

TABLE 1.—*Growth of the unemployment insurance program (calendar years)*

Item	1939	1944	1949	1954	1959	1964
Jobs covered under the Federal-State system (millions).....	21.4	30	31.7	35.4	¹ 44.5	¹ 48.2
Benefit payments (millions).....	\$429.3	\$62.4	\$1,736	\$2,206.9	² \$2,409.8	² \$2,669.8
Average weekly benefit.....	\$10.66	\$15.90	\$20.48	\$24.93	\$30.40	\$35.96
Contributions collected (millions).....	\$824.9	\$1,817	\$986.9	\$1,186.2	\$1,955.7	\$3,047.5
State reserves as of Dec. 31 (billions).....	\$1.5	\$6.1	\$7	\$8.2	\$6.9	\$7.3

¹ Includes Federal Government personnel, civilian and military.² Includes payments under title XV of the Social Security Act.4. *Level of operations.* (See table 2.)5. *Estimated magnitude of program in 1970.* (See table 2.)

Program: Unemployment insurance program.

Department or agency, and office or bureau: Department of Labor; Bureau of Employment Security.

TABLE 2.—*Level of operations or performance, fiscal years 1964-67 and 1970*

Measure and unit	Fiscal year 1964	Fiscal year 1965	Fiscal year 1966, estimate	Fiscal year 1967, estimate	Fiscal year 1970, estimate ¹
(a) Magnitude of the program:					
1. Average monthly covered employment (total, thousands).....	48,812	49,508	50,327	41,227	56,027
State.....	43,576	44,300	45,100	46,000	50,800
Federal.....	5,236	5,208	5,227	5,227	5,227
2. Number of subject employers as of Dec. 31 (thousands).....	2,384	2,409	2,444	2,484	2,600
(b) Applicants or participants (thousands):					
Beneficiaries ² (total).....	6,057	5,297	4,952	5,152	5,752
State.....	5,754	5,042	4,700	4,900	5,500
Federal.....	303	255	252	252	252
(c) Federal finances (salaries and expenses):					
Unobligated appropriations available (thousands).....	0	\$30	0	0	0
Obligations incurred (thousands).....	\$3,671	\$3,981	\$4,643	\$4,751	\$5,034
Federal finances (State grants):					
Unobligated appropriations available (thousands).....	\$579	\$10,986	0	0	0
Obligations incurred (thousands).....	\$251,365	\$246,209	\$260,655	\$276,667	\$372,653
d) Not applicable.....					
e) Number of Federal Government employees ³	334	325	325	360	360
f) Non-Federal personnel employed in the program.....	33,513	31,424	29,667	30,436	35,174
g) State reserve funds as of June 30 (millions).....	\$6,754	\$7,643	\$8,250	\$8,400	\$9,000
h) Weeks of unemployment claimed (thousands).....	92,929	78,503	68,610	71,210	83,610
Average weeks duration of benefits.....	13.2	12.6	12.2	12.3	12.4
Benefit payments (total, millions).....	\$2,794	\$2,435	\$2,211	\$2,271	\$2,694
State.....	\$2,642	\$2,303	\$2,080	\$2,140	\$2,550
Federal.....	\$152	\$132	\$131	\$131	\$144

¹ Data estimated on the basis of existing laws.² First payments issued.³ (Role: Determine State compliance with requirements for Federal cooperation, determine amounts necessary for unemployment insurance administration, give technical assistance and leadership to States in program administration.)6. *Prospective changes in program orientation*

(a) Recommendations for comprehensive changes in the Federal-State UI program, transmitted to the Congress with the President's labor message on May 18, 1965, were embodied in identical bills S. 1991 and H.R. 8282 introduced on May 18 and 19, 1965, respectively, and are now pending in the Congress. Hearings on H.R. 8282 were held by the House Ways and Means Committee in August 1965. The bills provide:

a. A program of Federal unemployment adjustment benefits, effective July 1, 1966, for those of the long-term unemployed who have