



Illinois Department of Employment Security Legislative District Dashboard



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Statewide:

- The Illinois unemployment rate has declined from 7.5% (December 2020) to 5.1% (December 2021).
- In December 2021, the total number of claimants for regular unemployment insurance benefits in Illinois decreased by 68.8% compared to last year, and new certifications for regular unemployment insurance benefits decreased by 82.9%.
- In December 2021, the average duration of claimants for regular benefits in Illinois is 12.87 weeks, compared to last year's level of 9.51 weeks.

January 2022 Report coverage: November 21, 2021 - December 18, 2021*

IL Senate District: ▼

The total number of claimants certified for collecting regular UI benefits is 104,641.

These claimants viewed 92,957 job orders and activated 14,011 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	3,572	10,708
	Post-secondary education	1,846	20,938
Age	Less than 25 years old	417	1,751
	25 - 54 years old	3,842	19,666
	Greater than 54 years old	1,159	10,229
Military Status	Veteran	168	329
Count of new certifications		5,418	31,646

Percent of New Cert. Collecting UI Benefits > 4 Weeks			
		Current	Year Ago
Education	High school degree or less	58%	54%
	Post-secondary education	61%	43%
Age	Less than 25 years old	49%	50%
	25 - 54 years old	58%	48%
	Greater than 54 years old	68%	43%
Military Status	Veteran	67%	66%
Percent of new certifications		59%	47%

Total Claimants Certified for Regular UI Benefits			
		Current	Year Ago
Education	High school degree or less	57,725	146,153
	Post-secondary education	46,897	189,157
Age	Less than 25 years old	5,713	26,548
	25 - 54 years old	73,012	221,783
	Greater than 54 years old	25,917	87,012
Race	White	56,214	208,960
	Black / African American	30,706	80,923
	Other	17,722	45,460
Ethnicity	Hispanic or Latino	22,920	52,507
	Not Hispanic or Latino	81,721	282,836
Military Status	Veteran	3,293	7,168
Count of total claimants		104,641	335,343

Average Weeks Certified for Regular UI Benefits			
		Current	Year Ago
Education	High school degree or less	12.31	10.72
	Post-secondary education	13.53	8.70
Age	Less than 25 years old	12.03	10.54
	25 - 54 years old	12.69	9.72
	Greater than 54 years old	13.58	8.79
Race	White	11.92	8.00
	Black / African American	15.20	12.72
	Other	11.23	10.37
Ethnicity	Hispanic or Latino	10.36	9.74
	Not Hispanic or Latino	13.54	9.48
Military Status	Veteran	11.98	11.82
Average (all claimants)		12.87	9.51

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	10,290	4,657	566	11,198	3,184	14,947
Food & Cleaning	9,976	3,240	1,227	8,850	3,140	13,216
Management & Related	3,992	8,743	340	8,487	3,908	12,735
Production	6,561	2,705	483	6,674	2,109	9,266

Certified UI Benefits in September 2021 and Job Status in October and November 2021						
		Certified UI Benefits	Job Status		Same Job in Both Months	
			Employed October	Employed November	Count	Median Earnings
Education	High school degree or less	156,802	67,990	75,872	54,999	\$ 2,239
	Post-secondary education	148,197	62,041	68,337	52,409	\$ 2,677
Age	Less than 25 years old	22,318	10,379	11,938	7,831	\$ 1,747
	25 - 54 years old	211,206	95,500	106,022	78,725	\$ 2,528
	Greater than 54 years old	71,476	24,153	26,250	20,853	\$ 2,397
Race	White	150,920	60,548	66,174	51,130	\$ 2,699
	Black / African American	109,128	51,647	58,042	41,178	\$ 2,115
	Other	44,952	17,837	19,994	15,101	\$ 2,710
Ethnicity	Hispanic or Latino	46,981	19,181	21,810	15,819	\$ 2,572
	Not Hispanic or Latino	258,019	110,851	122,400	91,590	\$ 2,400
Military Status	Veteran	7,890	2,786	3,069	2,281	\$ 2,960
All		305,000	130,032	144,210	107,409	\$ 2,431

* The results in this report are compiled from claims activity related to regular unemployment benefits in the week ending December 18, 2021 (that includes the 12th of December) and the three immediately prior weeks of data (from November 21 to December 11).