

Average Duration of UI Benefits¹ in Weeks Since 1980

Year	Duration (Weeks)
2018	16.52
2017	17.25
2016	17.06
2015	16.72
2014	17.99
2013	17.92
2012	17.97
2011	19.01
2010	21.34
2009	20.63
2008	16.71
2007	17.31
2006	17.34
2005	18.20
2004	18.92
2003	19.00
2002	19.90
2001	15.40
2000	15.80
1999	15.90
1998	16.30
1997	16.90
1996	17.10
1995	16.60
1994	17.40
1993	18.40
1992	18.80
1991	17.20
1990	15.80
1989	15.90
1988	16.90
1987	17.60
1986	17.70
1985	17.60
1984	17.60
1983	21.60
1982	18.80
1981	18.40
1980	18.60

Source: ETA 5159

¹Duration is defined by USDOL/ETA as:

CY Total All Weeks Compensated divided by CY Total First Payments