



Factsheet – Statistical activity and published results

# Statistics on unemployment insurance benefits (unemployment benefit, short-time working-, bad weather- and insolvency compensation)

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## Description

The statistics on unemployment insurance benefits (unemployment benefit, short-time working-, bad weather- and insolvency compensation) are based on a full survey and are compiled monthly by the State Secretariat for Economic Affairs (SECO) on the basis of benefits claimed from private and public unemployment insurance funds. The statistics are used for labour market monitoring and research and for the provision of key performance indicators for the authorities involved.

The payment system for unemployment insurance funds (ASAL) was introduced in 1993. From that year onwards, monthly data is available on payments of unemployment benefit (UB), short-time working compensation (STWC), bad weather compensation (BWC) and insolvency compensation (IC) made by the unemployment insurance funds.

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## Methodology

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Full survey. The data on benefits claimed is recorded by private and public unemployment funds.

Variables:

- Information on contribution period (qualifying period, duration of contribution, work-time percentage etc.)
- Information on the benefits (type of benefit, qualifying period, persons concerned, daily allowance percentage, insured income etc.)
- Characteristics of benefit claimants (sex, age, place of residence, level of education, nationality, residence status, marital status, company size category, sector, legal form etc.)

Reference period:

Benefits claimed/expiry of unemployment benefit within the space of a calendar month

Frequency of publication:

monthly

Degree of regionalisation:

Switzerland, cantons, communes

Data linkage:

Business and Enterprise Register (BER)

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## Revision policy

Payments for a specific control period may be carried out and recorded by the unemployment insurance funds with a delay. For this reason, the provisional claimant data is first published with a delay of two or three months and then updated monthly.

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## Organisation

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