

Minnesota County-By-County Breakdown Shows the Harm of Not Extending Unemployment Insurance

9,231 in Minnesota set to immediately lose coverage statewide

If Congress fails to extend the federal Emergency Unemployment Compensation program more than 9,200 people in Minnesota will lose their insurance coverage immediately on Dec. 28 or within the first week of the new year, according to new estimates from the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development. An additional 33,900 people in Minnesota will lose their coverage in the first six months of 2014 if Republicans continue to block an extension of the program, according to Department of Labor estimates.

The state estimates that 9,231 people will lose coverage either on Dec. 28 or within the next week. That includes people currently on the federal program and those who will exhaust their state benefits the week of Dec. 28 and would be unable to gain access to the federal program. A county-by-county breakdown is below.

Federal unemployment insurance took effect in 2008 and has been reauthorized several times since as Americans continue to recover from the worst economic downturn since the Great Depression. Despite the real progress the economy has made since its near collapse in 2008, there are still 1.3 million fewer jobs than there were before the recession began and long-term unemployment as a percentage of the unemployed is 37 percent, near historic highs.

Failure to extend federal unemployment insurance would also hurt job growth throughout the nation, costing the economy 240,000 jobs, according to the White House Council of Economic Advisers. The CEA estimates that in Minnesota alone, failing to extend the program will cost 1,078 jobs.

COUNTY	TOTAL IMMEDIATELY LOSING COVERAGE
Aitkin	43
Anoka	660
Becker	41
Beltrami	83
Benton	95
Big Stone	4
Blue Earth	59
Brown	37
Carlton	61
Carver	131
Cass	67
Chippewa	12
Chisago	97

Clay	24
Clearwater	29
Cook	13
Cottonwood	7
Crow Wing	129
Dakota	756
Dodge	41
Douglas	25
Faribault	27
Fillmore	21
Freeborn	43
Goodhue	69
Grant	8
Hennepin	2308
Houston	13
Hubbard	40
Isanti	73
Itasca	115
Jackson	6
Kanabec	50
Kandiyohi	58
Kittison	5
Koochiching	39
Lac Qui Parle	14
Lake	22
Lake of the Woods	11
Le Sueur	57
Lincoln	8
Lyon	32
Mcleod	60
Mahnomen	5
Marshall	19
Martin	32
Meeker	35
Mille Lacs	55
Morrison	64
Mower	53
Murray	10
Nicollet	32
Nobles	21

Norman	8
Olmsted	192
Otter Tail	74
Pennington	30
Pine	59
Pipestone	6
Polk	38
Pope	11
Ramsey	917
Red Lake	3
Redwood	22
Renville	21
Rice	83
Rock	5
Roseau	13
Saint Louis	452
Scott	222
Sherburne	158
Sibley	23
Stearns	212
Steele	50
Stevens	4
Swift	10
Todd	31
Traverse	0
Wabasha	25
Wadena	28
Waseca	37
Washington	366
Watonwan	24
Wilkin	3
Winona	68
Wright	206
Yellow Medicine	11
Total	9231