



Illinois Department of Employment Security Legislative District Dashboard



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Statewide:

- The Illinois unemployment rate has declined from 7.7% (March 2014) to 6.0% (March 2015)
- In March 2015, the total number of claimants for regular unemployment insurance benefits in Illinois declined by 21.4% compared to last year and new certifications for regular unemployment insurance benefits dropped by 8.3%.
- In March 2015, the average duration of claimants for regular benefits in Illinois is 11.46 weeks, compared to last year's level of 12.83 weeks

April 2015 Report coverage: February 15, 2015 – March 14, 2015

Statewide

The total number of claimants certified for collecting regular UI benefits is 159,713.

These claimants viewed 131,290 job orders and activated 25,554 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	3,157	3,384
	Post-secondary education	3,001	3,326
Age	Less than 25 years old	361	456
	25 - 54 years old	4,679	5,076
	Greater than 54 years old	1,136	1,204
Military Status	Veteran	294	303
Count of new certifications		6,176	6,736

Percent of New Cert. Collecting UI Benefits > 4 Weeks			
		Current	Year Ago
Education	High school degree or less	73%	76%
	Post-secondary education	72%	77%
Age	Less than 25 years old	55%	61%
	25 - 54 years old	73%	77%
	Greater than 54 years old	78%	81%
Military Status	Veteran	71%	75%
Percent of new certifications		73%	76%

Total Claimants Certified for Regular UI Benefits			
		Current	Year Ago
Education	High school degree or less	91,691	112,210
	Post-secondary education	66,823	88,961
Age	Less than 25 years old	8,057	10,428
	25 - 54 years old	120,056	152,742
	Greater than 54 years old	31,600	40,132
Race	White	101,985	129,084
	Black / African American	30,827	41,040
	Other	26,901	33,179
Ethnicity	Hispanic or Latino	34,283	40,522
	Not Hispanic or Latino	125,430	162,781
Military Status	Veteran	6,806	7,664
Count of total claimants		159,713	203,302

Average Weeks Certified for Regular UI Benefits			
		Current	Year Ago
Education	High school degree or less	11.24	12.37
	Post-secondary education	11.82	13.54
Age	Less than 25 years old	10.73	11.58
	25 - 54 years old	11.22	12.62
	Greater than 54 years old	12.53	13.93
Race	White	11.08	12.38
	Black / African American	12.86	14.70
	Other	11.27	12.27
Ethnicity	Hispanic or Latino	11.25	12.12
	Not Hispanic or Latino	11.52	13.02
Military Status	Veteran	11.79	13.71
Average (all claimants)		11.46	12.83

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	23,442	9,882	1,288	26,889	5,158	33,334
Food & Cleaning	13,062	3,953	1,710	12,422	2,910	17,042
Management & Related	4,385	12,629	338	12,458	4,219	17,014
Production	11,198	4,055	931	11,476	2,851	15,258

Certified UI Benefits in December 2014 and Job Status in January and February 2015

	Certified UI Benefits	Job Status		Same Job in Both Months			
		Employed January	Employed February	Average Count	Average Earnings	Median Earnings	
Education	High school degree or less	90,630	23,613	26,539	18,308	\$ 2,366	\$ 1,604
	Post-secondary education	74,513	23,442	27,118	18,607	\$ 3,187	\$ 2,086
Age	Less than 25 years old	9,201	2,622	3,078	1,924	\$ 1,412	\$ 1,122
	25 - 54 years old	124,174	36,749	41,882	28,895	\$ 2,768	\$ 1,836
	Greater than 54 years old	32,981	7,846	8,881	6,215	\$ 3,234	\$ 2,021
Race	White	102,777	28,451	32,862	22,357	\$ 3,277	\$ 2,191
	Black / African American	37,046	12,919	14,363	10,131	\$ 1,713	\$ 1,329
	Other	26,533	5,847	6,616	4,546	\$ 2,677	\$ 1,878
Ethnicity	Hispanic or Latino	32,726	6,345	7,406	4,998	\$ 2,510	\$ 1,755
	Not Hispanic or Latino	133,630	40,872	46,435	32,036	\$ 2,817	\$ 1,813
Military Status	Veteran	7,365	1,945	2,289	1,533	\$ 2,916	\$ 2,234
Total		166,356	47,217	53,841	37,034	\$ 2,776	\$ 1,803

Link to Technical Notes:

<http://www.ides.illinois.gov/LMI/Legislative%20District%20Dashboard/TechnicalNotesApr15.pdf>