Legislative District Dashboard



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Statewide:

- The Illinois unemployment rate has increased from 3.7% (March 2020) to 7.1% (March 2021).
- In March 2021, the total number of claimants for regular unemployment insurance benefits in Illinois increased by 69.3% compared to last year, and new certifications for regular unemployment insurance benefits increased by 30.9%.
- In March 2021, the average duration of claimants for regular benefits in Illinois is 11.48 weeks, compared to last year's level of 11.18 weeks.

April 2021 Report coverage: February 14, 2021 - March 13, 2021

IL Senate District:

The total number of claimants certified for collecting regular UI benefits is 224,254.

These claimants viewed 85,640 job orders and activated 12,043 job applications.

The information that follows only includes claimants certified for state (non-Federal) regular UI benefits.

New Certifications to Collect Regular UI Benefits			
		Current	Year Ago
Education	High school degree or less	3,469	2,584
	Post-secondary education	3,524	2,759
Age	Less than 25 years old	687	246
	25 - 54 years old	4,542	3,852
	Greater than 54 years old	1,764	1,246
Military Status	Veteran	204	230
Count of new certifications		6,993	5,344

Percent of New Cert. Collecting UI Benefits > 4 Weeks			
		Current	Year Ago
Education	High school degree or less	57%	74%
	Post-secondary education	40%	75%
Age	Less than 25 years old	49%	58%
	25 - 54 years old	50%	73%
	Greater than 54 years old	43%	81%
Military Status	Veteran	63%	70%
Percent of new certifications		48%	74%

Total Claimants Certified for Regular UI Benefits			
		Current	Year Ago
Education	High school degree or less	124,766	76,516
	Post-secondary education	99,440	55,864
Age	Less than 25 years old	21,403	5,422
	25 - 54 years old	152,494	93,407
	Greater than 54 years old	50,357	33,618
Race	White	128,955	82,416
	Black / African American	57,709	25,614
	Other	37,591	24,417
Ethnicity	Hispanic or Latino	47,871	32,847
	Not Hispanic or Latino	176,383	99,600
Military Status	Veteran	6,218	5,232
Count of total claimants		224,254	132,447

Average Weeks Certified for Regular UI Benefits			
		Current	Year Ago
Education	High school degree or less	11.17	11.02
	Post-secondary education	11.88	11.42
Age	Less than 25 years old	10.88	10.62
	25 - 54 years old	11.53	11.10
	Greater than 54 years old	11.54	11.49
Race	White	10.99	10.82
	Black / African American	12.86	12.38
	Other	11.12	11.14
Ethnicity	Hispanic or Latino	10.89	11.04
	Not Hispanic or Latino	11.65	11.23
Military Status	Veteran	11.07	11.14
Average (all claimants)		11.48	11.18

Total Claimants Certified for Regular UI Benefits (Current): Top 4 Occupations						
	Education		Age			Total
	High school degree or less	Post-secondary	Less than 25 years old	25 - 54 years old	Greater than 54 years old	
Construction	26,338	11,082	1,787	28,167	7,466	37,420
Food & Cleaning	24,184	8,713	6,406	20,753	5,738	32,897
Management & Related	8,399	20,657	1,196	19,540	8,320	29,056
Sales	8,322	9,266	3,594	10,667	3,327	17,588

Certified UI Benefits in December 2020 and Job Status in January and February 2021						
		Certified UI Benefits	Job Status		Same Job in Both Months	
			Employed January	Employed February	Count	Median Earnings
Education	High school degree or less	191,190	64,089	68,976	53,836	\$ 2,102
	Post-secondary education	265,992	139,000	145,348	127,628	\$ 4,916
Age	Less than 25 years old	36,436	12,604	14,082	9,759	\$ 1,341
	25 - 54 years old	300,451	137,086	144,351	122,293	\$ 3,698
	Greater than 54 years old	120,334	53,407	55,901	49,420	\$ 4,832
Race	White	291,844	143,671	152,136	131,735	\$ 4,779
	Black / African American	105,598	39,324	40,054	32,043	\$ 1,889
	Other	59,779	20,102	22,144	17,694	\$ 2,921
Ethnicity	Hispanic or Latino	67,951	21,114	23,363	18,108	\$ 2,521
	Not Hispanic or Latino	389,270	181,983	190,971	163,364	\$ 3,951
Military Status	Veteran	9,179	2,678	2,968	2,217	\$ 2,594
All		457,221	203,097	214,334	181,472	\$ 3,734

Link to Technical Notes:

<https://www2.illinois.gov/ides/lmi/legislative%20district%20dashboard/technicalnotesapr21.pdf>